

**REGULAR MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
JULY 17, 2017**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Michael Rossol, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith.

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following reason: Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

At 6:01 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

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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. Rossol.

Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting – June 19, 2017
 2. Approve Accounts Payable
 3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Effective 2017-18 school year: Jennifer Blomgren – Simon – part-time Art Teacher, Candis Michaud – WMS – Social Studies Teacher, Doug Erdahl – WMS – 6th grade Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, T J Zambrovitz – WHS – Boys Basketball Assistant Coach; RESIGNATION: Matthew Lee – WHS – Special Education Teacher, Lisa Rittmeyer – WMS – Social Studies Teacher
 4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests

5. Approve the Gazette as the Newspaper of Record
6. Approve FY 18 Hazardous Routes

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow spoke about PARCC testing results explaining that 2016-17 scores are becoming more official with 3rd through 8th grade students having been tested. He commented on gaining a clearer picture once administrators return with hopes to send scores home to parents in September. It was asked if results are difficult for parents to understand. He reported that explanations have become easier to understand with teachers planning to share detailed information during conferences. Dr. Schwuchow mentioned the upcoming annual IASBO Conference, and school board members stated they are interested in attending again this year. An update was given on the projects taking place at Simon Elementary School. The OpTerra Project Manager is working with and communicating well with school district officials. The roofing project will be completed by August 10, 2017 with work taking place on Saturdays if necessary to meet the deadline. The boiler project will be done on a similar timeline with some fittings needing to be done later, but this is not be disruptive to students and staff. Dr. Schwuchow reported about the testing of water required in Illinois elementary schools and water lead-level results. A statute was implemented for testing lead in water at elementary schools, and the Illinois Public Health Department is involved. Ron Ferguson and he are staying educated on the set standards and testing guidelines. Guidance has been sought from a company with experience with these type situations, and communication has taken place with the Village of Winnebago about the water coming in to the school buildings. Letters were mailed to parents of elementary school students sharing details on results and what the school district is planning to do to work on reducing lead in the water. Consideration is being given to a flushing system that is known to help. Further testing will take place when school returns to session. An update was given on summer custodial and maintenance work. Dr. Schwuchow commented on how much has been done in all buildings with extra improvements made to the WHS special education room. It was noted that the WHS gym floor project is going well. Dr. Schwuchow explained that he is being mentored by Philip Grimm, and he would like to have Ben Hickerson, Simon Principal, mentored by Kim Rogers, a retired principal living here in the community. Mr. Hickerson does have administrative experience, but a mentor would benefit him and the school, as a whole. If approved, Ms. Rogers would receive a stipend. Dr. Schwuchow spoke of the Illinois State Budget and how some veto overrides have taken place. He told that when working on the FY 18 Budget, state funding was based on last year's numbers, so adjustments will need to be made as more information is gathered.

NEW BUSINESS

When speaking of the FY 18 Tentative Budget, Dr. Schwuchow praised Kim Garst, Fiscal Assistant, for her assistance with this effort. A power point was shown highlighting budget details. He explained that local, state, and federal revenue sources are still unknown. It is hoped that the school district will not receive less funding than last year, but clear numbers are still not available. The Title 1 Plan has been approved, but the amount has not been locked down. Explanation was given about fund balances and about how funds were transferred in the past from Fund 40 to Fund 10.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY

- Policy 2:230 – School Board – Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

President Schoeneweiss wanted to have bring up about potentially changing the time limitation for Public Comment at board meetings from two to three minutes. He noted that he has heard that two minutes is often too restrictive for a member of the public to explain their issue. It was noted that if a large issue is at the forefront and many speakers sign up, the length of Public Comment could get quite long. This policy will be second read at the August 21, 2017 meeting.

At 7:11 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following reason: Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

At 8:31 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session. Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. France. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: August 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary