

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

April 19, 2010

Central Office Building

7:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 — Call to Order: Mr. Balda, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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; Rob Taylor, High School Principal; 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; Randy Johnson, Buildings & Grounds Director; Juliet Pellicane, Student Council Representative; Jeff Seering, 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 — Presentation, RAHS Orchestra Trip: Les Sandberg, along with students Bonnie Johnson and Quincy Kissack, gave a brief presentation on the recent orchestra trip to Minnesota.

Agenda Item 6 — Public Comment: Ellen Brogren and Curt Larson addressed the Board regarding the failed referendum and options for the future.

Agenda Item 7 — Correspondence:

Miscellaneous:

- Thank you cards were received from the families of Norman Gesteland and Dylan Stolte.
- A letter was received from Sandy Vander Veldon of the WI State Reading Association (WRSRA), commending Linda Bruun for her contributions to the WRSRA convention held in February.
- Letters were received from Shaun Luther and David Doering regarding the referendum results.

Agenda Item 8 — Committee Reports:

- John Pearson, Finance chair reported a meeting on April 7. The committee discussed the referendum results and the impact that the defeat will have on the district in the years to come. The Baird Forecast model for the next 2 years was reviewed along with the list of cuts that are slated for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.
- Juliet Pellicane, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
 - RAHS celebrated Earth Day last Friday. Attendance was approximately 70%, which is lower than normal.
 - Prom was held last Saturday with Matt Lennon and Jade Clement reining as king and queen.
 - The Student Council State Conference was held yesterday and today in Green Bay.
 - Romeo and Juliet will be presented in the CAL Center this weekend.

Agenda Item 9 — Administrative Report(s):

- **Mr. Bindl**
 - Provided details on the Special Education reconfiguration and re-assignments for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - A recommendation for a new Speech & Language Pathologist for next year is included in the Consent Agenda. Approval of this new position will allow the district to honor the request of Keely Bauer and Gina Auel to do a job share next year.
 - We are in the process of finalizing a contract with Holtz Builders for the constructions of the new CDS classroom at Pineview Elementary. Some minor construction has already begun but the project will be in full swing at the end of the current school year with projections that it will be completed prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year.
 - The high school special education department will be piloting an on-line curriculum program next year called APEX. The primary use of this system will be for credit recovery and credit replacement for those with off-site placements.
 - This year's Special Education Job Olympics will be held at Sauk Prairie High School tomorrow. This is a competition for high school special education students, which will allow them to compete in activities directly related to the job skills they will need to be successful in the working world.

- **Ms. Bruun**

- Provided a five-year summary of the WKCE test results by building for grades three through eight and grade ten for reading and math.
- Provided information from MATC comparing current Reedsburg graduates attending MATC to the same data collected three years ago.
- To date 202 students have been referred to the SOAR summer program, which provides additional support in both reading and math. The program, sponsored by the Reedsburg Educational Foundation, will be expanded from reading one hour per day to reading and math for 90 minutes each per day, four days per week for a total of four weeks. Registrations are due by May 1.

Two other important changes this year include the addition of lunch at South School and breakfast at Westside (due to their free & reduced population) along with the inclusion of the “Healthy Kids” program operated by the Reedsburg Area Medical Center (RAMC). Our partnership with RAMC will allow students at South School to attend SOAR from 8:30 – 11:30, eat lunch from 11:30 – 12:30 and then attend the Healthy Kids program from 12:30 – 3:30. We are hoping that these changes will help boost attendance.

- **Mr. Ruddy**

- Provided the March/April food service report.
- Provided a summary of state-wide referenda results from the April 6 election. A total of thirty-six school districts presented forty-eight referendum questions totaling over \$260 million with 50% of those being approved.
- Reviewed the Board approved cut lists for both 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. These lists will be discussed again at the next Finance Committee meeting, currently scheduled for May 6.

- **Mr. Benson**

- Just a reminder that we need to form an Ad Hoc Committee to study the district’s health insurance issues/costs and I would encourage that the committee be organized soon.
- I plan to increase both the number of participants and the number of meetings for my Advisory Council. I am hopeful that we can find some new and creative ways to address future financial challenges.
- At a recent referendum information meeting a citizen stated that when Pineview Elementary (then the middle school) was constructed, it was built/designed so that a second story could be added in the future. We have checked with the original architects of the building and after a thorough review of the blueprints they have stated that the building was NOT structurally designed for a 2nd floor to be added. There are NO plans to add a 2nd story to Pineview Elementary.
- Recently held our first elementary math night at Pineview.
- Ironton-LaValle Elementary recently held a science fair.
- Rock Springs Elementary recently hosted a Family Unity Night.
- A sincere thank you to those that helped with and supported the referendum. While I can’t possibly thank everyone, there are several people I would like to publically thank – Gene Wuest; Rachel Burkel; Joe Hasler and the entire SOS Committee; School Board Members, Administrators and all staff members; local media sources and Pat Ruddy and Barb Sand.

