

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

March 3, 2010

Central Office Building

8:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 — Call to Order: Mr. Balda, Board president, called the meeting to order at 8:48 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 — Roll Call: The following Board members were present: Steve Balda, Heather Scully, Gary Woolever, Jim Wieczorek, John Pearson, LuAnn Brey and Mike Hartje. Absent: None. Also present: Tom Benson, District Administrator; Pat Ruddy, Assistant District Administrator; Linda Bruun, Director of Instruction; Jeff Bindl, Director of Pupil Services; Rob Taylor, High School Principal; Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal; Jenny Gehri, Teaching Principal, Jeff Seering, Reedsburg Independent, Ken Leiviska, Reedsburg Times Press and Tommy Lee Bychinski, Reedsburg Utility.

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 – Approval, Student Information System (SIS): Mr. Pearson brought forward a recommendation from the Finance Committee to move forward with the purchase of a new Student Information System (Skyward) to be implemented this summer. This new system will ultimately replace our current SIS, PowerSchool, allowing greater flexibility and better customer service. Extensive research was done over the past several months to determine which system would be the best fit for our district and Skyward was recommended over Infinite Campus and PowerSchool by a 3-1 vote.

A reminder that funds to purchase this new software will come from Federal Stimulus money, not from our 10 Fund. The ongoing maintenance costs associated with this new program will come from money that is already budgeted for our current software programs.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Ms. Brey to approve the purchase of Skyward as our new Student Information System, utilizing Stimulus Money to cover the upfront costs. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval, Issuance of 2010-2011 Teacher Contracts: State Statute 118.22 requires the Board of Education to issue renewal contract by March 15 to professional staff.

Following discussion motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Ms. Scully to approve the issuance of the 2010-2011 teaching contracts as presented by Administration. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 6 — Consideration of Preliminary Lay Off Notices: Contract language requires that notice be given to any staff member whose position will be eliminated or when another position has been eliminated and a more senior member of the department will be exercising bumping rights. This action is in no way a reflection on the performance of any of these teachers. Should a vacancy be created in the same department/ pool, and if the district decides to fill that vacancy, these teachers would have recall rights.

The following teachers will be receiving a lay off notice for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Steve Bauer (change in contract, reducing extended contract days from 15 to 10)
- Nick Casey (change in contract, reducing extended contract days from 30 to 15)
- Todd Cherney (change in contract, reducing extended contract days from 50 to 35)
- Veronica Petty (change in contract, reducing extended contract days from 10 to 5)
- Andy Gorrill (returns from leave in 2010-11) has volunteered to be the 1st teacher laid off from the 1-8 pool
- Erica Gronley (layoff the entire 1.0 FTE position from the 1-8 pool)
- Andrea Kaiser (layoff the entire 0.7 FTE contract from the Art pool)
- Becky Riberich (layoff the entire 1.0 FTE position from the 1-8 pool)
- Eric Rosholt (partial layoff – reduce 1.0 FTE to 0.7 FTE from the Art pool)
- Allison Steinmetz (layoff the entire 1.0 FTE from the Kindergarten pool)
- Betty Weiss (layoff the entire 1.0 FTE position from the 1-8 pool - due to the end of WS Reading Project)
- Bryon Williams (partial layoff – reduce from 1.0 FTE to 0.5FTE from the Physical Education pool)

Five additional teachers in the 1-8 pool avoided layoff due to 4 retirements and 1 drawing the most “senior” position (Tonya Brandt, Tiffany Kraemer, Matt Peetz, Jenny Meacham and Kaycee Kline).

Motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the preliminary lay off notices as presented by Administration. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 7 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Mr. Hartje to adjourn the open session at 9:21 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 8 – Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Mr. Hartje to adjourn the executive session at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Gary Woolever, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder