WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 11, 2013

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, February 11, 2013, in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl and Brenda Clifton. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 11 staff, 9 visitors and a member of the press. Directors Motsinger, Brookhart and Cain were absent.

The evening started at 7:10 w/Principal reports due to the delay of Board Director Brookhart.

Middle School Principal Wendy Sawyer shared w/the Board the process of data review and academic intervention processes in math and reading.

Director Brookhart arrived at 7:18.

Junior High Principal Kate Wharton shared fall and mid-year benchmark data for reading and math. Both areas showed increased proficiency.

Elementary Principal Gary Anker went over building activities primarily focused on Reading, including a visit from TV8 Marcus MacIntosh "Read with Me" that included a $500 school library donation, Family Reading Night with 227 students attending, and Data Day.

High School Principal Lee Schipull was unable to attend but submitted a written report that was shared by Superintendent Meade including updates on building professional development, sports highlights, activity schedules and accomplishments.

Teachers Maynes, McCarty, Crouse and Kaster presented a program on the Winterset preschool program that included curriculum, assessment, and site visit information.

At 7:47 President Nicholl called the official meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Clifton read the mission statement and belief statement #3. Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Visitor comments: A High School parent with concerns of student bullying requested to be heard by the Board. The Board was unable to hear the case as it was not on the agenda and no action could be taken. Because the parent had already gone through proper channels, President Nicholl asked that the parent be included on the March 4th agenda so the case could be heard.

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

1. Minutes of the January 14, 2013 regular session
2. Approval of bills totaling $272,213.51
3. Personnel Items –
   a. approve resignation Cindy Boyd Elementary Guidance Counselor
   b. approve resignation Frank Pastorino bus driver
   c. approve resignation pending suitable replacement Kenna Johnson cheerleading sponsor
   d. approve contract Gail Hood bus driver
4. Open Enrollment figures – Approved 4 "in" for FY14
5. Contracts and Agreements –
   a. approve soccer participation with Earlham
   b. approve T.E.A.C.H.
6. January Financials

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

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

Chris Nolte of the Madison County Healthy Kids Initiative asked the Board to support the Safe Routes to School program encouraging student to walk or bike to school. The group will be seeking a grant for the funding of stop lights and other items to ensure the safety of students. The Board embraced the program and agreed to promote participation.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to adopt a Resolution requesting the Iowa Legislature set a 4% allowable growth rate for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years prior to consideration of educational reform measures. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to approve the first reading of policy revisions to series 500. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Board Report – none

Superintendent Report: Dr. Meade shared information from the legislative conference. Also shared was information on the Raptor system, a method of identifying and approving visitors in all of our school buildings. Recommendations from our building security review are being prioritized and implemented.

Next regular Board meeting will be held March 4th, 2013 @ 7:00 preceeded by a Board Work session at 5:00.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

The Board then held an exempt session to discuss negotiation strategy pursuant to Chapter 21 provisions.

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Jeff Nicholl, President

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Cammy Leners, Secretary