Agenda Item 10 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Regular Board of Education meeting March 15, 2010
 - Special Board of Education meeting March 26, 2010
- Staff Considerations
 - Resignation(s)
 - Dave Miotke has submitted his resignation as CAL Center Technician, effective at the end of the current school year.
 - Job Share Request
 - Gina Auel and Keely Bauer have requested a job share for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - Contract (s)
 - Margaret Christensen has been offered a contract as a Speech and Language Pathologist, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. This position was created with the job share request submitted by Gina Auel and Keely Bauer.

- Approval, Expenditure of Mannigal Trust Fund Money
- Approval, Early Graduation Requests
- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 121369 through 121609 in the amount of \$2,631,292.22.

Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Ms. Scully to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Approval, Hartje Lumber Voucher #121423

Motion by Ms. Brey, second by Mr. Woolever to approve Hartje Lumber Voucher #121423 in the amount of \$93.82 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 (Mr. Hartje was not present for the vote).

c. Treasurer's Report

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

d. Acceptance, Flag Pole Donation

The high school is the recipient of a beautiful 30' bronze flagpole, donated by Reedsburg's 3 local military groups (VFW, American Legion and Marine Corp League). This flagpole is fully automatic, includes a light for night illumination and will be installed at the South entrance of the high school.

Following discussion motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Ms. Scully to accept the flag pole donation from the local service organizations as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

e. Acceptance, Reedsburg Youth Football Scoreboard

Rich Hahn and Jim Heuer, representing Reedsburg Youth Football (RYF), requested permission to install a new electronic scoreboard at Webb Field this summer. The cost of the board, including installation, would be approximately \$12,000, which would be paid for by RYF. There is no cost to the district for this new board. The quote of \$12,000 includes the recycling of the old scoreboard, unless the district has a need for it elsewhere. The new board is a wireless L.E.D. board that will operate more efficiently than the current one. It is also dual purpose (football & baseball).

Following discussion, motion by Ms. Brey, second by Mr. Hartje to accept the scoreboard donation for Webb Field from Reedsburg Youth Football as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

f. Approval, 21st Century Community Center Learning Grant Renewal

Mr. Bierman, Westside Elementary School Principal, is in the process of writing a renewal application for the 21st Century Community Center Learning Grant and the renewal application requires Board approval. The district was the recipient of \$60,000 this year for this program and we are applying for \$100,000 next year. This after school program serves 96 students and has numerous community partners. It is a wonderful after school program and we are hopeful to be able to continue it next year.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the renewal application for the 21st Century Community Center Learning Grant. Motion carried 7-0.

g. Approval, 2010-2011 Calendar Revisions

This agenda item was tabled until our next meeting.

h. Approval, Student Insurance

The district currently purchases supplemental accident insurance from First Agency, Inc. (80/20 plan) for both athletes and the total K-12 population. With this plan First Agency will pay 80% of the eligible medical and/or dental charges and the family would be responsible for the remaining 20% of the charges. The supplemental student accident policy covers participation in athletics, extra-curricular activities, field trips, playgrounds and any school sponsored and supervised activities.

The cost to purchase 80/20 student/athletic supplemental accident insurance through First Agency is \$36, 975 (same rate as last year).

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to approve the purchase of an 80/20 supplemental student accident insurance plan through First Agency for the 2010-2011 school year, at a cost of \$36,975. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 11 — Discussion Items:

a. RAHS Earth Day Report

The high school celebrated Earth Day last Friday with a number of projects completed throughout the district.

b. Selection of Graduation Speaker & Diploma Presentors

Speaker: Jim Wieczorek

Diploma Presentors: LuAnn Brey & Mike Hartje

c. Referendum Reaction

There was obvious distress regarding the results of the recent referendum defeat. Several different ideas were discussed, with no action taken on any ideas presented.

Agenda Item 12 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the open session at 9:04 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 10:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 14 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Ms. Brey, second by Ms. Scully to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Gary Woolever, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder