

**WORKING CASH FUND BOND HEARING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Nichole Smith called the Working Cash Fund Bond Hearing of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School and via Zoom. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Jamie Gray, Wendy Schneider, and Nichole Smith. Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Mike Rossol, and Christopher Schoeneweiss were absent.

The Public Hearing was convened for the purpose of presenting in a public meeting, the intent of Winnebago Community Unit School District 323 to issue \$3,400,000 Working Cash Bonds to increase the District's Working Cash Fund.

During the Public Comment part of this Hearing, no had had signed up to speak. Mike Rossol joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Dr. Schwuchow reported that there were no changes from previous discussions with funding allowing for continuation of work on facility projects. Both King Financial and German American Bank are involved. There will be an option for the school district to purchase CDs from the bank making it easier to access funds going forward. More details on facility plans will be shared at the next meeting.

At 6:10 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the Working Cash Fund Bond Hearing to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Gray. All voted aye, Hearing adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Nichole Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:10 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School and via Zoom. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Jamie Gray, Mike Rossol, Wendy Schneider, and Nichole Smith. Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett and Christopher Schoeneweiss were absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; seconded by Mrs. Schneider. All voted aye, motion was approved.

For the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Mrs. Smith 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.

Mrs. Schneider 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. Regular Board Meeting – September 21, 2020
 2. Special Board Meeting – September 28, 2020
 3. Special Board Meeting – October 13, 2020

2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report – NEW HIRES: Lisa Rittmeyer – Simon – long term Substitute from mid-November to the end of the 2020-21 school year, Abby Krause – Kids Cub Staff – effective October 1, 2020, Elizabeth Krumm – McNair – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective September 28, 2020, Lauren Williams – WMS – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective October 13, 2020; FMLA LEAVE: Michele Stevens – Simon – Teacher – effective approximately November 10, 2020; RESIGNATIONS: Indya Bauer – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective September 25, 2020, Corinna DeVivo – Simon – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – effective September 14, 2020 – not returning from Leave, Reilly Mathieu – Simon & McNair – Kids Club Director – effective October 9, 2020, Sherri Zimmerman – McNair – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – effective October 2, 2020
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Heather Baker, Simon Principal, gave a presentation on the beginning of the year at Simon Elementary School. She reviewed safety procedures and reported that students have been receptive. Details were shared on their back to school drive through event, new office vestibule, Fountas & Pinnell curriculum, remote learning, areas of focus for the school year, PLC's weekly meetings, MTSS and RTI meetings, School Improvement Planning, staff appreciation events, parent-teacher conferences, classroom activities, and more. It was noted that in these unique times, there is still a vision with everyone striving to move forward as best as possible for all students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow continued the conversation on solar options. Reps from Stateline Solar based in Lena, IL shared information on grant opportunities through the IL Clean Energy Community Foundation. Smaller systems can be installed at each of the schools for educational purposes at very little cost. Discussion took place on panel visibility and placement. Stateline Solar will also be working on planning for the five acre solar field to offset energy costs district-wide. More information will be brought to the next board meeting. It was explained that the school district would like to move forward on this initiative soon.

Dr. Schwuchow talked about the IGA with the Winnebago Park District involving the walking path. They are looking for approval, so grant opportunities can be pursued. Formal path placement approval is not required at this time, just the agreement to allow it to be placed on school district property. The school district attorney made recommendations on the IGA verbiage, which was agreeable to the park district.

Dr. Schwuchow had distributed a parent survey on their interest in changing their students from in-person to remote learning or vice versa at the trimester/semester mark. Comments were made on how safety issues, spacing concerns, elective offerings, etc. will be addressed. At this time, firm decisions are not being required, but surveying is being done so appropriate planning can take place.

Dr. Schwuchow reviewed the process needed to secure a school district architect. Guidance is being given by the school district attorney according to School Code.

Dr. Schwuchow explained that the Kids Club Director resigned. With so many other things going on, this situation cannot be absorbed by the elementary school principals. A meeting was held with the YMCA on them taking over the program in Winnebago, like they do in many other school districts. They have agreed

to keep the program separate at both Simon and McNair each afternoon. If the shift is to take place later in November, communication with parents and current staff members needs to go out soon. The Y will take care of all aspects of the program while simply using space in the schools.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING BOARD POLICY

- 2:220-E9 – Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video During Disaster Declaration
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:20 Workplace Harrassment
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opprtunities
- 7:180 Prevention of Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harrassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve these policies as second read; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the Path on School District Property, as presented; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 5-0

OTHER BOARD DISCUSSION

Dr. Schwuchow explained that for Veterans Day this year, not everyone can come inside buildings. Alternate plans are being made, involving the band playing, virtual assemblies, student-made cards/letters, etc. Community member M Gross would like to have a parade with arrangements already made for starting and ending locations. It has been asked for students to line the route to cheer and acknowledge Veterans. Student safety will continue to be taken seriously. Mrs. Schneider spoke of working with WRAMPS to organize a Halloween event. Preliminary plans have been given approval by the Health Department. It was expressed that an event would be good for the community.

At 7:51 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Rossol. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: November 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary