

**REGULAR MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 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 5:34 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. Daly, Mr. France, Mr. Lovett, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mr. Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

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

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Budget Hearing of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017 in the Library at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Christopher Schoeneweiss, Michael Rossol, and Nichole Smith.

Christopher Schoeneweiss read the following statement: This Public Hearing is convened for the purpose of presenting in a public meeting, the 2017-18 Winnebago Community Unit School District 323 Budget as proposed by its Board of Education. Notice of this Hearing was published in the Gazette, a local newspaper, on July 27, 2017. A copy of the proposed budget has been on file and continuously available for public inspection at the School District Office since noon on July 18, 2017.

It was noted that no one had signed up to speak during the Public Comment portion of the Hearing.

At 6:03 p.m., the Public Hearing was closed.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017 in the Library at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Christopher Schoeneweiss, Michael Rossol, and Nichole Smith. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting agenda was amended to include returning to Executive Session following the Regular Meeting, and 6.5. Approve Running Start IGA with Rock Valley College was pulled because the agreement has not yet been received. Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the revised 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 three 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 – August 21, 2017
  2. Executive Session – August 21, 2017
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Bekki Neal – Elementary Schools – Yearbook Advisor, Kelly Szymanski – WMS – Student Council Advisor, Corinna DeVivo – WMS – part-time Cook, Karoline Hedegaard – WHS – Building Secretary & Instructional Paraprofessional, Colleen Remmers – WMS – part-time Cook, Curtis Rummel – Kids Club Staff, Dan Thomas – WMS – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Janna Wyant – WMS – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Volunteer Volleyball Coach; RESIGNATIONS: Deb Fabert – WMS – part-time Cook effective September 1, 2017, Megan Montalvo – WHS – part-time Cook effective June 1, 2017, Sarah Roscoe – McNair – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional effective September 29, 2017
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
6. Approve Mandated Annual Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report

Inquiries were raised involving Accounts Payable pertaining to the building automation system, lightbulb disposal costs, and transportation software fees. Explanation was provided by involved administrators.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Matt Adams, Technology Director, reported about the change needed in the Student Records System. The current system has been in use since 2007, has been bought out by another software company, and will no longer be supported past June, 2018. He has checked with other school districts about what systems they are using. A committee will be formed to assist with the decision process for new Student Records Software. It was acknowledged that startup can be costly, but then only annual fees are charged for support. Mr. Adams stated that he intends to come to the school board with a recommendation in November or December with the change taking place before the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. He also gave an update on the replacement of the current GroupWise with GMail.

Cathy Finley, WMS Principal, reported about the large commitment made for PLTW with support from CEANCI and the school board. Ms. Weber, PLTW Teacher, spoke about the classes now being offered to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The classes are geared to show students differing avenues for

career choices, for example in the medical, detective, engineering, and contractor fields. Students are exposed to the many facets of these and much more and have been responding well.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Schwuchow gave an update on the water lead testing. He reported about working with people with experience in these types of situations and about the flushing system put in place. Consideration was giving to trying filters or changing faucets and their inner workings, but flushing the water on a daily basis seems to be working well. Testing will continue to be done to confirm this system is functioning properly and reducing lead levels in the water. It is expected that the water in the middle and high school buildings will need to be addressed in the next year. It was asked about other projects that were taken on prior to the beginning of the school year. Ron Ferguson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, told about the improvements made in the Life Skills Classroom at WHS. The room was made larger and a whole kitchen added, which will greatly benefit the students. Mr. Ferguson reported that the Simon boiler replacement went well, and it had passed inspection. Also, the punch list for the Simon roof project had been successfully completed. Comments were made about the tight timeline for these projects, and how smoothly everything went. Dr. Schwuchow spoke about PARCC assessments. He noted that the SAT replaced the ACT starting last school year. Scores should be official soon, and then data can be shared. Both English Language Arts and Math scores are being reviewed in order to make a plan for moving forward. A presentation will be made at the October meeting on how students performed on both PARCC and SAT testing. Dr. Schwuchow reported about the curriculum purchases made for McNair and WMS – English Language Arts and WHS – Math. He told about the many pieces of the curriculum. Comments were made on the narrow focus on writing, the progress being made with Eureka Math, the on-line component for high school students, and the continual communication with parents about students who are struggling. He acknowledged all areas are important and will continue to be given attention. Enrollment numbers by grade level for the 2017-18 school year were reviewed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the FY18 Budget as presented; seconded by Mr. Rossol.  
Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

At 6:44 p.m., Mr. France 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 Mrs. Johnson-Lovett.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

At 7:21p.m., the school board returned to Open Session. Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Rossol. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: October 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

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Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

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Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary