

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

July 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 7:31 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, John Pearson, Gary Woolever, LuAnn Brey, Mike Hartje, and Jim Wieczorek. Absent: Heather Scully. 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; Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal; Tammy Hayes, Elementary Principal; 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, CAL Center Annual Report: Bill Klang presented the 2009-2010 CAL Center Annual Report.

Agenda Item 6 — Public Comment: None

Agenda Item 7 — Correspondence:

Miscellaneous:

- A thank you card was received from the family of Robert Yanke.
- A letter was received from the Sauk County Rotary Club thanking the district for their involvement in the Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast on June 6.
- RAHS was recently awarded \$1,000 from The Pepsi Refresh Nationwide Project, which rewards school districts and communities for projects involving character and community service. This money will be used for our 2011 Earth Day activities.

Agenda Item 8 — Committee Reports:

- LuAnn Brey, Curriculum Committee Member reported a meeting on July 8. The committee reviewed options for the 5th grade Orchestra Program, reviewed and discussed courses at the high school with low enrollment, reviewed School-Wide Title I Plans, the August in-service schedule, data retreat results, our Gifted and Talented Plan of Service, and the Bilingual-Bicultural Program Plan. Discussion continued regarding the implementation of a 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program. The committee also received a brief presentation on the EDUSS/APEX Programs.

Agenda Item 9 — Administrative Report(s):

- **Mr. Yager**
 - Provided an update on the tennis court project. The City is hoping to begin construction yet this summer but the USTA Grant has not yet been approved, which is causing a delay.
 - Provided an update on the RAHS Code of Conduct. Our legal council reviewed the language dealing with enforcement and minor changes were made based on their recommendations. Our legal council will review the entire Code of Conduct during the 2010-2011 school year.
- **Mr. Bindl**
 - Gave an update on the CDS Classroom Remodeling project at Pineview Elementary.
 - Provided information on the Early Childhood/Head Start Extended Contract for 2010-2011.
- **Ms. Bruun**
 - Summarized the results of the home school survey that was recently sent out (only 3 surveys were returned out of a total of 45).
 - Provided an update on Curriculum4Schools.
- **Mr. Ruddy**
 - Provided the June/July Food Service Report.
 - Thanked the bus drivers and other employees that assisted in the search for Joey Anderson.
 - Provided updates to the Preliminary 2010-2011 Budget.

• **Mr. Benson**

- The Kilbourne City Hawks, a semi-pro football team, played at Webb Field on July 17 and they will be back in town to play again on August 14.
- A reminder that we will be holding District-Wide Registration on Thursday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 10 for all families in the district.
- 44 days until students return.
- The assignment of elementary students is an ongoing process. Unfortunately this process became much more complicated with the recent changes to the SAGE Law; however, we are continuing to work hard on those assignments.
- We continue to have discussion regarding the future configuration of our elementary schools. A change could come as soon as September 2011.
- We are considering ordering Title Insurance for our three (3) outlying schools to be sure that we have a clear idea about those pieces of property in the event our future includes the selling of any of those properties.
- Under the Consent Agenda the Board will formally approve the recall of Becky Riberich (due to the resignation of Sally Thompson), which will cause the following changes based on certification issues: Becky will be assigned an elementary position and Jodi Beyer will be placed in the READ 180 Program at Webb Middle School.

Agenda Item 10 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
Regular Board of Education meeting June 21, 2010
- Staff Considerations
 - Contract (s)
This is the official recall of Becky Riberich from layoff.
- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 122081 through 122262 in the amount of \$3,678,859.66.

Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Ms. Brey to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Ms. Brey, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

c. Consideration, Annual Meeting Agenda – Selling of School Property

Administration is asking the Board to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda, which currently includes the sale of school property. The School Board does not have the authority to sell district property, it must be approved by the Electorate at a special meeting.

Mr. Hartje clarified that just because this item is placed on the agenda does not mean we have to sell the property – it just gives the district the authority to pursue the sale of school property.

Following discussion motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Woolever to adopt the Annual Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

d. Consideration, 5th Grade Strings Proposal

The Curriculum Committee discussed this issue in detail at their recent meeting and they are recommending the continuation of the 5th grade strings program at all 5 of our elementary buildings for the 2010-2011 school year. The elimination of the 5th grade strings proposal was included in the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Sandberg has reworked his schedule and is able to include teaching 5th grade strings at Westside and South (his schedule already includes Iron-ton-LaValle, Webb and RAHS), Mrs. Klang would continue at Pineview and there is no 5th grade at Loganville. We are still able to realize the savings originally identified so the continuation of this program will not cost the district any additional dollars.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to approve the continuation of the 5th grade strings program for the 2010-2011 school year at no additional cost to the district. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 11 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the open session at 8:31 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 6-0.

Agenda Item 12 — Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Mr. Pearson to adjourn the executive session at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 13 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Ms. Brey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Gary Woolever, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder