December 12, 2016

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, December 12, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl, James Baur, Karen Brookhart, and Brenda Clifton. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, Student Representative Lexie Evans, Corey St. John, Principals Kent Abrahamson, Wendy Sawyer, Doug Hinrichs and Jennifer Berns, 23 students/staff/visitors and a member of the press.

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

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

Public comment: none

Director Cain arrived at 5:04

Presentation on outdoor classroom by Madison County Conservation Board – Jim Leichty. Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the agreement for use of school property by Madison County Conservation to locate and maintain the outdoor classroom. Motion carried with all directors voting in favor.

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

1. Minutes – November 14, 2016 regular session
2. Approval of bills totaling $437,516.55
3. Personnel Items –
    a. approve contract Rebekah Kinney associate (due to retirement)
    b. approve contract Hannah Rustan associate (1:1 need)
    c. approve contract Jeremy McDonald mid-day van driver
    d. approve contract Reid Leichty 7th grade girls basketball (resigned but no replacement found)
    e. accept resignation BJ Eldridge varsity volleyball coach (end of season)
    f. accept resignation Matt Young 8th grade football
    g. accept transfer Karly Breeding from Elem Instructional coach to Title 1 (due to Kathy Vaughn's retirement)
4. Open Enrollment – no new applications to approve
5. Contracts and Agreements
    a. eBoard Solutions (through 6/30/17)
    b. LEA special Education contracts
6. Financials – November 2016

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

Information Only
Principals shared focus at their building: Elementary – trying to keep the focus on teaching and learning as the holidays approach, also Super Hero assembly and FAST testing in January. Middle School – Literacy professional development in Adel, Husky Reader and Battle of the Books starting soon, also exploring standards based grading as a small group. Junior High - also participating in Husky Reader and Battle of the Books, these programs along with clubs and organizations bring extracurricular participation at the Junior High to over 50%.
High School Report – Strategic plan monitoring report on community engagement spot lighting Student Council.

Food Service Director Joanna Gustafson addressed the Board on meal issues and questions. Some issues, such as lunch prices and food quantities, are outside

her control. She addressed changes (to be made and those already implemented) at the different buildings. Meeting with Student Council for feedback and input will continue.

Old Business:
Motion by Baur, second by Brookhart to approve the second and final reading of policy review and revisions to Series 500. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.
Motion by Cain, second by Clifton to approve the second and final reading of policy review and revisions to Series 600. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

New Business

At 6:19 p.m. President Nicholl opened the public hearing on the 2017-2018 school calendars. Discussion included prep time at beginning of year, PD days in September, a flex teacher workday, an innovation PD day, and Wednesday morning late start professional development. First day for students would be August 23rd – last May 30th assuming no snow days. Graduation would be May 27th. The proposed Calendar also includes a full week of spring break (March 12-16) that aligns with the 3 regent universities. There was a question regarding state fair dates - school will start after the fair. There was also Board discussion on a later graduation date. The public hearing was completed at 6:25 p.m. and the Board moved back into regular session.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the 2017-2018 school calendars as presented. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to adopt a resolution affirming support for and enroll in the national "Public Schools that Work" - encouraging all employees to celebrate the successes of students and staff from all public school districts across the nation. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to adopt a resolution affirming support for and enrollment in "The Promise of Iowa" campaign, to ensure that Iowa lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the community schools that create opportunities for more than 480,000 Iowa public school students. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Winterset Educational Support Employees Association (WESEA) president Virginia Robinson presented the association initial proposal for the 2017/2018 master contract. The proposal included a $.25/hour increase, language changes and 2 year duration.

Motion by Baur, second by Cain to approve the 2017-2018 staffing plan as presented by Superintendent Meade but subject to revision, if necessary, during the budgeting process. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Member Reports:
Student Representative Lexie Evans – part of the student council report presented earlier with the High School "information only".
Other Members - none

Superintendent Report:
360 feedback survey questions were shared
Shared the Iowa Dept of ED report on Teacher Leadership and her follow up Madisonian article.
Safety drills (barricade in place) will be held at all buildings, Friday, Dec 16th at 2:45

Future Meetings: Monday, January 9, 2017 at 5 p.m.

President Nicholl adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary