

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
October 22, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 12:04 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Meredith Sauer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Lisa Johnston and Mr. Dave Longmeyer. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members were logged into BoardBook.

A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (7-0), to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams reported on the October 21, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Ms. Williams shared discussion of the proposed new K-5 Elementary Math Curriculum adoption. The cost of adoption is approximately \$215,000 and is budgeted within the Student Learning Office. This will be brought forward to the full Board for approval. Ms. Williams also shared an update for K-12 Math, provided by Jason Bull and a video update from the Franklin and Jefferson Elementary School's math coaches. The video updates provided information describing work they have been engaged in with teachers this school year. Staff travel was also discussed. Travel for two staff members to attend the CPM National Teacher Conference in San Francisco, February 22-23, 2020 with an approximate cost of \$1,120. Other travel discussion included staff and student travel for 4 baseball coaches and 15 varsity baseball students to attend the Jackie Robinson Baseball Training Academy in Vero Beach, FL over Spring Break (March 21-20, 2020). The cost is \$27,000 and will be covered through fundraising and if necessary, dividing any remaining cost among the players' families. Both travels will be brought forward to the full Board under new business for approval. On motion by Dave Nickels, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the minutes from the 10-21-19 Curriculum Committee were approved as presented.

Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Dave Nickels provided a report of the October 22, 2019 meeting. The main focus of this meeting was to discuss the adjustments to the 2019-2020 Budget. The proposed 2019-2020 Budget and setting the Tax Levy will be brought forward to the full Board for approval under unfinished business.

Superintendent Holzman presented the Personnel Report in the absence of Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts. The Personnel Report consisted of two (2) support staff and extra-curricular stipends. On motion from Richard Nitsch seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report (7-0) as presented.

The 2019 Summer School Report was presented by Director Jason Bull. The Summer School presentation began with the District’s mission, vision and the focus of creating more opportunities for students for the 2019 Summer School session. Mr. Bull acknowledged the involvement of numerous staff that aided in the change of the summer school model and made it successful. This new Summer School model involved Athletics, Enrichment and Academy. This model offered more opportunities for students to take advantage of the programs available, with a total of 3,678 opportunities being utilized by 1,964 students. Feedback surveys were given to families and staff at the close of each summer school session with positive overall results. Bussing was also available for students, with pickup at all of the elementary schools, the YMCA, Lakeshore Childcare and the Townhouses during summer school sessions. Mr. Bull also shared the goal is to have the 2020 Summer School Schedule finalized by Thanksgiving to allow families ample time to plan for Summer School next year. Superintendent Holzman also thanked the leadership team and staff for their dedication and hard work to make this past year’s Summer School sessions a success.

Superintendent Holzman provided a District Activity update where he again thanked the Board of Education members for their time and dedication to the district. Mr. Holzman also shared great things continue to be happening in the district. Last week, the 20 Neo-Futurist Plays took place in the LHS Auditorium, an Orchestra concert was held last night and the Jazz Band concert is tonight at 7 p.m. Girls’ Varsity Volleyball will participate in regional action this weekend, Saturday are Sectionals for Cross Country and Ships Football is headed for Round 1 of the WIAA Division 1 playoffs. As a district, we will continue look at opportunities to engage our kids at all of our schools. Superintendent Holzman also mentioned parent/teacher conferences are underway at the middle schools and the end of the first quarter is quickly approaching, November 1st.

After some discussion and review of adjustments to the budget Board member Dave Nickels made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget total expenses of \$80,125,780 seconded by Richard Nitsch and unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7-0). Board President Dave Longmeyer also noted the District’s continued increase in private school voucher aid, from \$82,000 in 2016 to \$1.5 million this year. Board member Elizabeth Williams made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 tax levy of \$20,144,269.99 for a tax levy rate of \$7.817 per \$1,000, Dave Nickels seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried (7-0) by roll call vote. Apportionment of the total tax levy is as follows:

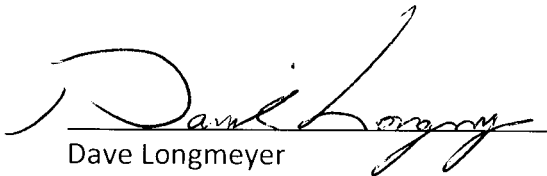
City of Manitowoc	\$15,431,548.57
Town of Centerville	262,862.37
Town of Kossuth	617,060.86
Town of Manitowoc	775,845.53
Town of Manitowoc Rapids	1,313,158.17
Town of Newton	1,445,160.24
Town of Two Rivers	172,853.48
City of Two Rivers	125,779.77

Board President Dave Longmeyer addressed the upcoming Wisconsin State Education Convention, January 22-24, 2020. Any board member interested in attending should contact the Board Secretary before the next Board meeting in order to get complete registrations and lodging.

On a motion from the 10-21-19 Curriculum Committee, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the Elementary Math (K-5) Resource Adoption. Also brought forward from the 10-21-19 Curriculum Committee Meeting, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to approve Staff travel requests; CPM Conference in San Francisco, CA, February 22-23, 2020 and the LHS Baseball 2020 Spring Trip to the Jackie Robinson Baseball Academy Training Facility, FL, March 21-29, 2020.

On a motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary



Dave Longmeyer
Board President