

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

January 17, 2011

Central Office Building

7:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 — Call to Order: Ms. Scully, board vice president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded for clarity.

Agenda Item 2 — Roll Call: The following Board members were present: Heather Scully, John Pearson, Gary Woolever, LuAnn Brey, Mike Hartje, and Jim Wieczorek Absent: Steve Balda. 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; Bryan Yager, High School Activities Director; Casey Campbell, Middle School Principal; Clint Beyer, Middle School Associate Principal; Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal; Tammy Hayes, Elementary Principal; Jenny Gehri, Elementary Teaching Principal; Randy Johnson, Buildings & Grounds Director; Sam Schmitt, Student Council Representative; Jeff Seering, Reedsburg Independent; Ken Leiviska, 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 — Correspondence:

Miscellaneous:

- Thank you cards were received from the families of Brad Johnson and Eleanor Cleaver.
- A letter was received from Corinne Fish, REA Negotiations Chair, requesting the initiation of contract negotiations for the 2011-2013 school years.
- A card was received from Sherri Schmitz thanking the district for the added lighting at Pineview.
- A letter was received from Mallory Martin regarding the proposed music cuts.

Upcoming conferences/conventions include:

- WASB/WASDA/WASBO State Education Convention – January 19 – 21 - Milwaukee

Agenda Item 7 — Committee Reports:

- Heather Scully, Curriculum chair reported a meeting on January 13. The committee received a proposal on a new high school course entitled Music & American History. The course would be co-taught by Scott Bruer and David Moon. This course would not be offered next school year if it did not meet the new 15:1 student/teacher ratio (in this instance it would be a 30:2 ratio). This request will be acted on later in the agenda.
- Sam Schmitt, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
 - Students at the high school will be taking finals this week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - The winter sports season will be wrapping up soon.
 - Winter Carnival will be held at the high school the week of February 7.

Agenda Item 8 — Administrative Report(s):

• **Mr. Bindl**

- Work continues in preparation for offering 4-Year-Old Kindergarten this fall. The Early Childhood Community Council will be meeting in February to discuss curriculum and the registration process, which we hope to have in March. We are also planning to have 1 or 2 school-based 4K classrooms in addition to the community-based options.
- The elementary reconfiguration that was recently approved by the Board will require some changes to both special education staff and students. A final plan should be completed no later than March 1.

• **Ms. Bruun**

- Our second annual Math 24 competition for 4th & 5 graders will take place tomorrow at Pineview Elementary. The top 3 Math 24 students from each 4th & 5th grade classroom have been selected to compete in this District-Wide Math 24 Tournament. The top six 4th & 5th grade students will go on to compete against other area districts in Baraboo on March 14. Good luck to all.
- On January 28, several staff members will be attending a CESA5 workshop entitled *Gifted Education and 21st Century Skills: Models for all Classrooms*. We will be sharing information from the workshop through faculty meetings over the next several months.

- We have added a winter session of MAP reading and math testing this year for the first time with all K, 1st and 2nd grade students. In addition, several other students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will participate in math and/or reading MAP testing to give us a mid-year progress report. This information is essential in our efforts to fully implement a Response to Intervention (RTI) system in the District.
- Many of the entitlement grants the District has received in the past are no longer offered through the federal and state departments of public instruction but have transitioned to competitive grant allocations. We will continue to explore the possibility of pursuing some of these grant opportunities.
- **Mr. Ruddy**
 - Provided the December/January food service report.
 - Provided details on the 2011-2012 budget process.
- **Mr. Benson**
 - The Board will take action on the proposed cut list for 2011-2012 at the February Board meeting. We continue to work on balancing the needs of the district with our fiscal responsibilities. A modified cut list will include no bus purchases for the 2011-2012 school year (the original list proposed the purchase of 2 buses for the 2011-2012 school year). Other modifications might be made to the proposed cut list.
 - We continue to work on the details of the reconfiguration of our elementary schools along with the associated reassignment of staff and students.
 - The deadline for teachers to give us preliminary notice of intent to retire is February 1. Teachers then have until March 1 to rescind their letter.

