

**INTERFUND TRANSFER RESOLUTION HEARING  
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323  
APRIL 20, 2020**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Interfund Transfer Resolution Hearing of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School via Zoom. 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.

Mr. Schoeneweiss made the following statement:

This Public Hearing is convened for the purpose of presenting in a public meeting, the Interfund Transfer Resolution as proposed by its Board of Education. Notice of this Hearing was published in the Rockford Register Star, a local newspaper, on April 10, 2020.

The Hearing was regarding the transferring of funds from Transportation to the Operation & Maintenance Fund for use in the stadium improvement project.

For the Public Comment portion of the Hearing, Mr. Schoeneweiss explained that speakers are called on and allowed to speak for a maximum of five 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.

At 6:06 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to close the Hearing; seconded by Mrs. Schneider. All voted aye, Hearing was closed.

**REGULAR MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323  
APRIL 20, 2020**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:09 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School via Zoom. 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 Mrs. Johnson-Lovett. 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 five 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. Rossol.

It was asked to have 6.3 Personnel Report pulled for consideration separately.

Items remaining on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
  1. Executive Session – March 16, 2020
  2. Regular Meeting – March 16, 2020
2. Approve Accounts Payable
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
5. Approve 2020-21 IHSA Membership Renewal

Roll call vote:

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

Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

There were no verbal Administrative Reports.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Schwuchow gave an update on the Remote Learning Plan. Details were shared on teacher availability, using Google Classroom, posting of assignments, printing of paper packets, distributing Chromebooks and hot spots, providing tech support, dealing with ever changing ISBE guidelines, surveying parents, keeping students engaged daily, grading prior to the closure and after, exposing students to varying aspects through remote learning, servicing students with IEPs and 504 plans, collecting of Chromebooks after the school year ends, and more. Concern was raised about students who may be disengaged. Dr. Schwuchow explained that continual contact is being made with families. Dr. Schwuchow shared information about the results from the Tech Survey. Parent perspective was gathered and showed how the school district is moving towards utilizing technology more in classrooms. Staff gave opinions on professional development and how technology is being used with students through apps and with resources. A vision for next steps was sought. He reported on WHS using Khan Academy, which ties well with PSAT and SAT testing. At the time, this program could be used more by teachers and students. It was commented that the updating of the Strategic Plan is helping with technology concerns. Dr. Schwuchow stated the stadium improvements will have the start date moved up, which could make completion sooner. The fencing, visitor bleachers, and storage shed have been taken down. Drainage and the crowning of the field is being taken care of with the dirt not needed by the school district being taken away. Discussion took place about the current sound system, and how it should be updated while other work is going on. A quote was provided showing the cost of a new system. Dr. Schwuchow explained that the Amended Budget for this school year needs to be on display for at least 30 days prior to final approval. This means that either the May meeting should be moved forward or the June meeting moved back. It was decided to shift the May meeting to Tuesday, May 12, 2020 to create the appropriate timeframe. Dr. Schwuchow spoke of reaching out to two vendors in reference to the solar field project. He heard back from one company, who would like to send a rep to review what the school district is interested in, provide detailed information, review costs and ultimate utility savings, and address questions and concerns. School Board members questioned how large the field would be, where it could be placed, if panels could be installed on school roofs or over the geothermal field, if it would be more costly to use land further from buildings, and more. Consideration will be given to consulting with a company representative. Dr. Schwuchow noted that the Simon vestibule and WMS Office Entry Door projects will be able to be started sooner than expected. Both projects were approved Health Life Safety previously. Dr. Schwuchow brought up varying concerns with how issues will be

handled as the school year winds down, including: student supply pickup, WHS prom, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion and WHS graduation, and yard signs for seniors. Again, it was noted that everyone is waiting on guidance from Governor Pritzker.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FIRST READING BOARD POLICIES**

- 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
- 2:160 Board Attorney
- 5:150 Personnel Records
- 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- 5:60 Expenses
- 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program
- 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:90 Release During School Hours
- 8:10 Connection with the Community
- 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

No action was needed with the policies. They will be second read at the May Board Meeting.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the purchase of the Stadium Sound System at a cost not to exceed \$11,268, as presented; seconded by Mr. Gray.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: Mr. Rossol

Approved: 6-1

Dr. Schwuchow explained that while prepping the stadium for the improvements, fencing and posts were removed and are ready for disposal. It has been estimated that turning in the scrap metal would provide a gain of approximately \$50. In order for the community to have opportunity, it was suggested to have ad placed in the newspaper requesting sealed bids, then the fencing and posts would be sold to the highest bidder.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve Resolution 0421 Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Stadium Fencing owned by Winnebago Community Unit School District #323, as presented; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Abstain: Mrs. Johnson-Lovett

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the Interfund Transfer Resolution 0420 regarding transferring funds from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$1,525,204, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Schneider.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: Mrs. Johnson-Lovett

Approved 6-1

At 7:30 a.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. The appointment, compensation, discipline, 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. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved 7-0

At 8:15 p.m., the School Board returned to Open Session.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve 6.3 Personnel Report – TRANSFER: Staci Thompson – from Library/Media Specialist to Curriculum Director – effective with 2020-21 school year, Michelle McConnell – from McNair part-time Special Education Paraprofessional to Special Education Paraprofessional – effective March 16, 2020; RETURNING FROM LEAVE – EARLY: Ashley Spickler – Elementary School Counselor – returning effective May 1, 2020 instead of at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year; FMLA LEAVE: Lindsay Eden – Technology Staff – effective May 11, 2020 through August 1, 2020; RESIGNATIONS: Donna Hall – Transportation – Supervisory Paraprofessional – effective March 9, 2020, Carl Trank – WHS – Paraprofessional – effective end of the 2019-20 school year; seconded by Mrs. Schneider.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: Mrs. Johnson-Lovett

Approved: 6-1

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Smith. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: May 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted:

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Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

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Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary