

**REGULAR MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
MARCH 19, 2018**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Michael Rossol, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith.

At 5:31 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

Aye: Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Rossol, Mr. Daly, Mr. Lovett, Mr. France, Mr. Schoeneweiss
Nay: none
Approved: 7-0

At 6:00 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Library at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Christopher Schoeneweiss, Michael Rossol, and Nichole Smith. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. France made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Lovett.

Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting – February 20, 2018
 2. Executive Session – February 20, 2018
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Kathryn Epst – Simon – Early Childhood Teacher – effective 2018-19 school year, Leslee Dimke – McNair – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – starting February 28, 2018, Nancy Mertenich – WHS – part-time Cook – starting February 21, 2018, Gina Schneider – Simon – Kids Club Tutor – starting March 5, 2018; CHANGE IN POSITION: Austin Metz and Aulbry West – from WHS – Volunteer Wrestling Coaches to WHS – Assistant Wrestling Coaches; RESIGNATIONS: Christopher Gravitt – WHS – Special Education Teacher – effective end of 2017-18 school year, Trisha Montgomery – McNair – part-time Cook – effective March 9, 2018; SUMMER 2018 WORK CREW: Moving Crew – Gavin Baldwin, Ryan

Garst, Curtis Hauser, Tanner Inglima, Tyler Shumate, Logan Traum; Custodial Crew – Grace Baldwin, Allison Franklin, Krista Franklin, Nevaria Rumery, Megan Traum

4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
5. Approve IHSA Annual Membership
6. Approve 2018-19 Student Handbook
7. Approve 2018-19 Registration Fees
8. Approve Ombudsman Contract

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ron Gruber, WHS Principal, brought in Student Council seniors to give an overview of the school year. The students reported on several of the positive events they had participated in, including: Chasing Failure Week - Ryan Leak was featured as a speaker, Spreading Cheer to Kids who are Near - a change drive that raised \$1,400+, Swedish American Hospital Toy Drive, Salvation Army Coat Drive - 125 coats were collected, School Safety Forum - a supplemental activity instead of participating in Student Walk Out Day, where students and administrators worked together and brought in local and state representatives, and where students felt they were given a voice about violence in schools, Abilities Week – held dress up days and challenges were offered to recognize all students no matter their differences, the musical Cinderella – performed for three large audiences and raised funds for another show next school year, and more. The seniors thanked the school board members for continued support of all WHS activities.

Karen Hill, Winnovation Coach, brought in members of their team to share a report. This year, their team has 20 students – 13 from Winnebago and 7 from Pecatonica – who must meet participation hour requirements to be on the team. As in the past, a video was shown of the current game. It was reported that the team received their game information in early January and then began their six week build season. When they competed in St. Louis, they made it to quarterfinals, and were the only robot there that could lift the other two robots from its alliance during the final portion of the game gaining many extra points. They went on to report about community events they have been involved in. Their next competition is in Minnesota, and they hope to qualify for the World Competition in Detroit, MI in late April. The team was also approached about assisting with the PTO fun fair next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow spoke of being in the home stretch for the referendum. He thanked school board members, teachers, Mr. Ferguson, and all who helped get referendum information out to the public. He reported that 18 gold card members attended the most recent forum. He explained that if the referendum should pass, the school board attorney would review the ENGIE contract. Another meeting will be needed for the contract approval. The dates of April 10 and 17 were given as possible date options with the meeting posting needing to be published in the local newspaper ten days in advance. Dr. Schwuchow talked of working with Matt Adams, Technology Director, and the gathering of the specifics on information hosting pertaining to Infinite Campus, student software system. Details were shared about the cost breakdown, and the school board was assured of the safety of not hosting information on a district server. The annual software cost is \$6/student with an annual \$2,000 hosting fee, which is for maintenance and software support. It was noted that on-line learning will be available through videos. The cost for implementation set up is \$16,000, which will move data for currently enrolled students and provide 48 hours of staff training. To be considerate of

budgeting, initial costs will be split between the 2017-18 and 2018-19. Dr. Schwuchow told about the recent Regional Office of Education Compliance visit, which must take place each time a school district gets a new superintendent. The process includes loading requested policies and mandated personnel folder checks. At this time, he believes the documents submitted meet approximately 98% of the information requested. This will continue to be worked on, and an exit interview in a few weeks will note anything still required of the school district. Dr. Schwuchow reported that Gmail is planned to be up and running on April 9, 2018. School board members were provided a schedule of training sessions and encouraged to attend if they would like to gain a better understanding. It was asked if the school board could have their own training prior to an upcoming board meeting. An effort will be made to set this up. Dr. Schwuchow shared information about the Student Safety Forum. He felt the administrative team, students, and teachers worked collaboratively, and the event was well received by the student body. It was noted that a good relationship has been established with local and state representatives, as well as, police and fire officials. Dr. Schwuchow gave a report on the PTO Fun Fair, which had an approximate turnout of 450 people even with the boy's basketball state tournament conflict. The event raised approximately \$2,000, which will assist with improvements to elementary school playgrounds. Comments were made about this great opportunity for kids to have fun and for families to come together. Angela Schoeneweiss was praised for chairing the event.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES

- 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:15 – Identity Protection
- 4:110 – Transportation
- 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:170 – Safety
- 5:20 – Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program
- 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Suspensions
- 5:220 – Substitute Teachers
- 5:240 – Suspension
- 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 6:50 - School Wellness – *REWRITTEN*
- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction
- 6:300 – Graduation Requirements
- 6:310 – High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
- 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:10 - Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights
- 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
- 7:180 – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 – Student Behavior
- 7:250 – Student Support Services

- 7:260 – Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:275 – Orders to Forgo Life- Sustaining Treatment
- 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 7:340 – Student Records

It was noted that name changes are needed in Policy 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited and Policy 6:60 – Curriculum Content has a new K-5 cursive mandate, which is being reviewed with the elementary schools.

Mr. Daly made motion to approve the policies that were second read; seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Lovett.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the purchase of Infinite Campus as the Student Information Software beginning with the 2018-19 school year not to exceed \$28,745 for the first two years; seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Schwuchow thanked the team, who worked on the 2018-19 school calendar. This calendar it quite similar to the ones from recent years. Some date options were taken to a teacher vote and consideration was given to having school start a few days earlier. If the referendum should pass, as many days as possible will be needed to complete all of the construction projects planned, so an earlier start of the school year would not be possible for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the 2018-19 school calendar as presented; seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: Mr. Schoeneweiss

Approved: 6-1

Mrs. Johnson-Lovett reported that Ron Ferguson was nominated for the annual Citizen of the Year Award hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. He was congratulated for the honor.

At 6:47 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Smith. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: April 16, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary