July 11, 2016

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, July 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl, Kelly Cain, James Baur, Karen Brookhart and Brenda Clifton. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, staff, the press, 2 staff and community members.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Baur read the Mission Statement and Strategic Direction "A".

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Public comment: Duane Venenga addressed the Board with concerns of increased taxes. The Board is not planning to increase taxes.

President Nicholl called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items:

1. Minutes – June 13, 2016 regular session.
2. Approval of bills totaling $744,025.45
3. Personnel Items –
    a. approve contract Robert Paullin Bus Driver
    b. approve contract William Gilliams Bus Driver
    c. approve contract Tawyne Gibson Tech Sponsor - Elementary
    d. approve resignation Brittany Salton JH Softball (at end of FY16 season)
4. Open Enrollment applications
5. Contracts and Agreements
    a. Genesis Development – Experienced Based Career Education
    b. Special Education – LEA (West Des Moines)
6. Financials – Preliminary June 2016

Motion by Brookhart, second by Baur, to approve all consent agenda items. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Information Only: Ron Ludwig from Matura shared their annual report and Julie Lang spoke of services available for 3-5 year olds and family supports.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 502.11 "Minor License for Athletics & Activities". The revisions clarify that the student must have completed 8th grade and be involved in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity. Directors Clifton, Cain, Nicholl and Brookhart voted in favor. Director Baur voted against. Motion carried.

Motion by Cain, second by Baur to approve the second reading of the following new policies: 202.5 "Student School Board Representatives", 704.7 "Online fundraising" and 906 "Unmanned Aircrafts-Drones". Motion carried with all directors voting in favor.

Motion by Baur, second by Brookhart to adopt a resolution ordering a special election to approve a debt service levy for the payment of general obligation school bonds. This proposition would increase the maximum debt service levy from $3.20 to $4.05. The Board will not be increasing the combined tax levy for the District. The ability to levy $4.05 in debt service would be offset by decreases in general or management levies. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor. Winterset is the only District in the Raccoon River conference with a debt service maximum levy less than $4.05.

Board member reports – none

Superintendent report – Professional Learning Community culture in the District. Each summer a group attends the PLC conference in Minneapolis and on August 18th and 19th, Winterset will host a Hybrid Training event for all certified staff. Board members are welcome to attend for a better insight into what PLCs are all about and why they are so important. Also discussed was community communication – how best to spread our mission and progress.

Future Meetings: Monday, August 8, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Motion by Clifton, Second by Cain to move into closed session pursuant to section 21.5 (1)(j) of the open meetings law to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate. Roll call vote was taken with all Directors voting in favor.

President Nichol adjourned the regular meeting at 6:02 p.m. and moved into closed session.

The Board did not return to open session – no decisions were made or actions required from closed session.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary