

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

November 21, 2011

Central Office Building

7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 — Call to Order: Mr. Balda, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, LuAnn Brey, Shaun Luther, and Jim Wieczorek Absent: Mike Hartje. Also present: Tom Benson, District Administrator; Patrick Ruddy, Assistant District Administrator; Jeff Bindl, Director of Pupil Services; Linda Bruun, Director of Instruction; Matt Terry, High School Associate Principal; Bryan Yager, High School Activities Director (arrived at 7:10 p.m.); Casey Campbell, Middle School Principal; Clint Beyer, Middle School Associate Principal (arrived at 7:07 p.m.); Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal; 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 — RAHS FFA Convention Report: FFA members Mikaela Zenz, Becca Reimer and Kyran Horkan reported on their recent trip to Indianapolis, IN where they attended the National FFA Convention.

Agenda Item 7 — Presentation, Community Learning Center (CLC): Paul Biermen, elementary principal and Allyson Cummings, CLC Coordinator, presented information on the great things happening at the CLC After School Program at Westside this year. Allyson is new to the coordinator position this year, replacing Carol Pottinger who is now a district 4K teacher. Allyson has implemented some new offerings this year and continues to work hard at recruiting additional community volunteers for the program.

In addition, Rosemary Hutchens spoke about the program from a parent perspective. She was highly complimentary of the CLC program and she feels her children have benefited greatly from it.

Agenda Item 8 — Correspondence: None

Agenda Item 9 — Committee Reports:

- LuAnn Brey, Policy chair reported a meeting October 25. The committee worked on transitioning our current 200 series to NEOLA (1000 series). The committee will work on the 300 series next and work until all policies have been converted. The goal of the committee continues to be completion of all policies no later than March, 2013.
- Jim Wieczorek, Curriculum chair reported a meeting earlier tonight. The committee received a proposal for a new high school course – Statistics. This new course would be taught by John Brandt and would require no additional staff. This item will be acted upon later in the agenda.
- Rachel Gorsuch, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
 - Student Council members recently attended the Region 6 Fall Conference.
 - The Student Council food drive was held last week at the high school and they collected 1,300+ items.
 - Student Council offered community babysitting last Saturday.
 - The annual teacher appreciation breakfast will be taking place tomorrow at the high school.
 - Planning for Winter Carnival will start soon.

Agenda Item 10 — Administrative Report(s):

- Mr. Yager
 - Presented the final fall sports count along with the revenue/expense breakdown for each.
 - Presented Gary Woolever with a Wisconsin Athletic Service Award. This award is sponsored by WADA and is designed to honor and recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their support of athletics in their communities. Gary is a very deserving recipient.

- **Mr. Bindl**
 - Provided an update on the across the board 1.5% reduction in federal funding for major education programs such as Title Programs, Carl Perkins, IDEA, etc. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- **Ms. Bruun**
 - Provided an update on the New Teacher Support Seminars being provided.
 - Provided an update on where we stand with Curriculum4Schools, which is our districtwide curriculum program.
 - The schedule for November 23 was provided for all 198 staff members.
 - Provided a report on the success of our summer school program. Overall, students benefited from the summer school experience as there were students at all grade levels (1-8) who maintained or increased their scores in both math and reading.
- **Mr. Benson**
 - With the implementation of the new concealed carry law, the decision as to whether or not we should post signs in our buildings has been debated. At this time we do not feel that it is necessary to post any signs as the law has not changed significantly for schools. If we find it becomes a concern we can certainly revisit the issue at a later date.
 - Just a reminder that there is to be no hunting at either the Hartje Center in Reedsburg or the Romoren School Forest in Rock Springs. Proper signs will be posted soon.

Agenda Item 11 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Regular Board of Education meeting October 17, 2011
 - Special Board of Education meeting October 20, 2011
- Approval, Early Graduation Request
- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 125181 through 125457 in the amount of \$3,398,784.35.

Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Pearson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Approval, Hartje Lumber Voucher # 125422

Motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Woolever to approve Hartje Lumber Voucher # 125422 in the amount of \$47.16 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

c. Treasurer's Report

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

d. Approval, RAHS New Course Proposal (Statistics)

The Curriculum Committee met earlier tonight and heard a proposal from John Brandt, who is requesting the addition of a Statistics Course at the high school beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. The Curriculum Committee is recommending approval of the course as presented (no new staff is required).

Following discussion, motion by Ms. Brey, second by Mr. Wieczorek to approve the addition of a Statistics Course at the high school beginning with the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

e. Accept donation from Slama's Lawn & Sport

Slama's Lawn & Sport has donated a snow blower to 17 local schools/districts (including the School District of Reedsburg, St. Peter's and Sacred Heart). Some are choosing to use the snow blower for general property maintenance while others are using the snow blower as a fundraiser. We have not yet decided how we can best utilize this donation but we will continue to have discussions with Randy Johnson, our buildings & grounds director, to identify any needs we might have in the district for the snow blower. If we are not in need of the snow blower we will continue to explore our alternatives.

We would like to publicly thank Don Slama and the staff members at Hillsboro Equipment, Mauston Equipment and Slama's Lawn and Sport for their generosity and ongoing support for area schools.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Mr. Luther to accept the donation of the snow blower from Slama's Lawn & Sport. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 12 — Discussion Items:

a. First Reading of Board Policies: 186, 523-1

The following policies were presented for first reading tonight. They will be presented for approval in December.

186	Public Participation at Board Meetings
523-1	Staff Physical Examinations

Agenda Item 13 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Wiczorek, second by Mr. Pearson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mike Hartje, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder