

**REGULAR MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
APRIL 15, 2019**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019 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. No one was absent.

At 5:31 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. 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)
2. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Daly, Mr. France, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Schoeneweiss
Nay: none
Approved: 7-0

At 5:58 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019 in the Library 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. No one 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 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 make Public Comment.

Mr. France 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 – March 18, 2019
 2. Executive Session – March 18, 2019
 3. Special Board Meeting – March 21, 2019
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Kathryn Mitchell – WMS – English Language Arts Teacher – effective 2019-20 school year, Cheyenne Coleman – part-time Social Work

Intern – effective 2019-20 school year, Donald Vayr – part-time Groundskeeper, Summer part-time Technology Staff – Zach Stahl and Jude Stobart, Summer part-time Custodial/Moving/Painting Staff: Gavin Baldwin, Grace Baldwin, Arianna Binicewicz, Madelyn Cox, Kristen DiVerdi, Bryce Faworski, Allison Franklin, Ryan Garst, Curtis Hauser, Lauren Spain, Jared Spickler, Megan Traum, and Cody Wilkins; RETIREMENT: Julie Reesor – McNair Teacher – effective end of 2023-24 school year; RESIGNATIONS: Kendra Cox – WHS – Head Volleyball Coach – effective end of 2018-19 school year, Jessica Harweger – McNair – part-time Health Care – effective end of 2018-19 school year, Bekki Neal – Simon – part-time Cook – effective April 25, 2019

4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
5. Approve 2019-20 Student Handbook

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ben Hickerson – Simon Principal – asked Rhonda Waggoner to speak on Simon’s annual Living History Night. Students learn about famous people from the past by researching books, drawing portraits, making timelines, and more. Presentations are made first to their classrooms with some students even wearing costumes. Classrooms voted and ultimately selected five students to move on and share their presentations at the Winnebago Public Library. Attendees to the Living History Night received flyers, which shared detailed information.

Information was shared about the Science Program, Elevate Science, which has been being piloted at Winnebago Middle School. Teachers Sarah Meador and Deanne Gustafson thanked the school board for allowing them to pilot the program. Explanation was given about how science standards have changed over the years and now involves more than just fact learning. They spoke of three dimensions of learning, practicing, and cross cutting. Samples of the printed materials were shown. Using these, students can take notes, highlight, circle and underline and then look back at lessons when needed. The electronic version of the program, which is also available in Spanish, offers an audio option, as well as, virtual labs, videos, and considered highly interactive. Comparisons were made between the science program and language arts program, and it was noted how well students are grasping the material. Discussion took place on costs and about students receiving new workbooks each year. Students without computers or internet access at their homes will be encouraged to utilize intervention time to complete assignments. It was also noted that the program offers versions that extend down to Kindergarten.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow gave an update on the Strategic Plan process telling about frequent meetings and progress being made. Technology is being used for fact finding. The final product will end up back with the original committee with a cost analysis being done on recommended action items. Then, it will be brought before the school board for approval likely in June, 2019. Dr. Schwuchow shared details about the IAR Assessment, which has taken the place of PARCC. The assessments look similar, but results will now come back sooner, which will be helpful in putting procedures in place for moving forward. Dr. Schwuchow explained that our school district was flagged for and ISBE Indicator 13 Audit. After going through the audit involving ten IEPs, training was offered to assist with issues sited. When more IEPs were submitted, they were approved. Consideration is being given to offer more training to other teachers on

next school year's institute days. Dr. Schwuchow reported on the Salary Committee, which has been meeting. He has met with reps from a school district, which has shifted away from using a teacher salary schedule. Information gathered will be shared with the Salary Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Board Policies:

- 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:100 Insurance Management
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5:60 Expenses
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations and Exclusion of Students

These policies will be second read at the May 20, 2019 school board meeting. No action is needed at this time.

Dr. Schwuchow distributed the detailed quote on the recommended WMS Science Curriculum. This shows a six year commitment and includes all student materials and teacher editions.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the purchase of Elevate Science as the Winnebago Middle School Science Curriculum at a cost not to exceed \$38,000, as presented; seconded by Mr. France. Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

Thanks were offered to Todd France and Duane Lovett for being part of the Winnebago Board of Education and the volunteer time they put in. Dr. Schwuchow stated he would continue the discussion on the meeting needing to be scheduled to seat the new school board members near the end of the month.

At 6:41 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

At 9:27 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

Mr. Daly made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the McNair School Boardroom, 304 East McNair Road, Winnebago, IL.

Christopher Schoeneweiss reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2019 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Michael Rossol, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith. Todd France was absent.

Mr. Rossol made a motion to affirm the vote taken on the Non-Renewal of WHS Principal Ronald Gruber at the March 21, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting; seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Rossol. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: May 20, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary