

**REGULAR MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
JUNE 20, 2019**

Nichole Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Jamie Gray, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Michael Rossol, Wendy Schneider, and Nichole Smith. Christopher Schoeneweiss was absent. Mr. Schoeneweiss arrived at 5:01 p.m.

At 5:02 p.m., Mr. Rossol 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)
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. Daly

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

At 5:19 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Budget Hearing to order at 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Jamie Gray, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Michael Rossol, Wendy Schneider, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith. No one was absent.

The following statement was read aloud: This Public Hearing is convened for the purpose of presenting in a public meeting, the 2018-19 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 May 30, 2019. A copy of the proposed budget has been on file and continuously available for public inspections at the District Office since May 21, 2019.

No one had signed up to make Public Comment.

At 5:21 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to close the Budget Hearing; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members

answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Jamie Gray, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Michael Rossol, Wendy Schneider, 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. Rossol. 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. Daly made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Gray.
Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
 1. Executive Session – May 20, 2019
 2. Regular Meeting – May 20, 2019
 3. Special Meeting – June 10, 2019
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Jennifer Brenner – WHS – Key Club Advisor, Angela Bucey – WHS – part-time Cashier, Tobin Freeman – Simon – Kids Club Staff, Kim Hassel – McNair – part-time Health Care Provider, Christopher Huetson – District – Custodial Floater – effective July 1, 2019, Jennifer McGee – Simon – part-time Cook – effective May 22, 2019, Teresa Nickell – WHS – part-time Paraprofessional; INTERNAL TRANSFER: Kayla Hedlund – Simon – from Classroom Teacher to Special Education Teacher, Christine Reinke – Simon – from PreK Teacher to Classroom Teacher, Jessica Bonne – from District – Custodial Floater to Simon – Lead Custodian – effective July 1, 2019, Mike Prestegaard – from Maintenance to Director of Buildings & Grounds – effective July 1, 2019; CERTIFIED STAFF RECOMMENDED FOR EARLY TENURE: Terri Brown, Stephanie Cordonnier, Kayla Hedlund, Dawn Palmer, Michele Stevens; RETIREMENT: Jerry Davis – Simon – Lead Custodian – effective June 28, 2019, Ronald Ferguson – Director of Buildings & Grounds – effective August 19, 2019, Becky Knoop – Simon – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – effective May 31, 2019; RESIGNATION: Justin Keller – WHS – Computer Science Teacher – decided against accepting position, Delshamira Francis – WHS – Paraprofessional – effective June 6, 2019, Kally Hedegaard – WHS – part-time Secretary/Paraprofessional – effective June 6, 2019, Vicki Reagan – WHS – part-time Cashier – effective June 6, 2019, Colleen Remmers – WMS – part-time Cook – effective June 6, 2019, Holly Sherman – Simon – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – effective May 17, 2019
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
5. Disposal of Surplus Equipment
6. Approve Requests for Early Graduation
7. Approve Fundraiser

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no reports at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow spoke of the 3.5% insurance rate increase for the upcoming school year. Winnebago School District is involved with seven other school districts, so the benefits outweigh the raising rates. Dr. Schwuchow explained that with a new Director of Student Services coming in and the shift in IDEA and STEP grant management from the Special Education Cooperative to individual school districts along with the pertinent paperwork, consideration is being given to hiring an Administrative Assistant for the Special Education Department with the salary being covered by grant funding from IDEA and STEP. He reported on the difficulty in securing more Psychologist services with some districts even pursuing on-line services instead. This position could also be involved with the set up and offer student assistance during evaluations. It was noted that the Cooperative is farming out many of the duties previously handled. The timing of this additional hire would be wise at this time. Dr. Schwuchow reported that only minimal changes were needed from the Amended FY19 Budget and commented on the levy funding still expected to come in before the end of the month. He and Connie Franklin, Fiscal Assistant, will be attending a conference on budgeting with hopes to learn about forecasting the future including the minimum wage increases. Dr. Schwuchow talked about making a change in auditing services. In recent years, services by current auditors had been declining. After researching, it was determined that better services and cost savings could be realized by signing with Benning Group, who is used by several other area school districts, instead. Dr. Schwuchow explained that the WHS Shop has machinery, purchased by CEANCI, that is no longer being used. A resolution had been prepared to sell the unnecessary equipment with the proceeds being returned to the shop account. Dr. Schwuchow spoke of the plan to form an Outside Facilities Committee. Plans are being made to visit other school districts to see their athletic grounds. Reps from the school district will be attending, as well as, interested school board members. The potential date is Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Christopher Schoeneweiss left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Dr. Schwuchow reported that the school district architect will be in attendance at the July school board meeting with plans for improvements needed to the Simon School entryway.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that no changes were needed to the 2019-20 Tentative School Calendar that had been previously approved.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the 2019-20 School Calendar, as presented; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the Amended FY19 Budget, as presented; seconded by Mr. Rossol.
Aye: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Smith
Nay: none
Approved: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Board Policies:

- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 7:340 Student Records

These policies will be second read at the July 11, 2019 school board meeting. No action is needed at this time. Questions can be brought to Dr. Schwuchow prior to that meeting.

Discussion was held on Policy 3:50AP – Administrative Personnel Procedure – General School Personnel. Dr. Schwuchow noted that consideration is being given to increasing the number of working days for the Activities Director from 220 to 230 days annually with the compensation being adjusted accordingly. This will be brought back to school board members at the July meeting. Other adjustments and clarification on this policy may also be necessary.

Dr. Schwuchow explained that the WMS Office has carpeting coming up, and it has asbestos tiles underneath. Quotes have been sought to have the abatement and recarpeting done. In order for this Health Life Safety project to be done, additional approval would be needed from the Regional Office of Education and Illinois State Board of Education.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the WMS Office project as Health Life Safety not to exceed \$25,000; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Daly, Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mrs. Smith
Nay: none
Approved: 6-0

Dr. Schwuchow spoke of the repair and repainting the damaged areas on the track. The cost estimate received was \$2,850 and would be expected to last a year or two while other options are considered by the larger committee. For safety reasons, attention is needed yet this year. If approved, the vendor will be contacted so the project would be completed in a timely fashion.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the WHS Track repair and repainting work, as presented; seconded by Mr. Gray.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Daly, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Smith
Nay: none
Approved: 6-0

Discussion was held about the Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property involving the machinery from the WHS Shop.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property, as presented; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Discussion was held on the Linking Talent with Opportunity Program Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding between Rock Valley College and Winnebago School District.

Mrs. Schneider made a motion to approve the Linking Talent with Opportunity Program Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding between Rock Valley College and Winnebago School District, as presented; seconded by Mr. Gray.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

At 6:20 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Rossol. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: July 11, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary