

4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Lovett, Mr. France, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Cathy Finley, WMS Principal, along with the representatives of the WMS School Improvement Committee spoke of plans being made for upcoming school years. They reported that they met once to set goals for the next five school years, then met again to dig deeper into these goals. The following are being considered: possibly shifting from an eight to a seven period school day, perhaps removing the extra English Language Arts period, maybe changing to a block schedule, or using a modified block schedule, where a six period school day would have all curricular classes every day with alternating days for PE and Encore classes. It was noted that teachers feel this schedule would be beneficial because at the present time, it can be difficult to fit material into the 42 minute periods. They would have approximately twenty more minutes of teaching time with students. When using Eureka Math, the longer class periods would work better. Ultimately, the English Language Arts and elective class times would be shorter. Dr. Schwuchow acknowledged the time and effort spent by the committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow gave an update on the upcoming referendum. He told that there will be community forums taking place on January 17 and January 18 at 6:30 p.m. each evening at WHS Cafetorium. He will also present at the upcoming WIPC meeting. Throughout the month of February, other building focused meetings will be hosted at each of the schools. It was noted that all buildings are currently deemed safe with the powerpoint presentation intended to show areas causing concern and needing attention. Communication is being done with families of students and staff through School Messenger and with the public through the use of the school district Facebook page. Information is continually being shared about needed projects, costs involved, and the importance of voting.

OLD BUSINESS

The following policies were second read:

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

The only edits needed are to change the names in 2:260 to John Schwuchow and Ben Hickerson from Scott Bloomquist and Frank Mandera.

Mr. France made a motion to approve these policies as presented with the noted name changes; seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. France, Mr. Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Schwuchow presented school board members with information and a cost analysis involving the current situation with the Early Childhood Program. It was reported that some school districts are considering taking back their programs thus pulling them away from the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative. Currently, one teacher teaches in Winnebago each morning and moves on to teach in Pecatonica in the afternoon. Discussion has been taking place with Pecatonica School District about what their intentions are. As more districts pull away from the WCSEC, costs to remaining districts increase. If Winnebago School District decides to take back their program, the teacher would become full-time, which would increase the number of students who could be serviced. Other responsibilities would also be absorbed while overall costs going down. A final decision is due to the WCSEC by February 1, 2018. It was commented that no additional classroom space would be needed.

Mr. France made a motion to approve recommended changes to the Early Childhood Program; seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Lovett.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Lovett, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. France, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Rossol, Mr. Schoeneweiss
Nay: none Approved: 6-0

Dr. Schwuchow spoke of reaching out to community members who have been involved with the past two referendum efforts. He provided sample of flyers distributed to all community members via mail from the last referendum. There is interest in sharing current referendum information similarly. The costs for the flyers and mailing fees remain the same. This is a way to get meeting dates and other applicable information to community members and families who do not currently have students in school.

Mr. Schoeneweiss made a motion to approve the costs for printing and distributing fact sharing referendum flyers to the community not to exceed \$4,100; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. Lovett, Mr. France, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Rossol, Mr. Schoeneweiss
Nay: none Approved: 6-0

At 6:37 p.m., Mr. France made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Schoeneweiss. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: February 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary