

**REGULAR MEETING
WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #323
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Boardroom at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Michael Rossol, and Christopher Schoeneweiss. Nichole Smith was absent.

At 5:32 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); seconded by Mr. France.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

At 6:04 p.m., the school board returned to Open Session.

Christopher Schoeneweiss called the Regular Meeting of the Winnebago Board of Education to order at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Library at McNair Elementary School. Members answering roll call were Dennis Daly, Todd France, Elizabeth Johnson-Lovett, Duane Lovett, Michael Rossol, and Christopher Schoeneweiss. Nichole Smith was absent. 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. No one had signed up to make public comment.

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

Items on consent agenda:

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting – September 24, 2018
 2. Approve Accounts Payable
 3. Approve Personnel Report –NEW HIRES: David Andrews – WHS – Custodian, Alison Benthien – WHS – Instructional Paraprofessional, Walter Halycz – WHS – Lead Custodian; RETIREMENT: Donna Fisher – McNair – Head Cook – effective December 21, 2018
 4. Report on monthly FOIA Requests
 5. Approve Memorandum of Understanding – Rock Valley College Linking Talent with Opportunity Program Dual Credit

Roll call vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The School Board had been provided detailed information on scores from PARCC and SAT tests. Sean Monahan – McNair Principal, Cathy Finley – WMS Principal, and Ron Gruber – WHS Principal shared a powerpoint presentation and gave explanation on testing specifics and scores. Comparisons were made between scores from the previous year, as well as, to other students state-wide. Reports were given on growth made and where more focus is needed. It was noted that consideration is being given to what professional development would be most beneficial to teachers, that students have grown more comfortable with testing practices, and how the initiatives put in practice have had positive impact. Dr. Schwuchow commended administrators and teachers for all their work in making students successful. He reported that assessments will now be involved on the annual Illinois Report Card and with these recent scores, he believes the Winnebago School District will be ranked as Commendable.

Matt Adams, Technology Director, shared rationale on computer replacement needs at Winnebago Middle School, Winnebago High School, and McNair Elementary School. He reported that with teacher input, it was decided that it is preferred to replace computers with chromebooks. Mr. Adams explained that labs are being replaced by chromebook carts, which can be moved to where they are needed, providing more students with devices and opportunities. With this, the total chromebooks would be at 780, which is approximately one per every two students district-wide. When asked about maintenance, he told that their department has built in spares, devices carry insurance, and chromebooks are now being built more rugged. With approval to purchase this last wave of replacements, it is hoped to have them prior to Christmas break. Dr. Schwuchow commented on district technology and how it positively impacts student achievement.

Ron Gruber, WHS Principal, shared information about consideration being given to incorporating more career choices in elective offerings. He spoke of computer science, digital technology, web based programming, health occupation skills, sports medicine, and more. Mr. Gruber also reported on additional dual credit courses potentially being offered for English Composition and Life Science. Details are being gathered on the possibility of increasing Culinary Arts courses. He reported that some Family Consumer Science courses would be scaled back and lower chosen electives would fall by the wayside. Constant evaluation is being done to make sure students have electives offered to them that will benefit them beyond high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Schwuchow reported that a Salary Committee will be formed as a result of the settlement of the WEA contract. If any board member desires to be on the committee, they were asked to notify him. It was noted that meetings will likely be held at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Schwuchow told about a faculty member who has the opportunity to take an unpaid leave of absence for the 2019-20 school year to do volunteer mission trips throughout the world. He appreciates the global aspect of this and confirmed that students would be kept informed of what she is doing. There is school board policy in place for situations like this. With board approval, it would be an unpaid leave of absence and work would done to find a replacement during the absence.

Dr. Schwuchow took a break from his report to allow Winnebago Chief Stockburger to speak.

Chief Stockburger thanked the school board for the opportunity to address them. He feels he has a good relationship with the school district and noted the many types of cases he has been involved with, including: property damage, drug cases, fights, thefts, as well as, domestic and mental health situations. Chief Stockburger noted that he relies heavily on school staff, and they have been very helpful. He spoke of active shooter situations, along with the training and refresher courses offered to school personnel, K9 sweeps, and the practicing of soft and hard lockdowns. Chief Stockburger shared information about other school districts in the area, who are employing resource officers, and acknowledged that these come with costs. Some school districts have gotten creative to come up with salary and benefit funds. He distributed his business card to school board members, so they can reach him if they desire more information or want to discuss concerns. When asked to speculate on salary costs for a resource officer, he said a full time person would cost between \$70,000 and \$75,000 annually. Chief Stockburger expressed interest in continuing the discussion on security in the schools. When asked if school cameras could be patched to law enforcement, and it was reported that it is possible and had been considered in the past.

Dr. Schwuchow resumed his report by stating that the current Health Care Provider at McNair Elementary School has become School Nurse Certified and has taken on the additional responsibilities that fall under that certification. His recommendation was for the position to be posted appropriately, with her being able to apply and be hired for the position. Dr. Schwuchow spoke of the incomplete projects remaining from the referendum. He commented that the school district will not be able to sign off on these until the work is fully completed. A workable solution has been formed to get a scoring table installed on the WMS gym bleachers. It has been agreed upon for some of the dirt from the new retention pond to be hauled away leaving a two and a half foot build up around the perimeter. He explained that plans are in place for the new baseball diamond involving the infield, outfield, and fencing. The last major item is the installation of the McNair elevator. Once this is complete, the flooring and other items in the newly constructed entryway will be able to be finished. Dr. Schwuchow told that school board candidates for the 2019 election can now begin circulating paperwork. There will be four open seats on the school board. Dr. Schwuchow shared that the FY18 Audit Report would not be presented at the meeting because it is not yet complete. It will be made in November. He also stated that preliminary levy information will be shared in November, as well, and noted that now more can be levied for the Education Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading Board Policies
 1. 5:30-E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
 2. 3:40-E Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process
 3. 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program

These policies were first read and will be second read at the November Board Meeting.

Mr. France made a motion to approve the requested unpaid Leave of Absence for Ashley Spickler for the 2019-20 school year, as presented; seconded by Mr. Daly.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mr. France made a motion to approve the posting of the Certified School Nurse position, as presented; seconded by Mr. Daly.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mr. Rossol made a motion to approve the technology replacement plan purchases with the cost not to exceed \$110,150; seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Lovett.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: none

Approved: 6-0

Mrs. Johnson-Lovett reported that the Winnebago Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Family Fun Day on October 27, 2018. Their next meeting date will be October 31, 2018 at Kennedy's on Benton with information being shared on the potential of liquor sales inside the village limits. She also told that a Murder Mystery Event will be held on November 11, 2018 at Seward School Center with the reservation deadline of October 27, 2018.

At 7:42 p.m., Mr. Daly made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Mr. France. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved: November 19, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Schoeneweiss, President

Jennifer Lindgren, Secretary