February 9, 2015

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, February 9, 2015, in the Boardroom at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jeff Nicholl, Brenda Clifton, Karen Brookhart and James Baur. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 5 staff, 12 guests and a member of the press. Director Kelly Cain was absent.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Director Clifton read the mission statement and belief statement #3.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Baur 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 1/12/15 regular session
2. Approval of bills totaling $514,340.17
3. Personnel Items –
    a. approve contract DeAnne Akers, JH TSA sponsor
    b. approve contract Ben Messer transportation supervisor
    c. accept resignation Robert Epperson bus driver
    d. accept resignation Tim Mohs HS social Studies teacher
    e. accept resignation Kenna Johnson MMT, BLT, DLT
4. Open Enrollment
5. Contracts and Agreements - none
6. January Financials

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

Building Principal Reports:
Kate Wharton – Junior High update on student activities, teacher PD and WIN groups.
Gary Anker – Elementary update on change in Kindergarten clinic format, teacher PD, and student activities.
Wendy Sawyer – Middle School focus on "paragraph shrink" training for all staff.
High School update on student sports and activities, seminar support and February 13th career fair.

Building Report: High School report focused on two work transition programs for special education students. Teacher Melody Murphy explained the PAES program used in her classroom while Genesis Development director explained the EBCE (experience based career exploration) program.

The Iowa Department of Education attendance ranking system was unveiled in January. "What" will be measured has been determined and includes student proficiency, growth, attendance, closing gap scores, employee turnover, community activities and parent involvement. "How" some of these criteria will be measured and evaluated has yet to be determined. The system is to be fully operational in 2016.

The School Calendar Survey results were shared and showed very little consensus among participants. The calendar committee will reconvene to establish a FY16 calendar that complies with legislative mandates.

A listing of 2014-2015 dual credit courses offered showed 17 different classes with total enrollment over 500 students.

Old Business – none

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the first reading of the following policy revisions:
*905.1 "Community Use of Facilities" - policy amended to delete reference of the ICN room.
*905.1R4 "ICN Room Use" – This policy to be deleted.
*905.1E1 "Schedule of Fees" - policy amended to delete ICN room rental from listing of fees. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Baur to hold a public hearing regarding the FY16 certified budget on March 9, 2015 at 5:00 and to publish notice of hearing according to Iowa Code. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Board Member Reports – none

Superintendent Meade updated the Board on the Teacher Leadership openings and the Federal Budget in regards to education.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015 immediately following a public budget hearing scheduled for 5:00 pm.
A Board work session will be held Monday, March 2nd at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Nicholl, second by Brookhart to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5(l)i to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

The board returned to open session at 6:25 p.m. with Directors Nicholl, Brookhart, Clifton and Baur present.

Motion by Baur, second by Brookhart to adjourn at 6:26 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