Agenda Item 9 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Regular Board of Education meeting December 20, 2010
- Approval, Early Graduation Request
- Approval, Boys' Hockey Out-of-State Trip
- Staff Considerations
 - Retirement Requests
 - Patricia Ludvigson (3rd Grade Teacher – Pineview)
 - Just a reminder that teachers have until March 1 to rescind their retirement request.
- Approval, Board Policies: 453-2, 453-4, 751-2 Rule, 760 Rule, 820, 822, 823, 830, 830 Rule (1), 830 Rule (2), 830 Rule (3), 830 Exhibit (1), 830 Exhibit (2), 831, 832, 833, 840, 840 Exhibit, 850, 860, 860 Rule, 861, 871, 871 Rule, 871 Exhibit, 872, 873, 873 Rule, 891-1, 892, Rules of Facilities Use
- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 123242 through 123384 in the amount of \$1,609,829.26.

Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Approval, Hartje Lumber Voucher #123266

Motion by Mr. Wiczorek, second by Mr. Pearson to approve Hartje Lumber Voucher # 123266 in the amount of \$241.80 as presented. Motion carried 5-0 (Mr. Hartje was not present for the vote).

c. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mr. Wiczorek, second by Mr. Woolever to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

d. Consideration, Elementary Mannigal Fund Proposal

The district has opted to close out the Mannigal Fund and distribute the remaining funds among the elementary, middle and high school music departments as stipulated in the will of Emma Mannigal. Tonight the elementary music department is submitting their request for use of their portion of the money (each level will receive \$4,666). The middle and high school proposals were approved last month.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the proposal submitted by the elementary music department. Motion carried 6-0.

e. *Consideration, 2011-2012 School Calendar*

Two drafts of the 2011-2012 calendar were presented for consideration. The differences in the two drafts are as follows:

DRAFT 1

Monday, January 2 (regular school day)
Tuesday, June 5 (last student day)
Friday, June 8 (graduation day)

DRAFT 2

Monday, January 2 (holiday)
Wednesday, June 6 (last student day)
Friday, June 1 (graduation day)

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Mr. Wieczorek to approve Draft #2 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

f. *Consideration, 2010-2011 Bus Purchase*

The original administrative recommendation regarding the purchasing of buses for both the current school year and next school year has changed. The revised recommendation includes the purchase of one handicapped bus from this year's budget (2010-2011) and no bus purchases for the 2011-2012 school year. The approximate cost for the one handicapped bus is \$88,000.

Following additional discussion, motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Mr. Wieczorek to begin the process of soliciting bids for the possible purchase of one handicapped bus. Motion carried 6-0.

g. *Consideration, New RAHS Course Proposal*

The Curriculum Committee is recommending the approval of an additional course offering at the high school beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. This one semester class, Music & American History, would be co-taught by Scott Bruer and David Moon and would be offered to students in grades 10, 11 and 12. This course would not be offered next school year if it did not meet the new 15:1 student/teacher ratio (in this instance it would be a 30:2 ratio).

Following further discussion, motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the new RAHS Music & American History course as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 10 — Discussion Items:

a. *First Reading of Reviewed & Revised Policies:*

The following policies were presented for a first reading and will be presented in February for approval.

171	Regular Board Meetings
361-1	Computer Usage Consent Forms

b. *Board's Response to Listening Session*

The Board shared their thoughts regarding the listening session that was held last week at the Fusch Center.

Agenda Item 11 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Mr. Woolever to adjourn the open session at 8:27 p.m. and move into executive session under sections 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes,

- (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion carried by a roll call vote 6-0.

Agenda Item 12 — Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the executive session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 13 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Hartje to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ms. Scully declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.