

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

December 19, 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, 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; Clint Beyer, Middle School Associate Principal; Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal; Tammy Hayes, Elementary Principal (arrived at 7:27 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 (arrived at 7:25 p.m.); 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 Correspondence:

- A thank you card was received from the family of Inez Woolever.

Upcoming Conferences:

- State Education Convention – January 18-20 - Milwaukee

Agenda Item 7 — Committee Reports:

- John Pearson, Finance chair reported a meeting on December 5. The committee reviewed the 2011-2012 budget and discussed the associated tax levy issues. The Baird Workshop will be held on December 9 and Mr. Ruddy will attend. A reminder that retirement notices for REA members are due February 15 and the Reduction-In-Force deadline is May 15. The committee also discussed the district's lengthy list of technology needs.
- LuAnn Brey, Policy chair reported a meeting December 13. The committee is close to completing the NEOLA transition for the 2000 series of policies. There are several policies within this series that need additional work, which will hopefully be completed prior to the next committee meeting. The committee also discussed changes to three current policies, which are on the agenda tonight for first reading. The goal of the committee continues to be the transition of all policies to NEOLA no later than March, 2013.
- Rachel Gorsuch, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
  - Student Council members recently decorated the halls at the high school
  - A surprise assembly was held last week, which included a flash mob by the teachers. It was very well received and everyone had a great time.
  - Winter Carnival will be held January 30 – February 4. One major change this year is that there will be no court.

Agenda Item 8 — Administrative Report(s):

- **Mr. Yager**
  - Presented the preliminary winter sports numbers.
  - Presented an update on items that were discussed at the last WIAA Board of Control meeting.
- **Mr. Bindl**
  - Provided an update on special education enrollment in the district. We currently have 459 students receiving special education services (17.5%), which is slightly higher than the state average of 13%.
  - Sue Albert & Joan Rice, early childhood consultants, recently visited our district. Both were impressed with our early childhood and 4k programs. They will be back in February to assist with registration for our 4k program.

- **Ms. Bruun**
  - Provided an evaluation summary of the November 23 inservice.
  - The ACCESS Test for ELL students has arrived. Testing will take place between now and the first part of February. All English Language Learners with language levels of 1-5 must be tested annually.
  - The winter MAP testing window is January 16 - February 3.
- **Mr. Ruddy**
  - Provided the November/December Food Service Report. Pineview has now qualified for the GOLD Healthier School Challenge Award, which includes a letter from Michelle Obama and a \$1,500 award. Congratulations to all who helped make this happen.
  - Reedsburg Utility & WPPI have offered to purchase a new weather system for the high school. The new WeatherHawk system will replace our outdated WeatherBug system. A special thanks to both the Utility & WPPI for their generosity.
  - Distributed copies of most recent audit (for the year ended June 30, 2011).
- **Mr. Benson**
  - Checkered Flag has donated a Screen Printing Press to Webb Middle School, which will be used primarily by the Tech. Ed department. A special thanks to Tim & Brenda McMillen for their generosity.
  - The Nishan Scholarship Committee (Tom Benson, John Alt and Joleen McBride) met recently and happily distributed over \$50,000 to approximately 60 students.
  - Board members Jim Wieczorek and Mike Hartje are both up for re-election and neither incumbent will run again. The deadline for filing papers is Tuesday, January 3 at 5:00 p.m. Jim represents the City of Reedsburg and Mike represents Area II, that area lying North of Highway 33.
  - A special thanks to Veronica Petty for her 27 years of service to the district. She has submitted her request for early retirement, effective at the end of the current school year.

Agenda Item 9 — Action Items:

*a. Consent Agenda*

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)  
Regular Board of Education meeting November 21, 2011
- Approval, Staff Considerations
  - Early Retirement Request(s)  
Veronica Petty (School Counselor - RAHS)
- Approval, RAHS Mountain Club Trip
- Approve Donation from Checkered Flag (screen printing press)
- Approve Donation from Reedsburg Utility & WPPI (WeatherHawk weather system)
- Approval, Board Policies 186, 523-1
- Presentation of Vouchers
  - 10 Fund vouchers 125458 through 125640 in the amount of \$2,184,269.75.

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

*b. Treasurer's Report*

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

Agenda Item 10 — Discussion Items:

*a. First Reading of Board Policies: 323-1, 451, 453-4*

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

323-1	Special Observance Days
451	District Nutrition
453-4	Administration of Medication/Emergency Care

Agenda Item 11 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Hartje to adjourn the open session at 7:40 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 7-0.

Agenda Item 12 — Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Ms. Brey, second by Mr. Wieczorek to adjourn the executive session at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 13 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Luther, second by Mr. Wieczorek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Mike Hartje, Clerk  
Barbara Sand, Recorder