

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
DECEMBER 18, 2017**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017 in the Library at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith. Todd France and Michael Rossol were absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. 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 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 speak.

Mr. Lovett made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Daly.
Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting – November 20, 2017
 2. Executive Session – November 20, 2017
 3. Special Meeting – November 30, 2017
 4. Executive Session – November 30, 2017
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Kayla Banac – WHS – English/Language Arts Teacher – beginning January 8, 2018, Austin Metz – WHS – Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Tracy Miller – WHS – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Kailey Kuczynski – WHS – Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach;
RESIGNATION: Alana Palmer – WHS – part-time Cashier/Cook – effective December 20, 2017, Mary Devine – WMS – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective January 12, 2017
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ben Hickerson, Simon Principal, gave an update on the Simon technology replacement plan. He reported about the updated computer lab and the new chromebooks. He emphasized the benefits of changes made. Explanation was given on how log-in and app location issues were resolved through the efforts of teachers. Several Simon teachers were in attendance, and they reported by grade level the highlights of the improved technology throughout their building.

Matt Adams, Technology Director, reported on the search for a new student records system. The committee narrowed their focus to the three systems they felt would best meeting the needs of the school district. Additional meetings will be held with the two finalists, as determined through committee feedback. The intention is to bring information to the school board in January with a final decision to be made in February. The current student system will no longer be supported after the end of this school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow gave an update on the upcoming referendum. Since the school board decided to move forward, he has met and shared facts with all school district staff. It is hoped that then that facts will be shared with other community members. On January 17 and 18, informational meetings will be hosted at 6:00 p.m. each night at WHS. Communication has taken place using School Messenger and the school district website. The public has been encouraged to attend. He also mentioned that both Sharon Uslan of OpTerra and Tim King of King Financial will be at both meetings to answer questions as needed. The short timeline was noted, and input was sought from board members as to what more should be done. Dr. Schwuchow reported that the social studies curriculum is under review from grade 5 through high school. The next early release day will be used to offer professional development. The language arts curriculum will be the next subject given consideration. Dr. Schwuchow shared information about the 5Essentials survey. School district staff, parents, and 6th – 12th grade students will be encouraged to complete the on-line survey, which looks for opinions on Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment, and Ambitious Instruction. The schools themselves, as well as the school district website, will help spread the word about this annual survey.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Schwuchow told that there were no major changes needed since the approval of the preliminary levy. The deadline to submit the levy is December 22, 2017, so final approval from the school board is needed.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the FY19 Levy as presented; seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 5-0

There was a first reading of the following policies:

- 2:220-E3 – Closed Meeting Minutes
- 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 6:80 – Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 6:210 – Instructional Materials
- 7:275 – Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
- 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

These policies will be second read at the January school board meeting. It was noted that in Policy 2:260 names changes are needed – Frank Mander to Ben Hickerson and Scott Bloomquist to John Schwuchow.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Schoeneweiss. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: January 16, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary