April 13, 2015

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Boardroom at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl, Brenda Clifton, Karen Brookhart, Kelly Cain and James Baur. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, staff, guests and a member of the press.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Director Baur read the mission statement and belief statement #5.

Agenda was amended to include action on HS Vocal music out-of-state travel. Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Visitor Comments: none

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

1. Minutes of the 3/9/15 regular session/budget hearing, 4/1/15 special session.
2. Approval of bills totaling $519,284.19
3. Personnel Items –
    a. approve contract Anne Wieck, PLTW teacher
    b. approve contract Annette Purdy HS Biology
    c. approve contract Kathyrn Hutchison HS Teacher Associate
    d. approve contract Rachael Lantz PK Teacher Associate
    e. approve contract Janet Heath MS Head Secretary
    f. approve contract Sarah Kirkland Elem Head Secretary
    g. approve contract Corey Bradley JH girls track coach
    h. approve contract Riley Vaughn JH boys track coach
    i. approve contract Josh Henry boys golf coach (due to numbers)
    j. approve contract Ryan Breeding citizen coach JH wrestling
    k. approve contract Jeff Johnston citizen coach JH wrestling
    l. approve contract Logan Silliman citizen coach co-assistant wrestling
    m. approve contract Quincy Snell citizen coach assistant wrestling
    n. approve contract Stephen Cain co-assistant boys soccer
    o. approve contract Seth Woodcock co-assistant boys soccer
    p. approve contract Heather Blue-Belieu colorguard
    q. accept resignation Jason Darling 5th grade MMT
    r. accept resignation Alissa Kerr JH Core Plus More MMT
    s. accept resignation Nicole Fusco HS Biology
    t. accept resignation Annette Purdy TLC math/science curriculum
    u. accept resignation Connie Binns PreK Paraeducator
    v. accept resignation Dennis Shaw JH boys track
    W. accept resignation Zach Sweeney HS track
    x. accept resignation Kate Wharton JH Principal
4. Open Enrollment: no activity since last report
5. Contracts and Agreements –
    a. Genesis EBCE Program FY16
    b. SWICC Auto repair program FY16
6. April Financials

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

Building Report: Middle School teachers Alex Holback and Lindsey McIntire (absent) along with Teacher Leaders Kendra Alexander (special education) and Michelle Macumber (ELA), presented on the process and effective outcome of team teaching.

Building Principal Reports:

Lee Schipull – High School update on activities including great speech, Jazz Vocal and Jazz Band seasons as well as a great Spring play. The High School continues to have a high percentage of students involved in extracurricular activities. Faculty Advisory met, Husky Help Day, Prom and Graduation prep underway. Mr. Schipull shared a video made by the faculty to kick off Iowa Assessment week.

Junior High update read by Dr. Meade included a JH State qualifier for National History Day Competition, professional development continues to focus on paragraph shrink – high quality text, and Battle of the Books competition this weekend.

Gary Anker - Elementary reported parent teacher conference participation lower than normal, interviews complete for building secretary, kick-off assembly for Iowa Assessments, PTO fundraiser product delivery, and continued data review.

Wendy Sawyer – Middle School author visit May 7th and 8th and will include a writers workshop. AEA reading specialist Tim B. read with struggling students and “higher order thinking” incorporated into late start PD with Shannon Harken.

Congratulation to Tamara Bane, a recipient of the Iowa Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics! The award recognizes teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program, informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. As an Iowa finalist, her application has been submitted to the national selection committee.

Old Business – none

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between Madison Co Public Health and the WCSD: Use of High School/Junior High facilities for public health emergency. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Baur, second by Brookhart to accept the bids and award the contract for replacement of the Operations building roof, to Modern Builders in the amount of $104,500. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Baur, second by Cain to approve the first reading of revisions to policy 406.5 – Licensed Employee Group Benefits – modified due to federal law. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Baur, second by Clifton to approve the first reading of revision to policy 412.3 – Classified Employee Group Benefits – modified due to federal law. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the first reading of the following policy revisions:
605.6 – Internet Appropriate Use
606.6EI – Internet Access Permission Letter to Parents and Students.
Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to approve the FY16 Handbooks (Parent/Student, Staff, Bridges, Volunteer, Hiring). Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to adopt the FY 2015-2016 budget and certify a tax rate of $17.51615 with the understanding the rate could be reduced further once the State takes action on school funding. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to approve FY 2015-2016 Confidential and Administrative contracts as presented by Dr. Meade. The confidential contracts reflect a 3.3% increase while the Administrative contracts reflect a 2.5% increase. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

There are no additional personnel items.

Motion by Cain, second by Brookhart to grant permission for HS vocal music students to travel to Chicago April 16th – 19th. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Member report: none

Superintendent Meade shared recently released 2013/14 data on drop-out rates in Iowa – Winterset continues to have rates well below the State average.
We will have International visitors in the District April 17th to study our delivery of special education services.
Our original adopted 2015/2016 school calendar is in compliance with the new start date legislation. Our first day of school will be August 24, 2015. This calendar does not align spring break with that of the Iowa regent schools. This will be taken into consideration when planning subsequent calendars. The calendar is posted on the website.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Baur to adjourned at 6:23 p.m..

The Board held an exempt strategy session pursuant to 20.17(3) regarding bargaining unit negotiations following the regular session.

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Jeff Nicholl, President

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Cammy Leners, Secretary