

**REGULAR MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323  
AUGUST 20, 2018**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2018 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Michael Rossol, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith. Duane Lovett was absent.

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

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
2. 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: Mr. Rossol, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Daly, Mrs. Johnson-Lovett, Mr. France, Mr. Schoeneweiss

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

At 6:20 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:28 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2018 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Michael Rossol, Christopher Schoeneweiss, and Nichole Smith. Duane Lovett was absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

Stephanie King – thanked the school board for the opportunity to speak and expressed that the ongoing negotiations is not about facts or numbers because they do not matter. Concern was raised about the school district being able to attract and keep teachers. As a taxpayer, wife, mother, she stated that the school board's financial state is good enough to right the wrongs of the past.

Kathy Weerda – spoke of their family sending their 5<sup>th</sup> generation to Winnebago Schools. She feels that Rockford people are no longer looking to move to this town. Concern was raised for students, who deserve for this situation to be over. Ms. Weerda worries about losing good teachers, and wonders why they would want to stay for such little income. It is her desire for seasoned teachers to stay, so they can mentor the incoming ones.

Penny Weerda – would like to see senior athletes given a chance. She does not want them to not be allowed to do their sports, which will be hurtful to them. Students need to come to school to learn, keep their education going, and not be penalized from sports.

Mr. Daly made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Rossol.

Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
  1. Regular Meeting – July 16, 2018
  2. Executive Session – July 16, 2018
  3. Special Meeting – July 24, 2018
  4. Special Meeting – August 7, 2018
  5. Executive Session – August 7, 2018
2. Approve Accounts Payable
3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: Rosa Lampe – WHS – Science Teacher, Valerie Lewis – WHS – part-time Cashier/Cook, Kimberley Wieggers – WHS – part-time Cook, Sue Graves – WHS – Volunteer Cheerleading Coach, Andy Huftalin – WHS – Boys & Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, Staci Thompson – WHS – Student Council Advisor; RESIGNATIONS: Julie Anderson – WMS – School Counselor, Genevieve Maltby – WMS – Special Education Teacher, Liberty Enochs, Susan Green, Jackie Henderson – Simon – part-time Special Education Paraprofessionals – decided to not accept the positions, Lannea Bear – McNair – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – decided to not accept the position, Shannon Koehler – WMS – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional – decided to not accept the position, Autumn Hofer – McNair – part-time Special Education Paraprofessional, Shari Martin – Simon – Special Education Paraprofessional, Ronda Moore – WHS – Student Council Advisor
4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
5. Approve the 2018-19 Athletic Training Services Agreement

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mr. Lovett arrived at the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ron Ferguson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, together with Dr. Schwuchow gave an update on the summer projects. They explained that the sidewalks and asphalt are nearing completion. Should they not be ready, a side entrance can be used at McNair School. The McNair elevator will not be installed for some time yet. Even with the retention pond oversight and the necessary move of the Elida Street baseball diamond, the school district's Engie bill has not changed, and they are doing their part as agreed on. It was reported that McNair School, which required the majority of the work, will be cleaned as best possible prior to their Open House. Then, they told about the WMS gym, where the bleachers are due to be done in the next couple days. Afterward, the final coat of lacquer will be applied to the gym floor. The target date for gym use is September 10, 2018. In the meantime, the PE teachers have made short term plans for their classes. Praise was given to the custodial, maintenance, and tech crews, who worked hard this summer on the large variety of projects.

