

Regular Meeting of the
BOARD of EDUCATION of the SCHOOL DISTRICT of REEDSBURG
Official Minutes

January 16, 2012

Central Office Building

7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 — Call to Order: Mr. Balda, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded for clarity.

Agenda Item 2 — Roll Call: The following Board members were present: Steve Balda, Gary Woolever, John Pearson, Mike Hartje, LuAnn Brey, Shaun Luther, and Jim Wiczorek Absent: None. Also present: Tom Benson, District Administrator; Patrick Ruddy, Assistant District Administrator; Jeff Bindl, Director of Pupil Services; Linda Bruun, Director of Instruction; Rob Taylor, High School Principal; Matt Terry, High School Associate Principal; Bryan Yager, High School Activities Director; Casey Campbell, Middle School Principal (arrived at 7:10 p.m.); Clint Beyer, Middle School Associate Principal (arrived at 7:06 p.m.); Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal; Tammy Hayes, Elementary Principal (arrived at 7:10 p.m.); Jenny Gehri, Elementary Principal; Randy Johnson, Buildings & Grounds Director; Rachel Gorsuch, Student Council Representative; Meagan Porter, Reedsburg Independent; Alicia Abercrombie, Reedsburg Times Press; Tommy Lee Bychinski, Reedsburg Utility; Tom Demmin, WRDB and Barbara Sand, secretary (see sign in sheet for other attendees)

Agenda Item 3 — Report on Public Notice: Notice of the meeting was given to the Reedsburg Independent, the Reedsburg Times Press, WRDB radio and was posted at the Central Office Building, Reedsburg City Hall and the Reedsburg Public Library.

Agenda Item 4 — Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Item 5 — Public Comment: None

Agenda Item 6 — Presentation, 4-Year-Old Kindergarten: Paul Bierman(4K principal) and 4K teachers Carol Pottinger, Kelley Budnik and Zach Buross gave a presentation on the new 4K program. The results of these new school- and community-based programs have been overwhelmingly positive. In addition to 4 ½ days of classes per week for each student the program also incorporates 87.5 hours of parent outreach per year.

Agenda Item 7 — Correspondence:

DPI Correspondence:

- Pineview received confirmation of their Healthier US School Challenge Gold Award. This recognition includes a letter of congratulations from Michelle Obama and a financial award of \$1,500. All other elementary schools received their awards late last year.

Agenda Item 8 — Committee Reports:

- John Pearson, Finance chair reported a meeting on January 3. The committee received a presentation on Paperless Board Meetings, which will be acted on later in the agenda. The committee also discussed WUFUR (Wisconsin Uniform Financial Accounting Requirements), technology needs and the revised Baird Forecast Model (the current projection for 2011-2012 is -\$1,100,000). The 2010-2011 audit results were also distributed and discussed.
- Rachel Gorsuch, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
 - Winter Carnival will be held February 6-11 (the wrong dates were given last month) with the Theme of Yule Ball (from Harry Potter). There will be various activities held throughout the week, culminating with the dance on Saturday night. Just a reminder that there will be no court this year.
 - Student Council will sponsor a motivational speaker from Rachel's Challenge on March 14. Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion together with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America.

Agenda Item 8 — Administrative Report(s):

- Mr. Yager
 - 155 out of 292 fall athletes (53%) recently received a Scholar Athlete Certificate, which requires a 3.5 GPA during their sports participation. This is a great accomplishment and congratulations to all recipients.
 - Presented the winter activity schedule of events.
- Mr. Bindl
 - The high school counselors are in the process of implementing sophomore counseling for the first time. As of January 1, 83 conferences have been completed, 53 are currently scheduled and 55 have yet to be scheduled. These are impressive results for our first venture with sophomore conferencing.

- Reedsburg will be hosting the Wisconsin Pyramid Model Training on February 3 and March 2 at the Voyager. This training will be very valuable for our 4K and ECH staff. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity provided to us locally.
- **Ms. Bruun**
 - Spelling Bee contests will take place on January 17 and February 14.
 - We will hold our third annual Math 24 competition for 4th and 5th grade students on January 24. Additional math competitions will be held in March.
 - The winter MAP testing (reading and math) begins January 16 and ends on February 3 for all Kindergarten through 3rd grade students.
 - Planning is well underway for the Feb. 20 teacher inservice with a variety of sessions to choose from.
- **Mr. Ruddy**
 - Provided an update on the Baird Budget Forecast. The initial projection for the 2012-2013 school year shows a deficit of \$1,100,000 and an additional deficit of \$800,000 for the 2013-2014 school year. As a reminder the district has already cut \$3,199,000 over the past four years.
 - We continue to discuss elementary school assignments for next year (for both students and staff). The change in grade configurations at the various elementary schools has worked out very well this year. We will need to make some minor modifications to that configuration to address a number of issues; however, the moves will be significantly less than in the past two years.
- **Mr. Benson**
 - Provided an update on the upcoming school board elections. We will have two seats on the upcoming ballot – Area II (that area lying North of Highway 33) and a City of Reedsburg seat. The Area II seat will have two candidates on the April 3 ballot (no primary needed) – Paul Rasmussen and Neal Pulvermacher. The city seat has three candidates, which will require a primary on February 21. The primary will narrow the field to two for the April 3 ballot. Candidates for the city seat are Bruce Houtler, Dave Ennis and Todd McKay. Just a reminder that all eligible voters are able to vote for each school board vacancy.
 - Just a reminder that the State Education Convention is scheduled for this week.
 - RAHS semester exams will take place later this week. Just a reminder that this means a completely different schedule for students and staff.

