

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WINNEBAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
WINNEBAGO CUSD #323
MAY 3, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole for the Winnebago Board of Education met in the McNair Board Room at 6:00 p.m. p.m. with President Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett presiding. Board members present were Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Dennis Daly, Duane Lovett, Tim Turner, and Christopher Schoeneweiss. One board member was absent: Lisa Miller. Others in attendance included Dr. Dennis Harezlak, David Zumdahl, Beth Summers, Anne Weerda, Cathy Finley, Char Remer and six district teachers.

Anne Weerda, Director of Curriculum, introduced the results of the Curriculum Task Force. Ginnie Cunningham and Emily Osterhotz presented the recommendations for professional development.

- Create a two year Professional Development Plan
- Redesign request to attend professional development forms
- Create forums for teachers to share and discuss information and ideas learned at workshops and training
- Build in time for teachers to meet on a regular basis
- Provide training opportunities to support district technology
- Allow teachers to present a short technology seminar
- Continue to encourage teachers earn masters degrees and take additional graduate courses in their content areas
- Encourage teachers to attain National Board Certification

The second set of recommendations centered on Curriculum Articulation. Chris Reinke and Tracy Kast presented the recommendations.

- **Curriculum Cycle** - Create and Implement a Curriculum Cycle that focuses on mapping, reevaluating, and discussing at least one preK-12 subject per year.
- **Curriculum Cycle** - Maintain a series of teams to meet during Curriculum Cycle focus years and discuss the curriculum between grade levels, buildings and across the school district.
- **Content Teams** - Build in time for teachers to formally meet and collaborate across grade levels and between buildings.
- **Content Teams** – Appoint staff coaches or department heads in content areas for grades PK-5.
- **Content Teams** – Evaluate educational programming PK-12 to ensure all students are being challenged.
- **Academically Talented Students** – Create a Gifted Accelerated Committee, share techniques and strategies, discuss best practice for gifted.
- **Instructional Delivery** – Provide training and strengthen delivery of instruction in all areas as outlined in the district professional development plan.
- **Homework Best Practices** – Examine current homework strategies and develop guiding

- principles for homework in each building.
- **Community College Connections** – Work with Rock Valley College and Byron to offer more RVC classes on the RVC campus.

Facilities Task Force – Facilities Needs Study

Sharon Uslan, a representative from Chevron Energy Solutions Company, a division of Chevron U.S.A. presented how Chevron could possibly assist Winnebago Community Unit School District #323.

Chevron does a feasibility study, examines all of the financial data and does a financial analysis to determine whether or not the project is financially profitable by looking closely at Fund 20 utility expenditures (utilities, gas, and water), repair and maintenance, and long term operational costs. Mrs. Uslan compared the tradition build process with the Chevron process.

Authorize to move on RFP (Request for Proposals). You are not spending anything until you know what you are getting yourselves into. No money is expended by the school district until the final stage which to the build process. There are no change orders. There is only one agreement. Can tap into financial resources that are otherwise unavailable. The projects are typically conservation projects. The district would need to formally ask for a RFQ (Request for Qualifications).

Race to The Top (RT3)

Anne Weerda spoke to the Board about Race to The Top. The new version is much closer to what we are doing. It would need to be approved by the Board of Education and the WEA.

A motion was made by Chris Schoeneweiss at 7:37 p.m. for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Tim Turner. The motion passed 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: May 17, 2010

Dennis Harezlak, Superintendent

Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, President