WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 8, 2012

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, October 8, 2012, in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Karen Brookhart, Mike Motsinger and Brenda Clifton. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 8 staff, 1 student, 3 visitors and a member of the press. Directors Nicholl and Tucker were absent.

Vice President Motsinger called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Clifton read the mission statement and belief statement #1. Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Visitor comments were postponed until arrival of Japanese delegate.

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

1. Minutes of Sept 5 work session, Sept 10 regular session, Sept 17 special session
2. Approval of bills totaling $223,503.38
3. Personnel Items –
   a. accept resignation Amanda Green teacher associate
   b. accept resignation Candi Dole Full-time HR Director
   c. approve transfer Kobie Alcorn to Middle School Associate
   d. approve contract Paige Henry part time associate
   e. approve contract Elecia Henke special ed associate
   f. approve contract Tammy Ellwanger payroll specialist
   g. approve contract Candi Dole part time HR Director
4. Open Enrollment figures: 88 In / 113.6 Out
5. Contracts and Agreements – none
6. Financial Report – Outstanding short term borrowing of $500,000 to be repaid October 10th.

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

High School student Michaela Hofflemeyer reported to the Board on her trip to the Phillipines for the World Food prize.

Principal reports:
Elementary – “Back Pack Buddies” a program in conjunction with the Food Bank of Iowa, will provide Friday back packs filled with nutritious foods for qualifying students, PTO “Read-a-thon” raised almost $14,000.
Middle School – Data says the reading interventions implemented for struggling students are working. Student progress continues to be monitored and evaluated.
Junior High – September reading “benchmark” scores were shared with the Board. Scores are higher than statewide figures.
High School – Student laptops scheduled for distribution on Oct 23rd & 24th, Marching Band earning top scores and placement in competitions, great parent/teacher conference attendance.

A delegate from our Japan Sister City (Minami Alps) with their Department of Education spoke briefly to the Board of their desire to expand our summer exchange program to include a portion of the school year. Dr. Meade presented her with school jackets and mugs.

Second reading of Policy 502.10 – Athletics and Activities Driving Permit.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to appoint Director Tucker to the Calendar Committee. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Action on the facility plan was tabled for further study. Additional reports will be sent to all Board Directors.

Action on method of evaluating the Superintendent was tabled for further study. Director Clifton was interested in getting outside input as part of the evaluation process.

While the General fund balance is positive for the first time in several years, spending authority continues to be a concern for District. All expenditures will be evaluated on a "need" basis. Gary Sinclair from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) will hold a finance work session with the Board in November. This service is provided at no additional cost with our membership.

The Board reports positive comments from community and parents on the Morale of the District.

Superintendent Report: Preparations continue for the State Site Visit. Final report on November 1st will be made in the HS auditorium after school so interested staff can attend.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

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Mike Motsinger, Acting President

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Cammy Leners, Secretary