

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 14, 2013 – 6 p.m. – Board of Education Room

(Not official until Board approved.)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Debbie Ince-Peterson; roll call was taken, members present: Debbie Ince-Peterson, Pat Kastens, Dave Moore, Joe Tilton, Sheryl Holmgren, and Jim Beistle. Absent: Kelly Bakke. Others present: Brandon Robinson.

A unanimous Beistle/Moore motion approved the agenda as written.

A unanimous Beistle/Holmgren motion suspended regular session to convene closed session, WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(g); all members present as listed above and voting in favor of convening closed session.

A unanimous Moore/Beistle motion adjourned closed session to attend ADP graduation and then reconvene regular session; all members present as listed above and voting in favor of reconvening regular session. Others present: Brandon Robinson, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Zack Fugate, Jason Cress, Scott Bever, Michaela Taylor, Vern Lowe Jr., Brittany Bublitz, Shannon Grindell, Mary Stirrat, Cara Holicky, Tristin Ellsworth, Lucy Locke, Lexi Anderson, Madison Coen, Paige Hovey, Briana Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Janine Fahrendorff, Nona Ellsworth, Amber Ellsworth, Shelby Krueger-Murphy, Nicole Hoverman, Ryhley Mattison, Hailey DeLeon, Madison DeLeon, Patti Oglesby, Michael McCann, Jeanne Alling, Sam Rivers, Karen Washington, Kate Lechnir, and Deb Paulsen.

During closed session the Board took action on non-renewals for financial reasons.

Madison Coen, Lexi Anderson, and Nicole Hoverman each addressed the Board to give testimony for their support of their teacher, Hailey DeLeon, and the Family and Consumer Education program.

Reorganization: Election of officers: A unanimous Tilton/Moore motion moved to keep all officers assigned as they are currently. The officers remain: President, Debbie Ince-Peterson; Vice President, Jim Beistle; Treasurer, Dave Moore; and Clerk, Kelly Bakke. Committee Appointments: A unanimous Moore/Holmgren motion moved to approve the Board Committee appointments and Standing Committee appointments as presented. Committee appointments are: Negotiations-Certified Staff, Debbie Ince-Peterson, Joe Tilton, and Jim Beistle; Budget and Finance, Debbie Ince-Peterson, Dave Moore, and Kelly Bakke; Long Range Planning and Building, Jim Beistle, Kelly Bakke, and Joe Tilton; Audit, Joe Tilton, Jim Beistle, and Dave Moore; Policy and Programming, Pat Kastens, Dave Moore, and Sheryl Holmgren; Curriculum, Debbie Ince-Peterson and Dave Moore; Technology, Jim Beistle; PSDC, Sheryl Holmgren; Community Ed, Pat Kastens; Title 1, Sheryl Holmgren; Vocational Ed, Jim Beistle; TIF, Pat Kastens; WASB Delegate, Jim Beistle and Alternate-Debbie Ince-Peterson; Legislative Reps, Debbie Ince-Peterson and Dave Moore; and Calendar Committee Reps, Kelly Bakke and Joe Tilton. A unanimous Beistle/Tilton motion appointed Dave Moore to the CESA Board of Control. A unanimous Holmgren/Moore motion appointed Deb Paulsen as recording secretary.

Information:

Dave Moore reported that CESA 11 is preparing to host a professional development conference entitled "Facilitating the Future" in June, as well as STAR academy later this summer. Headstart will be losing 14 students due to the sequester. Staff members are still on furlough due to budget constraints. CESA is considering a health insurance purchasing cooperative. The Joint PAC meeting will be at CESA 11 on July 18th for all area school districts to attend.

Standing Committee Reports: *Technology* met May 9, with the main focus on the switchover of internet services that will take place July 1 from Wiscnet to Lakeland Communications. *Curriculum* met Apr. 25. Many items were discussed, including in-service planning for Common Core; 5th and 6th grade Smarter Balanced Pilot testing; spring MAP testing; the anticipation of legislation that will increase assessments in grades 4K-2nd grade; and the need for keyboarding instruction beginning in grade 3 as a result of Common Core/Smart Balanced Assessment. *PSDC* met May 2 and made plans for the May 24 early release inservice, which will focus on transitions. PSDC will be having their annual meeting during the afternoon of May 20. *Community Education* met May 7. The committee discussed the volunteer banquet, the graduation party, and baccalaureate. The participation by middle school students in the program offered at the local libraries on the last early release day was lower than expected. They will target students in grades 1-5 for the next early release, as an alternative to swimming. *Title 1* will hold its Annual Review in the library on May 22 at 2:00.

Scott Bever, student representative to the Board this month, joined the meeting with Mr. Cress and was introduced.

Mr. Robinson presented the District Administrator's Report. He highlighted information about the Summer Food Service Program, which offers free meals to all children 18 and younger in our community throughout various days during the summer. Mr. Robinson also discussed the progression of maintenance projects; the increased participation rate anticipated for summer school, due in part to a new format; increased participation by district staff in the Educator Effectiveness Pilot; and the 2013-2014 calendar, which was created to be more family-friendly, offering more breaks to allow family vacations without missing days of instruction. The complete District Administrator's Report can be read online at www.unity.k12.wi.us.

Consent Agenda:

A unanimous Beistle/Moore motion approved the minutes of Apr. 9, 2013.

Voucher Approval and Financial Reports. A unanimous Moore/Holmgren motion approved the vouchers as listed. A unanimous Beistle/Moore motion accepted the activity accounts as presented. The financial report presented by Brandon Robinson showed a beginning balance of \$4,883,122.83, total cash receipts of \$243,679.64, total disbursements of \$1,082,678.28, for an ending balance of \$4,044,124.19. The accounts balances chart was reviewed. A unanimous Tilton/Kastens motion accepted the financial report as presented.

A unanimous Beistle/Tilton motion accepted the hiring of Matt LoRusso, 2nd Shift Custodian/Bus Driver; James Talmadge, Bus Driver; Jerry Wood, Bus Driver; Greg Letch, Bus Driver; Jason Bosak, High School Assistant Football Coach; Stefany Getty, Head Tennis Coach; Louis Colletti, High School C-Squad Volleyball Coach; Jeff Traynor, High School Assistant Football Coach; Brian Collins, Middle School Football Coach; Brittany Thomfhrda, Middle School Assistant Softball Coach; and Brady Turner, Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach.

No action was taken at this time to hire a High School Guidance Counselor.

A unanimous Moore/Holmgren motion accepted the resignation of Tanna Worrell, Community Education Secretary, with much appreciation for her 20 years of service to the District.

Action Agenda:

A unanimous Beistle/Moore motion approved the 2013-2014 Bus Driver Contracts.

A unanimous Tilton/Kastens motion approved the High School WIAA 2013-2014 Membership for \$925.

A unanimous Holmgren/Kastens motion approved the 2013-2014 NSL/Breakfast Contract.

A unanimous Moore/Tilton motion approved the Tribal College-Bound Program.

A unanimous Beistle/Moore motion adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Paulsen, Recording Secretary

Kelly Bakke, Clerk