

**REGULAR MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323  
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2017 in the Library at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Michael Rossol, and Christopher Schoeneweiss. Nichole Smith was absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. France. All voted aye, motion was approved.

For the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Schoeneweiss explained that speakers are called on and allowed to speak for a maximum of two minutes. The Board of Education listens to input from the public and does not conduct open discussion on issues. Discussion on personnel matters is not allowed. No one had signed up to speak.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Lovett. Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
  1. Regular Meeting – January 17, 2017
  2. Special Meeting – January 17, 2017
  3. Executive Session – January 17, 2017
  4. Special Meeting – February 2, 2017
  5. Executive Session – February 2, 2017
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Trisha Montgomery – McNair - part-time Cook – beginning January 17, 2017, Mark Holmquist, Darcy Cross – Substitute Bus Drivers – pending completion of requirements; FMLA LEAVES: Kara Boyer – WHS – Teacher – effective May 15, 2017, Angela Coy – McNair – Teacher – effective May 1, 2017, Julie Gasior – WHS – Paraprofessional – effective May 16, 2017; RETIREMENTS: Anita Bartscher – Simon – Teacher – effective end of 2016-17 school year, Rose Jensen – District Office Secretary – effective June 30, 2017; RESIGNATIONS: Jamie Zander-Tarara – WMS – Art Teacher – from 2016-17 Unpaid Leave of Absence, Shar Fowler – McNair – part-time Paraprofessional – effective February 6, 2017, Michelle Bennett – WHS – Cheerleading Coach, Lisa Mitchell – WHS – Math Team Coach
4. Report on Monthly FOIA Requests
5. 2017-18 WHS Course Book

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Rossol, Mr. Lovett, Mr. France, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Daly, Mr. Schoeneweiss  
Nay: none  
Approved: 6-0

Jan Mitchell – WHS – Band Director – presented Shane Logan and Oliver Johnson with certificates of recognition. These musicians auditioned for and went to Peoria, IL to participate in the IMEA – Illinois Music Educators Association – annual conference. The students then thanked the school board for giving them the opportunity to attend.

### **MONTHLY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Sean Monahan, McNair Principal, gave an update on happenings at McNair Elementary School. He highlighted grade level activities, learning opportunities, community involvement initiatives, fundraising efforts, as well as, in Music, PE, and Art classes, as well as in their Library. Details were shared about the school-wide Family Night and the use of the “I’m not Scared, I’m Prepared” Book addressing dangerous situations in school buildings.

Mike Reinders, Transportation Director, explained about the consideration being given to purchasing another hybrid car to replace the aging van. This seems to be a financially wise purchase costing approximately \$22,000 delivered to the school district. The school district has other vans that will meet the needs of small groups needing transportation. Mr. Reinders also spoke of the renting of the driver’s education car, which has presented some issues with repairs and timing of service. This situation may work better if it is more in the school district’s control.

Matt Adams, Technology Director, spoke about the fact that one of the servers, purchased in 2009, is no longer functioning, and also about searching for new backup solutions. He reported that budget funds were set aside this school year for a situations such as this. Details were shared about how much storage space is necessary, local backups, off site backups, and security of information. Mr. Adams feels \$25,000 would help get started with what is needed, as well as, three to five years of support. If given permission and funding, the needed equipment could be installed in approximately two months.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Bloomquist was not in attendance at the meeting. In his place, Mr. Schoeneweiss shared a report from him on English Language Arts Curriculum, Skyward Update, Student Demographic trends, Medicaid Reimbursement increases, Facility Updates, the continued lack of a State Budget, and another Lighting Project.

Mr. Ferguson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, gave a report on a McNair asbestos inspection, WMS water heater repair, McNair water heater replacement, and a major roofing problem at Simon Elementary School. He also shared details on a grant applied for to replace lightbulbs at WHS with more energy efficient ones. With grant funds and energy cost savings, the project could pay for itself in approximately one and a half years.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford Fusion for the cost not to exceed \$23,000; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Rossol, Mr. Daly, Mr. Lovett, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. France, Mr. Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the purchase a server for a cost not to exceed \$25,000; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. France, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Daly, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mr. Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

It was told that the upcoming IASB Northwest Dinner will be held in Eastland on March 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. A Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on March 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. with representative from OpTerra attending. It was decided that funding for the upcoming Referendum Information Campaign will be tabled until the Special Board Meeting being held on February 23, 2017. Also tabled was the deciding of dates for the WEA Negotiation Meetings. This will be discussed further at the Special Board Meeting being held on February 23, 2017.

Mrs. Johnson-Lovett reported that Mr. Bloomquist shared detailed information at the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. He gave explanation on the referendum and life safety issues needing attention. She also spoke about the annual Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year dinner will be held on March 16, 2017. Nomination forms are available on their website and at the School District Office. Tickets for the event are \$15.

At 6:43 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Lovett. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: March 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

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Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

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Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary