

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 13, 2012

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, August 13, 2012, in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Brenda Clifton, Karen Brookhart, Kim Tucker and Jeff Nicholl. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 8 staff, 2 visitors and a member of the press. Director Motsinger was absent.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Tucker read the mission statement and belief statement #1. Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Visitor Comments: A question was raised about the offering of German curriculum this year but his would be covered tonight under the Superintendents report.

At this point President Nicholl closed the regular meeting and called the public hearing to order regarding the transfer of land to the City of Winterset for use as a skate park pending security of all funding. There were no public comments and no written objections were received. Nicholl called for return to regular session 7:07.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to adopt the Resolution for the Disposition of Real Property Located at 503 & 509 4th Ave South, Winterset, Madison County, Iowa by Gift to the City of Winterset. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

President Nicholl called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items:

1. Minutes of July 9, 2012 regular session
2. Approval of bills totaling \$1,720,744.81
3. Personnel Items -
 - a. approve contract Riley Vaughn as JH Baseball Coach (Spring 2013)
 - b. approve contract Dennis Shaw JH Softball Coach (Summer 2013)
4. Open Enrollment figures at this time show 130 enrolling out of the District with 106 enrolling into our District.
5. Contracts and Agreements -
 - a. American Red Cross for Safety Training
 - b. Indianola CSD - Swimming
 - c. Matura - Head Start
 - d. 4RKids - Early Childhood Iowa Preschool Scholarship funding
 - e. T.E.A.C.H.
6. Financial Report - Preliminary EOY reports show a positive General Fund balance (approx \$500,000) for the first time since 2007.

High School Phase III construction update: Fire Marshall walk through is scheduled for Thursday. Classrooms will be ready.

The FY13 After-School Program was tabled last month pending review of a budget. The proposed budget reflects an increase in fees making the program self supporting. Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker to continue the program and issue employment contract to Lora Scott in accordance with the budget. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart on the following appointments:

1. Student Abuse Investigator - Level I school nurses Dena Jordan (K-6) and Jozette McCutchen (7-12), Level II Chief of Police
2. Equity/Affirmative Action Coordinator - Ann Bartelt
3. Multi-Cultural Gender Fair Coordinator - Susie Meade

4. Harassment Investigators - Gary Anker (Elem), Wendy Sawyer (MS), Kate Wharton (JH), Lee Schipull (HS), Deb Kahler (Transportation), Randy Jeffs (Operations)
5. 504 Coordinator - Diana Beem
6. Homeless Coordinator - Natalie Montross
7. Crisis Team Coordinator - Diana Beam
8. Depository Banks - Farmers & Merchants (\$10M), Union State Bank (\$5M), American State Bank (\$1M)
9. WCSD Attorney - Drew Bracken, Ahler's Law Firm
10. Board Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer - Cammy Leners

Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

President Nicholl then administered the oath of office to Leners.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton for the following FY13 District Committees: Teacher Quality (TQ), School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC), District Leadership Team (DLT) and Technology Committee. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to adopt the resolution approving Dr. Susan Meade as the authorized person to execute the hazard mitigation project and to file appropriate paperwork with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance. This replaces Mr. Wells with Dr. Meade for all transactions on the Safe Room Grant. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

The following two motions relate to the District borrowing \$350,000 from Farmers & Merchants Bank for the purchase of 1:1 laptops originally scheduled to be purchased in FY14. Funds will be repaid in October 2014 from fund 33(SILO).

Motion by Tucker, second by Brookhart to adopt a resolution DIRECTING THE SALE of taxable \$350,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bond anticipation project note, series 2012. Roll call vote was taken with Nicholl, Tucker and Brookhart voting in favor while Director Clifton abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Tucker to adopt a resolution AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE of taxable \$350,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bond anticipation project note, series 2012. Roll call vote was taken with Nicholl, Tucker and Brookhart voting in favor while Director Clifton abstained. Motion carried.

Third and final reading of changes to policies 500, 501.9, 601.1, 602.3 and 605.5. Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker to adopt changes to policies 500, 501.9, 601.1 and 605.5 but NOT 602.3 (adding German to the Foreign Language Curriculum). Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to approve the 2012-2013 bus routes. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

The need for additional office support for the Middle School was discussed.

While foreign language instruction prior to 9th grade is a priority of the District, continuing to deliver Spanish by a non-certified associate at the Middle School conflicts with Iowa Administrative code and will be discontinued. A committee will be convened to determine and propose a systemic plan to build on our current 9-12 offerings.

At this time Dr. Meade also reported that the shared German teacher (shared by Winterset, Van Meter, and Nodaway Valley) was unable to get teaching certification from the State without additional course work and/or classroom time. All students scheduled into German for the current year were placed in

alternate classes. The District will continue to look at expanding foreign language curriculum.

There were no questions from the Board.

Superintendent Report:

1. 2012-2013 Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) notifications
2. Preschool enrollment - 66 3 yrs olds and 93 4 yr olds will be served
3. Board work session set for Wednesday, September 5th at 5:45pm in the Board room.
4. Board meeting set for Thursday, November 1st at 4:00 in the High School auditorium for the site visit report.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Tucker to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary