WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 10, 2012

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, December 10, 2012, in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Karen Brookhart, Jeff Nicholl, Kim Tucker and Brenda Clifton. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 13 staff, 1 student, 1 visitor and a member of the press. Director Motsinger was absent.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Nicholl read the mission statement and belief statement #1. There were 2 amendments to the agenda: (item 9b) added early graduate Derek Hemedinger, (item 12) moved the negotiation exempt session to the end of the evening, following adjournment of the regular meeting. Motion by Brookhart, second by Tucker to approve the amended 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 Nov 12th regular session and Nov 14th work session
2. Approval of bills totaling $281,197.55
3. Personnel Items –
   a. approve contract Steve Corkrean Assistant 7th grade basketball coach
4. Open Enrollment figures – No activity since last meeting
5. Contracts and Agreements – none
6. November Financials

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

Middle School teachers Karen Stroud, Tony Weiler, and Kathy Stine spoke of identifying students in need of teaching intervention in math and reading and what that intervention looks like as far as time and technique.

Principal reports:
Elementary – New tutor hired, first “Partners in Education” (PIE) meeting held, student “check-in/check-out” program underway, SINA plan and budget update.
Middle School – Followed up on the earlier teacher presentation regarding Response to Intervention (RTI) and reported some wonderful successes.
Junior High – Tightening up curriculum standards, student Amanda Riley performed a fantastic genetics “rap” she created, update on parent and teacher surveys regarding conference issues.
High School – Update on sports and activities, “Well Wagon” sells nutritious snacks after school and sales have been strong, 2 students will serve as Legislative Pages at the Capital next semester, Advisor/Advisee groups doing some wonderful community service projects this holiday season.

Dr. Meade shared her Action Plan for the District. The plan includes a strong instructional framework with curriculum review and development, professional learning communities, essential teacher feedback and support, a strong technology infrastructure, fiscal stability, and updating and reviewing Board policies.

Superintendent evaluation will include the SAI performance review process in conjunction with 360 degree feedback from community and staff. Performance survey questions are still being gathered.

Motion by Tucker, second by Brookhart to approve the following early retirees: Debbie Brown, Deb Kneller, Joan Loftus, Barb Hendricks and Gary Grout. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to approve early graduation of students Lonnie Drake and Derek Hemedinger pending successful completion of all graduation requirements. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker to approve the Modified Allowable Growth for Dropout Prevention application/certification in the amount of $344,500. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the District audit report for fiscal year ending 6/30/12. An unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements by auditors Van Maanen, Sietstra & Meyer, PC. The audit found no material internal control weaknesses or items of non-compliance. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to accept bids and award purchase to School Bus Sales, Co. for 2 new Bluebird busses. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Tucker, second by Brookhart to cast their IASB Board Member Ballot for Joan Corbin who was running unopposed for the District 8 seat. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

The proposed 2013-2014 school calendar meets all State requirements, focuses on student learning as well as best practices and research findings. The calendar includes late starts on Wednesdays (9:05 am) to allow for teacher professional development and collaboration. No action was taken on the calendar allowing the Board time to review.

Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker to approve the new WCSD Volunteer Handbook. 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 100, 200, and 300. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker to appoint Karen Brookhart to serve on the Madison County Assessor’s Conference Board. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Director Kim Tucker officially resigned her Board seat due to an out of state relocation. President Nicholl presented Kim with a certificate of appreciation for her time on the Board.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to appoint Kelly Cain as interim Board member to serve until the next school election in September of 2013. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

There were no discussion items from the Board.

Superintendent Report: no additional items.

Next regular Board meeting will be held January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Clifton, second by Tucker to adjourn at 8:55 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