Agenda Item 10 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Regular Board of Education meeting December 19, 2011
 - Special Board of Education meeting January 3, 2012
- Approval, Early Graduation Request(s)
- Approval, Board Policies 323-1, 451, 453
- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 125641 through 125810 in the amount of \$989,444.31.

Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Mr. Pearson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Approval, Hartje Lumber Voucher # 125720

Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Luther to approve Hartje Lumber Voucher # 125720 in the amount of \$359.86 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 (Mr. Hartje was not present for the vote).

c. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mr. Luther, second by Mr. Woolever to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

d. Consideration, Resolution to Combine Juneau County Polling Locations

The School District of Reedsburg has two small municipalities in Juneau County (Town of Lyndon and the Town of Seven Mile Creek). We have received a request from the Town of Lyndon asking that their polling location be combined with the Town of Seven Mile Creek for the upcoming Primary on February 21. We have spoken with the Juneau County Clerk and she has no problem with combining the two locations. In order for that to happen the Board needs to approve the following Resolution:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF REEDSBURG
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION TO SELECT POLLING PLACES**

WHEREAS, the School District of Reedsburg (the "District") will conduct a primary for the election of members of the Board of Education on February 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Section 120.06 of the Wisconsin Statutes specifies the procedures for conducting the election of school board members in common or union high school districts; and

WHEREAS, Section 120.06(9)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that, except in limited circumstances, the school board may select the polling places to be used in school board elections, if no state, county, municipal, or judicial election is held on the day of the school board election; and

WHEREAS, no state, county, municipal, or judicial election is to be held on February 21, 2012;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Thomas L. Benson** has recommended the selection of the following polling places, in accordance with Section 120.06(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the primary election to be conducted on February 21, 2012;

TOWNSHIPS:	Location
Dellona	Dellona Town Hall, E8062 County Rd H, Lyndon Station (between P & HH)
Delton	Marshall Memorial Hall, 30 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Village of Lake Delton
Excelsior	Excelsior Town Hall, 100 E Broadway, Rock Springs
Franklin	Franklin Town Hall, 550 Main Street, Plain
Freedom	North Freedom Community Ctr, 105 N Maple Street, North Freedom
Honey Creek	Honey Creek Town Hall, E8712 Cty Rd C, North Freedom
Ironton	Ironton Town Hall, E4206 Old K Road, Reedsburg
La Valle	La Valle Town Hall, 314 State Road 33/58, La Valle
Lyndon (Juneau County)	This polling place will be closed. Voters are to use the Township of Seven Mile Creek polling location.
Reedsburg	Reedsburg Town Hall, 600 W Main Street, Reedsburg
Seven Mile Creek (Juneau County)	N1232 St. Clair Rd., Mauston
Washington	Washington Town Hall, S6101 State Road 154, Hillpoint
Westfield	Westfield Town Hall, 200 Mill Street, Loganville
Winfield	Winfield Town Hall, S1992 County Road K, Reedsburg
Woodland	Woodland Town Hall, S548 County Road G (Southwest of Wonewoc)
VILLAGES:	
Ironton	Ironton Village Hall, 600 State Street, La Valle
La Valle	La Valle Library, 101 W Main, La Valle
Loganville	Loganville Village Hall/ Fire Station, 140 West Street, Loganville
Rock Springs	Rock Springs Community Center, Lower Level, 101 1 st Street, Rock Springs
CITIES:	
Reedsburg	Reedsburg Recreation Center, 134 S Locust Street, Reedsburg

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education concurs with the recommendation referenced above and hereby selects the polling places described above for the primary election to be conducted on February 21, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall post all required notices of the polling place selection in accordance with Sections 120.06(8) and 120.06(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs **Thomas L. Benson** to do any and all things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

d. *Consideration, Purchase of Neptune Paperless Board Meeting Software*

We are looking into the possibility of moving to paperless board meetings in the near future. We have looked at 2 different vendors over the past couple of months – Neptune (offered through CESA7) and BoardBooks. Both vendors offer great products; however, BoardBooks is cost prohibitive at a cost of \$22,000/year. The cost of Neptune is significantly less at a cost of \$1,500/year with an additional cost of \$1,500 the first year for set-up and training.

There are several benefits associated with moving to a paperless environment including:

- Cost effective labor savings (no more copying and mailing of packets),
- Access to meeting materials anywhere the internet is available,
- Agenda updates/ changes are made in a matter of minutes,
- The general public will have greater access to Board meeting materials,
- An extensive search feature is available,
- Various levels of security are available.

Each Board member will be provided with an iPad for use at Board meetings as paper copies of the packet will no longer be provided.

There are no hard dollars associated with the purchase of iPads due to the fact that we can use American Express points that we have collected (we have accumulated enough points to purchase 7 iPads along with wireless keyboards).

Following discussion, motion by Ms. Brey, second by Mr. Luther to approve the purchase of the Neptune Paperless Board Meeting software as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 11 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Woolever to adjourn the open session at 7:58 p.m. and move into executive session under sections 19.85(1)(e) of Wisconsin Statutes,

- (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion carried by a roll call vote 7-0.

Agenda Item 12 — Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the executive session at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 13 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Luther to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Mike Hartje, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder