



Minutes - June 20, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Rashkin called the hybrid meeting of the Education & Veterans Committee to order on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:04 P.M., in Conference Room N1, Rock County Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Rashkin, Peer, Sutterlin and Clasen.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Crary.

Staff Members Present: Paul Crawford, Veteran Service Officer; and Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director.

Others Present: Dr. Willie Garrison II, Beloit Schools Superintendent.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Clasen. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes:

May 2, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the minutes of May 2, 2023 as presented, second by Supervisor Clasen. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments:

April Payments: The committee accepted the report.

May Payments: The committee accepted the report.

Review and Approval of Resolutions: None.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion Regarding School Superintendents Updates: Dr. Garrison introduced himself. He

shared they are currently working on reconfiguration and recruiting. Some challenges they face on a daily basis are mental health, childcare concerns and homelessness. He said the Cunningham and McNeel buildings will be repurposed. BLA will be moved into the Cunningham building. They are in the middle of a facilities study to determine the best use for the buildings. The committee thanked Dr. Garrison for his time.

Veterans Service Office Updates: Mr. Sutherland said they are currently working on the build out for the new space. He reached out to Venture Architects and their design proposal came in at \$75,000 with a three-month construction timeline. He has also reached out to Angus Young for a proposal and is waiting to hear back. He may also get a third quote from the building owner's architect. This will be an added cost for the project. Mr. Sutherland will have to determine where the funds will come from. There is a possibility it could be built into the lease. It will not qualify for ARPA funds. Mr. Sutherland did provide the Eclipse Center with a 180-day notice to vacate. The lease for the new space should be ready within the next sixty days. The lease will come before this committee and then to the General Services committee.

Mr. Crawford said he is moving forward with his marketing initiatives. They have purchased shirts with their new logo for office staff. They have purchased promotional items for their tent at the Rock County 4H fair. He has a meeting with Madison Media Partners tomorrow to create a media campaign. They attended the National Conference in Madison a couple of weeks ago. They continue to see an increase in claims.

Committee Requests: None.

Next meeting date and time: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Clasen moved to adjournment at 5:40 P.M., second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracey VanZandt
Secretary

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