December 8, 2014

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, December 8, 2014, in the Boardroom at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl, Kelly Cain, Brenda Clifton, James Baur and Karen Brookhart. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 8 staff, 3 students and a member of the press.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Brookhart read the mission statement and belief statement #1.

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

Visitor Comments: none

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

1. Minutes of the 11/10/2014 regular session
2. Approval of bills totaling $449,962.78
3. Personnel Items –
    a. revised contract Kobie Alcorn,paraeducator certification expired
    b. revised contract Carrie Larson, teacher associate due to hours
    c. revised contract Terri Sullivan, paraeducator due to hours
    d. revised contract Amy Durnan, teacher associate due to hours
    e. revised contract Lucretia Banks, bus driver mid-day route change
    f. revised contract Lorrain Gibbens, bus driver route change
    g. revised contract Emily Kessler, elem secretary due to hours
    h. approve contract Jim Wright HS custodian
    i. revised contract Tanya Comer CNA instructor add'l class section
    j. approve contract Ryan Jensen citizen coach wrestling (due to numbers)
    k. approve contract Dennis Shaw JH boys basketball (due to numbers)
    l. accept resignation Paul Cleghorn HS custodian
    m. accept resignation Gary Anker Elementary Principal
    n. accept resignation Kathy Stine Middle School Teacher
    o. accept resignation Tony Weiler Middle School Teacher
    p. accept request for internal transfer Mel Carstensen
4. Open Enrollment
5. Contracts and Agreements
    a. Des Moines Independent Community School District PMIC placement
6. November Financials

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

Building Report: 5th grade teacher Liz Gordon and Library Associate Darla Millhollin talked about the "PAW Pantry" housed at the Middle School. The Pantry is Iowa Food Bank based, offering both perishable and non-perishable foods as well as personal care items. Now in its fourth week of operation, the Pantry is open to the entire community with after-school hours on Thursdays and by appointment.

Building Principal Reports:
Wendy Sawyer – Middle School focused on instructional coaches, Journeys consultant, instructional rounds, and writing.
Kate Wharton – Junior High shared "Skills Iowa" data on literacy, update on activities and WIN groups.
Lee Schipull – High School reported high participation at conferences in November, update on activities and proposed changes to seminar now possible w/ senior release.
Gary Anker – Elementary shared examples demonstrating the effectiveness of the instructional coaching program and updates on activities, professional development and meetings.

Old Business – none

At 5:37 p.m. President Nicholl opened the public hearing on the 2015-2016 school calendar. Discussion included State Fair dates, "hours vs. days", full week of prep time at beginning of year and Wednesday morning late start professional development. First day for students would be August 24th – last May 27th assuming no snow days. The proposed Calendar also includes a full week of spring break (March 21-25). There were several clarification questions asked, but no objections expressed. The public hearing was completed at 5:44 p.m. and the Board moved back into regular session.

Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to adopt the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the Districts SBRC Modified Allowable Growth application for Dropout Prevention in the amount of $425,707. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Cain, second by Brookhart to approve the Districts SBRC Modified Allowable Growth application for Increasing Enrollment, Open Enrollment Out and LEP Instruction beyond 5 years in the combined total amount of $71,682. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Baur, second by Clifton, to approve the list of early graduates presented by Mr. Schipull pending completion of all graduation requirements. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to request SBRC approval to charge administrative costs to special education through the Grandwood consortium. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to approve master planning services for the McGaffin Field outdoor athletic complex not to exceed $12,500 with SVPA Architechts. Upon completion, the Foundation plans to move forward with improvements focusing on the main entry. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Baur to approve the civil engineering bids received by SVPA Architects from Bishop and Snyder Engineering and to award the contract to Bishop Engineering for $5,000. This contract to be included in the master planning agreement, not to exceed $12,500, with SVPA. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Member Reports - none

Superintendent report included the following: Teacher of the Year Jane Schmitt visited the District today and saw great things happening in our classrooms and commented on our positive climate and culture. Dr. Meade shared the questions for the 306 feedback survey and shared information on round #2 of the Microsoft settlement allocations.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

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Jeff Nicholl, President

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Cammy Leners, Secretary