

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

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School and 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.

At 5:32 p.m., Mr. Gray made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); seconded by Mr. Daly.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

The school board returned to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School and 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.

Mrs. Schneider 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 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. Gray made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Lovett.

Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
 1. Special Board Meeting – June 11, 2020
 2. Regular Board Meeting – June 15, 2020
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report – NEW HIRES: Theresa Dalton – WMS – Special Education Teacher, Apra Loomis Mainardi – WHS – Library/Media Specialist, Erin Hazzard-Smith – McNair – Special Education Paraprofessional; RESIGNATIONS: Lindsay Eden – Technology Staff – effective July 3, 2020, Dee Spring – McNair – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective May 29, 2020
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests

5. Approve The Gazette as the Newspaper of Record
6. Approve 2020-21 Board Meeting Dates
7. Approve Solomon Service Agreement

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no verbal Administrative Reports given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow introduced Rachel McLaughlin from Forefront Power, who shared a powerpoint that shared information on potential energy savings, local jobs created during the build, the fact that there are no upfront costs or ownership risk, and the addition of curriculum for students. She explained about incentive programs and how they work. They recommend making a decision quickly, so the school district and Forefront Power could each take care of their respective tasks in advance of applying to be part of the incentive program. Currently, there is a waitlist, so if there is a desire to have the field built in Fall, 2021, action would need to be taken soon. Their company would build and manage the solar field with the school district partnering to reap energy cost benefits. Ms. McLaughlin answered questions asked by school board members. She will provide information in the future on if the school district wants to install and maintain the field itself with their guidance providing for even more energy savings. Dr. Schwuchow provided an update on Return to School planning. When surveyed, more than 60% of parents said they plan to send their students back to school, almost 10% said they would prefer remote learning with the remaining 30% are undecided at the time. He told that the District Transitional Planning Team has continued to meet and review Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines for the re-opening of schools including safety precautions. Currently, plans are moving forward with offering 5 day per week in-school instruction for those choosing to return. To accommodate schedules, bussing, and staffing needs, elementary schools will likely have school from 8:00 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. and secondary schools will likely have school from 9:00 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Elementary school students needing to remain at school until older siblings are released will have Kids Club supervision. Face masks and social distancing, with a goal of 6 ft of space between students, will be mandatory. Planning is continuing for remote learning, which will match the current grading system. Employee working schedules will remain the same. Parents will be expected to acknowledge their students are coming to school each day symptom free. Temperature checks will also take place for students before they enter the school buildings each day. Due to classroom space concerns, students will have assigned seats and not allowed to have extra or shared school supplies on hand. Details were shared on highly involved cleaning schedules, as well as, technology use and maintenance. The Return to School Plan needs to be firmed up as best as possible, so it can be distributed to parents, who will need to make decisions for their students. Dr. Schwuchow shared information on the Stadium Project stating that the track surface has been installed and stiping will taking place soon. The projected end date is the end of July. Noted improvements include: rectifying drainage issues, ADA compliance, improved updated lighting, and overall safety. Dr. Schwuchow reported on obtaining curriculum on Native Americans. In recent news, mascots have been in the media. It has been determined that the Winnebago Indian used by the school district is a very good representation. Sponsorship of a local Indian tribe is being sought and cultural activities could be hosted in the future. Dr.

