WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 14, 2013

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, January 14, 2013, in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Karen Brookhart, Jeff Nicholl and Kelly Cain. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 11 staff, 3 visitors and a member of the press. Directors Motsinger and Clifton were absent.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Brookhart read the mission statement and belief statement #2. Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Visitor comments: None

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

1. Minutes of the 12/10/12 regular session
2. Approval of bills totaling $441,656.95
3. Personnel Items –
   a. approve contract Rick Fugua sub bus driver
   b. approve contract Larry Castillo sub bus driver
   c. approve contract Jim Barr sub bus driver
   d. approve contract revision Kelly Williams teacher associate
   e. approve contract revision Jan Hood transportation associate
4. Open Enrollment figures – Approved 2 “in” and 2 “out” for FY14
5. Contracts and Agreements –
   a. approve annual contract Lakeview Country Club – WHS Golf
   b. approve 3 special education contracts
   c. approve Phase 3 Septagon Construction final documents
   d. approve final parking lot documents – Snyder & Assoc.
6. December Financials

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

Director Motsinger arrived at 7:24 pm.

Junior High Principal Kate Wharton shared first semester benchmarks for reading – non-fiction. The Winterset students meet or exceed State benchmarks.

Principal reports:
Elementary – PTO provided staff lunch, PAWS open house, PBIS assembly w/ guests from local care facilities, Backpack Buddies kick-off, FY14 scheduling.
Middle School – SINA school for Math – year 2, on delayed status. Math Tutor 3 days/week, Saxon math trainer on site May 6th for tier 2 training, family math night planned.
High School – National Honor Society induction, Building security walk-thru, building climate progress data shows reduction in number of students failing.

Foreign Language Committee Report - A program that is aligned to best practice and research around acquisition of second language skills is very costly ($120K-$240K). Additionally, with the reform efforts being suggested by the DE there are many key priorities such as the Iowa Core and Professional Development that Winterset is still in the infancy stages of learning about, developing plans for and implementing to the level of state expectations. It would be the committee’s recommendation that we continue to have a second language program as a goal but defer it until we have developed a strong core curriculum and our budget can support a strong program that would be beneficial to student learning and deliver results that are recommended by foreign language experts.

Staffing Plan – Goals for the FY14 staffing address DE site visit recommendations, identifying areas that might not be "right-sized", being efficient with our resources, ensuring students get the best educational opportunities, utilizing current staff to fill vacancies due to retirements, and to avoid reductions if at all possible.

Board members received copies of the final report of the Department of Education Site Visit conducted October 30, 2011. All items of non-compliance have been address and corrective actions are in place. A verbal report by the DE, was given to the Superintendent and staff back in November.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Motsinger to approve the 360 survey as part of the Superintendent evaluation. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Motsinger to approve the 2013-2014 school calendar. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to approve the second and final reading of policy revisions series 100, 200, and 300. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Brookhart to approve the first reading of policy revisions to series 700, 800, and 900. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Brookhart to approve the early retirement request of Janet Reutzel. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Cain, second by Brookhart to approve early graduation of student Ben Evans pending successful completion of all graduation requirements. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to approve the 2013-2014 Winterset High School Course Guide. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to approve a Raccoon River Conference Resolution that WCSD will not propose or entertain communication regarding movement to another athletic/activity conference for a period of 2 years. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Board Report – New Director Kelly Cain was sworn into office on 12/17/12 by Board Secretary Cammy Leners at 10:20 am. Welcome Kelly.

Superintendent Report: Police, Fire Dept and our Insurance carrier were on site to evaluate all building security, The Legislature is back in session with the Governors recommendation of zero allowable growth, Planning to hold a Home-School meeting and explore HSAP services, The new District website is on hold waiting for eRate.

Next regular Board meeting will be held February 11, 2013 @ 7:00

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

The Board then held an exempt session to discuss negotiation strategy.

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Jeff Nicholl, President

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Cammy Leners, Secretary