

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

September 20, 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 (arrived at 8:12 p.m.); Casey Campbell, Middle School Principal; Clint Beyer, Middle School Associate Principal; Paul Bierman, Elementary Principal (arrived at 8:00 p.m.); Tammy Hayes, Elementary 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 — Presentation, WPPI Energy Consumption: Jim Schieble, WPPI Energy Representative, presented information on the district's energy consumption for the past year and he also provided historical data from 2005-2006 through 2009-2010. Our usage (and ultimately our costs) is definitely trending downward.

Agenda Item 6 — Public Comment: None

Agenda Item 7 — Correspondence:

Upcoming conferences/conventions include:

- WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar – Friday, October 22 – Madison
- WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference – Saturday, November 13 – Wisconsin Dells

Agenda Item 8 — Committee Reports:

- John Pearson, Finance chair reported a meeting on September 2. The committee reviewed the 2009-2010 audit results, discussed the Federal Education Jobs Fund Money, reviewed the 2010-2011 budget and discussed future forecasts using the Baird Forecasting Model.
- Gary Woolever, Buildings & Grounds chair reported a meeting on September 16. The committee reviewed the current list of 327 projects and heard an update on the Pineview Renovation Project (which was completed on schedule). The committee discussed needed repairs for the Pineview & South Roofs and the Pineview Track. Discussions continued regarding the district mowing contract and the potential relocation of playground equipment.
- Sam Schmitt, RAHS student council representative, reported on the following:
 - The school year is off to a great start.
 - This is homecoming week at the high school with various events scheduled through Saturday.

Agenda Item 9 — Administrative Report(s):

- **Mr. Bindl**
 - Non-violent crisis intervention training was again offered this summer with approximately 40 staff members attending.
 - We have posted a part-time health aide position at Westside Elementary School. This position will be for 5 hours per day.
 - The Pineview CDS Renovation Project was completed on Friday, August 27. A special thanks to Kit Weix and several special education aides that put in extra time preparing the classroom for the first day of school.
- **Ms. Bruun**
 - Provided a detailed summary of the evaluations from the August Teacher Inservice.
 - Provided a copy of the bilingual-bicultural program schedule for 2010-2011. This program will begin full time on September 20.
 - Provided a summary of the 2010-2011 district assessment program, which will include both MAP and WKCE testing.

- **Mr. Ruddy**
 - October 11-15 is National School Lunch Week.
 - Our audit results for 2009-2010 are complete and we ended the year with a \$933,143 surplus. This raised our Fund Balance to \$3,397,752.
- **Mr. Benson**
 - The Administrative Team continues to discuss the possible implementation of a 4K Program.
 - An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to study the retirement portion of the REA contract. Board representatives on this committee are Steve Balda and LuAnn Brey.
 - Administration will present a 2011-2012 school calendar to the Board in October.
 - WEA Trust, in conjunction with DPI, continues to sponsor the Movin' and Munchin' Schools program to promote wellness in our schools. I am pleased to announce that the following schools each received a check for \$250 for their participation last year: LaValle, Loganville, Rock Springs and Westside. Congratulations to all.

Agenda Item 10 — Action Items:

a. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Regular Board of Education meeting August 16, 2010
 - Annual meeting August 16, 2010
- Staff Considerations
 - Resignation(s)
 - Eric Rosholt, Elementary Art Teacher, has submitted his resignation effective immediately. He has accepted a position in a neighboring district.

I recommend accepting the resignation of Eric Rosholt.

- Contract (s)
 - This is the official recall of Andrea Kaiser from layoff. She has been issued a 70% contract for art and she will be located at South Elementary School. This recall is due to the resignation of Eric Rosholt.

I recommend approval of the contract offered to Andrea Kaiser.

- Approval, Board Policies 342-2, 345-11, 345-14, 345-5, 412, 412 Rule, 412 Exhibit, 751, 751-1, 751-1 Rule, 760, 760 Rule, 761, 761 Rule
- Presentation of Vouchers
 - 10 Fund vouchers 122424 through 122610 in the amount of \$852,027.24.

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

b. Treasurer's Report

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

c. Approval, RAHS National FFA Convention Trip

FFA members Joette Horkan and Kristin Acker were present to ask the Board for permission to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 19 – 23. Board Policy required Board approval for all out-of-state trips.

A total of 42 students and 7 advisors from Reedsburg, River Valley, Dodgeville, Cuba City and Benton will be participating (12 students and 2 advisors from Reedsburg). Costs will be approximately \$300/student, which will be shared between the students and FFA funds. Transportation will be provided by Abel Trek Tours and hotel accommodations will be in Merrillville, IN on October 19 and Plainfield, IN the remaining nights.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Hartje to approve the FFA trip to Indianapolis, Indiana October 19-23 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

d. Approval, RAHS Spanish Club Trip

RAHS Spanish teachers Sarah Breckley and Michelle Siedschlag were present to ask the Board for permission to take a group of students and chaperones to the Pilsen neighborhood in Chicago, IL on Thursday, October 28 (there is no school that day). Board Policy requires Board approval for all out-of-state trips.

Students will be charged a minimal fee (approximately \$20) and the balance will be paid for with Spanish Club funds. Transportation will be provided by Abel Trek Tours with an approximate departure time of 7:00 a.m. and return time of 9:00 p.m.

Following discussion, motion by Ms. Brey, second by Ms. Scully to approve the Spanish Club Trip to Chicago, IL on October 28 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

e. Approval, RAHS Physics Trip

Larry Judge, RAHS Physics Teacher was present to ask the Board for permission to take a group of 53 students and 3 chaperones to the Fermi Lab in Batavia, IL and the Shed Aquarium in Chicago, IL on Monday, November 15. Board Policy requires Board approval for all out-of-state trips.

Students will be charged \$30, which will cover the costs of the bus and lunch. Transportation will be provided by Abel Trek Tours with an approximate departure time of 7:00 a.m. and return time of 9:00 p.m.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Woolever to approve the RAHS Physics trip to IL on November 15 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 11 — Discussion Items:

a. Federal Jobs Fund

Mr. Benson provided information on the funds that the School District of Reedsburg is expected to receive through the Education Jobs Fund (Ed Jobs) program. This new Federal program is expected to provide \$10 billion to States to save or create education jobs.

Districts may start expending the dollars as of August 10, 2010, and all funds must be spent no later than September 30, 2012. Our district's share of these funds is approximately \$632,000. The following areas have been identified as our greatest priorities:

- Continue to monitor class size in SAGE classrooms;
- Continue to monitor class size in grades 4, 5 & 6;
- Continue to monitor class size in all areas throughout the district;
- Focus use of these funds on the 2011-2012 school year (utilize funds for starting new program(s) such as 4K, reduce impact of budget cuts; and/or delay proposed layoff of staff.

Agenda Item 12 — Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Pearson to adjourn the open session at 8:30 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. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Hartje to adjourn the executive session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 14 — 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 9:10 p.m.