

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

March 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, Heather Scully, John Pearson, Gary Woolever, LuAnn Brey, Mike Hartje, 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; Matt Terry, High School Associate 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; Meagan Porter, 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 — Presentation, Griff's Garden: Sandy Lavelly, middle school teacher, presented information on "Griff's Garden", which is a project they have been working on at Webb Middle School since last year. The goal is to clean up the area at Webb known as the "Courtyard" and turn it into a learning environment.

Agenda Item 7 — Presentation, Science Olympiad: Joanna Laukant, parent volunteer, presented information on the "Science Olympiad" experience at the middle school level. This is a competition designed to increase student interest and enthusiasm in science and improve the quality of science education. This is the first year that Reedsburg has participated and they have done very well. Luke Friede (6th grade student) demonstrated one of his projects, which he will be taking to the state competition in April.

Agenda Item 8 — Correspondence:

Miscellaneous:

- A letter was received from Pauline Brown regarding the potential impact of a settlement with the teaching union..
- An email was received from John Chastan regarding the possible extension of the REA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Upcoming conferences/conventions include:

- WASB 2011 Effective Bargaining Seminar – April 8 - Madison

Agenda Item 9 — Committee Reports:

- John Pearson, negotiations chair reported on the status of negotiations with both the Reedsburg Education Association (REA) and the Reedsburg Educational Paraprofessional Association (REPA). Numerous meetings were held with both groups and we are happy to report that extensions to both contracts have been achieved, with numerous modifications to both agreements. Our three-year contract with the Reedsburg Educational Support Personnel Association is still in effect and will expire June 30, 2013.
- Sam Schmitt, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
 - The final blood drive of the year was held on February 23 at the high school.
 - The recently held "Reality Store" was a great success.
 - The CAL Center was home to the 2011 Home Show on March 11, 12 and 13.
 - Congratulations to the Boys' Hockey Team on their state qualification.
 - Prom will be held on Saturday, April 16.
 - Spring sports are in full swing.
 - There is a band concert in the CAL Center tomorrow night.

Agenda Item 10 — Administrative Report(s):

- **Mr. Yager**
 - Provided the high school March Activities Report.
 - Provided a club summary for the various clubs currently active at the high school.
 - Provided an update on the significant monetary contributions made by the Reedsburg Athletic Club this past year. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to them for all they have done and continue to do for our athletes and our athletic programs. Over \$20,000 was donated in 2010 alone in support of RAHS programs.
 - Congratulated our 13 All-Conference Athletes for the 2011 winter season.
 - Four (4) high school students have their artwork entered into the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.
 - Congratulated Donna Stevens on her nomination into the WI Gymnastics Hall of Fame.
- **Mr. Bindl**
 - Provided an update on the current status of pre-school funding in the state.
 - A reminder that 4K registration will take place on Monday, March 28 from 5-7 p.m. in the high school commons.
 - The district was unable to reach a 4K agreement with Little Friends Preschool so they will not be one of our community partners this fall.
- **Ms. Bruun**
 - Provided an update on professional development in the district.
 - Reported on the recent ESEA monitoring visit from DPI. Overall the visit went well and DPI will follow up with a written report. Following receipt of that report the district will have 30 days to generate and submit a plan for addressing the items for which we were found noncompliant.
 - Several middle school students recently participated in the Math Maniacs contest in Wild Rose and the team placed 5th overall.
 - In addition 18 students from grades four, five and six recently competed in Sauk Prairie at the Math 24 regional competition. We took medals at each grade level competition.
- **Mr. Ruddy**
 - Provided the February/March food service report.
 - Provided information on the updated Baird Forecasting Model. Following all of the adjustments we still anticipate a significant deficit for the 2011-2012 school year.
- **Mr. Benson**
 - Wanted to personally recognize and thank the 15 teachers that will be retiring at the end of the school year for their dedication and numerous years of teaching in the district. In total they represent over 440 years of service!
 - As a follow up to Mr. Ruddy's presentation earlier - a reminder that we still face a projected budget deficit for 2011-2012 and teacher layoffs are still a probability.

Agenda Item 11 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Regular Board of Education meeting February 21, 2011
 - Special Board of Education meeting February 28, 2011
 - Special Board of Education meeting March 3, 2011
 - Special Board of Education meeting March 7, 2011
 - Special Board of Education meeting March 11, 2011
- Approval, Youth Option Requests
- Approval, Open Enrollment Requests
- Approval, 2-Year Badger Thunder Girls' Hockey Co-Op
- Approval, Sale of Surplus Property
- Approval, Board Policies: 120, 130, 131, 131-1, 141, 141-1, 142, 150, 151, 151-1, 151-2, 151-3, 151-4, 161, 163, 164, 165, 171-2, 171-21, 171-21 Exhibit, 171-3, 173, 181, 182, 183, 184, 412-1, 461, 751-2 Rule

- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 123581 through 123738 in the amount of \$2,427,072.46.

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

b. Approval, Hartje Lumber Voucher #123647

Motion by Mr. Wiczorek, second by Mr. Woolever to approve Hartje Lumber Voucher # 123647 in the amount of \$361.00 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 (Mr. Hartje was not present for the vote).

c. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Ms. Brey, second by Ms. Scully to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

d. Approval, RAHS Activities Code Revisions

Last month Mr. Yager presented several proposed changes to the RAHS activities code, which would be effective with the 2011-2012 school year.

Following discussion, motion by Ms. Scully, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the proposed changes to the RAHS Activities Code as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 12 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the open session at 8:13 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 13 — Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the executive session at 10:22 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 14 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Wiczorek, second by Mr. Hartje to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Gary Woolever, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder