

Special Meeting of the
BOARD of EDUCATION of the SCHOOL DISTRICT of REEDSBURG
Official notice of meeting given and posted.

December 9, 2010

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, Heather Scully, Gary Woolever, Mike Hartje, Jim Wieczorek, John Pearson and LuAnn Brey. 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; Casey Campbell, Middle School Principal; Clint Beyer, Middle School Associate Principal (arrived at 8:10 p.m.); Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal (arrived at 8:20 p.m.); Jenny Gehri, Elementary Principal; Ken Leiviska, Reedsburg Times Press; Tommy Lee Bychinski, Reedsburg Utility and Barbara Sand, secretary. Please see sign in sheet for additional 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 — Administrative Presentation: Mr. Benson and Mr. Ruddy presented information on several items as they relate to current and future years in the district. Items presented tonight are for discussion only with action to be taken at a future Board meeting.

The following topics will be covered in great detail tonight:

- Baird Forecast Model
- 2010-2011 Proposed Budget Adjustments
- 4-Year-Old Kindergarten
- Summer School District of Reedsburg 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Budgets
- Elementary School Configuration
- 2011-2012 Budget Cuts

Agenda Item 5 — Discussion, Baird Forecast Model: The Baird Forecast Model has been updated to reflect the district's actual 2009-2010 budget results and changes to the 2010-2011 budget. The forecast now provides an outlook for five years rather than four as in years past. The creation of this forecast requires the district to make a number of assumptions (i.e. Wisconsin State Aid projection, student count, equalized property values, tax levy, etc.). A significant variance to any one of these assumptions will dramatically impact the actual results. The current 5-year Baird Forecast Model is as follows:

2011-2012	(760,664)
2012-2013	(1,655,289)
2013-2014	(2,249,702)
2014-2015	(3,036,696)
2015-2016	(3,910,126)

Agenda Item 6 — Discussion, 2010-2011 Budget Adjustments: Administration is recommending several changes to the current 2010-2011 budget. With a surplus projected for this year the following changes (purchases) are being recommended for this year:

	<u>COST</u>
Purchase of 2 buses (this fiscal year)	\$160,000
Use of Federal Education Jobs Fund for a Math Resource Teacher	\$50,000
Implementation of a Distance Learning Lab @ RAHS	\$50,000

These changes would leave an approximate 2010-2011 budget surplus of \$3,518.

Agenda Item 7 — Discussion, 4-Year-Old Kindergarten: Further discussion was held regarding the potential start-up of a 4-year-old kindergarten program in the district starting September 1, 2011. With the availability of the Federal Education Jobs Fund dollars (which will be used for staffing purposes in the first year) we anticipate generating additional revenue, beyond the cost of the program, by 2013-2014.

The Early Childhood Council/4K Planning Committee strongly recommends that the School District of Reedsburg implement a community based 4K program to meet the needs of all preschool learners in the Reedsburg community beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. The research is clear that this investment of district funds, which is difficult in our current economic situation, is one that will continue to pay dividends for our students and our community long after the initial budgetary expenditure subsidies. We strongly believe that this will have a long lasting impact on both our students and our community.

A more detailed proposal is available at the district office.

Agenda Item 8 — Discussion, Summer School: Sessions would be offered at each level (elementary, middle and high) during the summer. Dates, times and locations will change depending on the level.

The additional revenue generated from the increased student count for summer school will offset all operating costs for the program (basically this will be a wash).

A more detailed proposal is available at the district office.

Agenda Item 9 — Discussion, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Budgets: Several changes to the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 budgets were proposed.

The following changes were proposed for the 2011-2012 budget: Purchase 1 bus (originally planned to purchase 3); reduce the Instructional Materials budget (from \$150,000 to \$75,000) and reduce the Facility Maintenance budget (from \$240,000 to \$210,000).

The following changes were proposed for the 2012-2013 budget: Restore the purchase of 3 buses (\$240,000) and increase the Technology budget by \$80,000 (to \$150,000).

Agenda Item 10 — Elementary School Configuration: Administration recommended a change in the set up of the district's elementary buildings. The configuration shown below will utilize all 5 elementary buildings (no buildings would be closed), while allowing more flexibility for our staff and students.

	<i>Pineview</i>	<i>Westside</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>Loganville</i>	<i>Ironton/LaValle</i>
Kindergarten (180/10=18) est.	2 sections	2 sections	2 sections	2 sections	2 sections
Grade 1 (182/11=16.6)	2 sections	4 sections	3 sections	1 section	1 section
Grade 2 (192/11=17.5)	2 sections	3 sections	2 sections	2 sections	2 sections
Grade 3 (169/10=16.9)	2 sections	3 sections	2 sections	2 sections	2 sections
Grade 4 (184/7=26.3)	7 sections	0 sections	0 sections	0 sections	0 sections
Grade 5 (187/7=26.7)	7 sections	0 sections	0 sections	0 sections	0 sections

- * One room would remain vacant at Pineview, South and Ironton-LaValle and two rooms would remain vacant at Westside – in case we need to add another section of a grade(s).
- ** Class arrangements of 30:2 now have a negative fiscal impact because it requires more teachers than 18:1 (resulting from the new SAGE law).
- *** When the single sections at Loganville & Ironton/LaValle move to 4th grade, we would only roll in one section of Kindergarten.
- **** This arrangement would require two fewer elementary teachers, compared to what we have in 2010-2011.
- ***** This plan includes the placement of all 4th & 5th graders in one building (Pineview).

Agenda Item 11 — Discussion, 2011-2012 Budget Cuts: With a projected deficit of \$760,664 for next year, numerous cuts were recommended to get us close to a balanced budget. The proposed cuts are as follows:

- Use the remaining Federal Education Jobs Fund money (\$290,069) to retain staff (remaining deficit of \$470,595)
- Reduce Instructional Materials budget from \$150,000 to \$75,000 (remaining deficit \$395,595)
- Reduce Facility Maintenance budget from \$240,000 to \$210,000 (remaining deficit \$365,595)
- Cut 1 FTE maintenance position (remaining deficit \$315,020)
- Reconfigure elementary schools, which will allow the reduction of 1 elementary teacher (remaining deficit \$246,220)
- Cut 4 FTE Paraprofessionals/Teaching Assistants (remaining deficit \$141,220)
- Cut .50 FTE teacher in Physical Education (remaining deficit of \$113,720)
- Cut .70 FTE teacher in Art (remaining deficit \$58,588)
- Cut 1 FTE teacher in RAHS Music (remaining deficit \$3,988)

Agenda Item 12 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Mr. Pearson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Gary Woolever, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder