

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 8, 2013

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing Monday, April 8, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom to review the 2013/2014 proposed budget and to answer any questions the board or community may have. The following members were present: Mike Motsinger, Kelly Cain, Jeff Nicholl, and Karen Brookhart. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, and a member of the press.

President Nicholl called the hearing to order. Secretary Leners went over the individual fund levies and how they were determined. The total District levy is 19.02607. President Nicholl adjourned the hearing at 6:41.

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, April 8, 2013, in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl, Mike Motsinger, Karen Brookhart, and Kelly Cain. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 6 staff, 3 students, 5 visitors and a member of the press. Director Clifton was absent.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Nicholl read the mission statement and belief statement #5. Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Visitor comments: none

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

1. Minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular session and work session
2. Approval of bills totaling \$314,551.68
3. Personnel Items
 - a. approve contract Jim Hollander bus driver
 - b. approve contract David Llewellyn asst boys golf coach
 - c. approve contract Donna Baker part time bus associate
 - d. approve contract Jeremy Fitzpatrick asst JH boys track coach
 - c. approve resignation Donna Baker bus driver
 - d. approve resignation Dana Harper Junior class sponsor (1/3)
 - e. approve resignation Joyce Howland Junior class sponsor (1/3)
 - f. approve resignations subject to finding suitable replacements John Harper Junior class sponsor (1/3) and Asst Football Coach.
4. Open Enrollment figures - Approved 1 "in" for FY14 and reported 4 "out"
5. Contracts and Agreements
 - a. Earlham CSD Soccer Sharing
 - b. Martensdale St. Mary's Cross Country Sharing
 - c. ISFIS Skills Iowa
 - d. Simpson College Student Teaching
6. February and March Financials

Motion by Cain, second by Motsinger to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Director Clifton arrived at 7:05.

Rebecca Bock reported on the K-12 Library Program.

Principals Reports:

Lee Schipull (HS) - Academy enrollment numbers for FY14, IA Assessments given, another successful Prom and Post-Prom, Faculty meetings and round tables held w/ Dr. Meade.

Kate Wharton (JH) - Students from Jim Hiethoff's social studies class shared their project presentation on "Turning Points in History".

Gary Anker (Elem) - Parent/Teacher conference attendance at 93%, Ia Assessments given, now educating one home-bound student, interviewing Guidance Counselor candidates, Kindergarten music concert.

Wendy Sawyer (MS) - SINA progress - teachers were trained in "Best Practices for Math" by AEA.

Business Manager Leners reported the only bid received for the FY14 Food Service Management was from current vendor, Taher, Inc. Contract will be presented for approval at May meeting.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the second and final reading and adoption of Policy Revisions to the 600 Series. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Brookhart to close all campuses to registered sex offenders. This is a change in procedure that previously allowed for individual requests to be approved/denied by the building principal. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the first reading of Policy revisions (series 400). Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to increase student fees by \$20.00. This would bring Winterset fees more in line with conference schools. FY14 Textbook fees will be \$40.00 PK-6th and \$75.00 7th-12th. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Clifton to adjust lunch prices as required by the State Bureau of Food and Nutrition. The minimum change for FY14 is a nickel increase for all buildings. Prices for FY14 will be: Breakfast \$1.50, K-3 Lunch \$1.90, 4th-12th \$2.15, Adult meals \$3.10. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Motsinger to adopt a Start Date Waiver Request Resolution - allowing the District the ability to request a first day of school earlier than the mandated start date and identifying good cause for doing so. Roll call vote was taken. Resolution adopted with all Directors voting in favor.

Prior to acquiring district credit or procurement cards, the Board would like to review proposed policy and procedures for their use. Additional information will be presented to the Board in May.

Motion by Clifton, second by Motsinger to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED - that the Board of Directors of the Winterset Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. The District would be eligible for program budget adjustment if allowable growth is set at zero or 1%. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Motsinger, to approve the 2013-2014 proposed budget as published in the March 7, 2013, *Winterset Madisonian* and discussed in the public hearing this evening. The proposed rate is \$19.02, down \$.31 from the current rate of \$19.33. This is the 4th consecutive year of a rate reduction. Role call vote was taken with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Report - none

Superintendent Report: The new District Website will be unveiled April 15th, very limited PK transportation will be not offered next year due to lack of available funding, an impressive number of teachers (49) will be giving up two days of their summer break to attend PLC training through the AEA.

Next regular Board meeting will be held May 13, 2013 @ 7:00. A facilities tour will proceed the meeting at 6:15.

Motion by Clifton, second by Motsinger to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

The Board then went into closed session pursuant to 21.5(1)(i) for Superintendent evaluation that was followed by an exempt session to discuss staff association negotiations.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary