

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
October 24, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 12:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Linda Gratz, Ms. Elizabeth Williams and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Ms. Karen Rohrer arrived at 12:02 p.m.

Members Absent: Mr. Dave Longmeyer

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

A motion was made by Liz Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017, Regular Meeting, the September 26, 2017, Special Meeting and the October 10, 2017, Regular Meeting.

Committee member Liz Williams reported on the October 17, 2017, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. Ms. Williams summarized the two projects that took place at Wilson Jr. High, which included the replacement of multiple roof sections and the replacement of lockers in the 1936 original section of the building. Dave Nickels questioned if there has been any further discussion regarding the Rubick Field project. Superintendent Holzman stated that there is ongoing discussion and we should have more information at the November Board meeting.

Chairperson Liz Williams reported on the September 27, 2017, the Learning Walk that took place at Stangel Elementary School. Liz expressed how valuable these walks are and the importance of continuing this practice. Also discussed was Staff Travel which included representation to the Beyond School Hours National Education Conference, Chairperson Williams also spoke about the October 23, 2017, Curriculum Committee meeting which covered the Social Studies Textbook Adoption for AP US Government and Politics. Also discussed at this meeting was Staff Travel which consisted of German Live Travel, June 12-28, 2018. This will allow MPSD Students to travel to Seligenstadt, Germany where they will stay with host families while there. Travel for Kelly Vorrone and Jody Hensler to attend the Beetles Leadership Institute in December 2017, which is funded by a grant. Additional travel discussion at this meeting included IB Travel for one (1) staff member to attend IB Training in St. Petersburg, FL and for one (1) staff member to attend the National Strings Conference in March of 2018. Closing out the Curriculum Committee meeting discussion was Course Proposals for a Construction Trades and an AP Environmental Science course to be added to the 2018-19 course description guide. A future Learning walk is being scheduled for December 2017.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Liz Williams, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approved Voucher #814 totaling \$3,870,057.70, Voucher #817 totaling \$3,530,231.44.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of three (3) resignations, one (1) professional appointment, five (5) support appointments, four (4) level movements, and extra-curricular stipends. On a motion by Liz Williams, seconded by Linda Gratz, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

The 2017 Summer School Report was presented by Jason Bull with Madison Principal Matt Malcore also in attendance. Approximately 2,405 students participated in this year's program. The Summer School presentation started with the district Mission and Vision of the program. The variety of summer school opportunities in our district is a huge benefit for our students to practice necessary skills while learning new things. Feedback from our professionals, students and parents was very positive.

McKinley Academy Contract questions were accepted by Board Members. These questions will be addressed at the November 21st Board meeting. Board President Keith Shaw reiterated the importance of getting any questions into Mr. Holzman so Principal Luke Valitchka can address these at the November Regular Board Meeting.

Superintendent Mark Holzman addressed that annually the Board needs to designate a person for the Equity/Title IX Coordinator position. It was recommended that Pam Lensmire fill this role. On a motion by Liz Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0), Pam Lensmire was designated as the Equity/Title IX Coordinator.

MPSD Superintendent Holzman gave an update on District Activities which included Friday, October 27, 2017 a no student day and fall in-service professional development day with staff. Parent/Teacher conferences have taken place at Lincoln and both Washington and Wilson Jr. High Schools. Mr. Holzman also mentioned the conclusion to the fall sports season has and the district's gyms are getting ready for the upcoming winter sport programs. The holiday concert schedule will be published by the end of November.

The topic of Grade Alignment was addressed by Superintendent Holzman. Superintendent Holzman explained how he has been touring and meeting with all buildings discussing grade alignment and enrollment trends. He also mentioned that he has been regularly meeting with directors and discussing options for realignment in our schools. The group has narrowed the list of options, discussing the how, what and why and will work together with building representatives to continue discussion. The goal is for the committee to make a recommendation to the board by April 2018. Superintendent Holzman explained he has also had opportunities to talk with other districts that have gone through the same or similar situation and has shared that feedback with the directors.

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler described adjustments made to the 2017-2018 budget since the Budget Hearing that was held on October 10, 2017. Mr. Mischler noted MPSD will receive equalization aid of \$31,406,148, an increase of 2.55% over last year. The computer aid is \$99,064. Also noted was the \$320,033 increase in private school voucher payments from last year. The District will need to adjust the property tax revenue downward to account for the increase in state equalization aid. The District's final revenue limit calculates to a decrease in the tax levy. The total property tax levy is \$18,593,306 which is a decrease \$0.34 per \$1,000 over last year to \$8.04 per \$1,000 this year or -4.04%.

Dave Nickels made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget totaling expenses of \$74,976,098 and a tax levy of \$18,593,306. Karen Rohrer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved (6-0) by roll call vote. Apportionment of the total tax levy is as follows:

City of Manitowoc	\$14,112,967.00
City of Two Rivers	134,583.00
Town of Centerville	247,726.00
Town of Kossuth	570,743.00
Town of Manitowoc	708,821.00
Town of Manitowoc Rapids	1,220,373.00
Town of Newton	1,436,715.00
Town of Two Rivers	161,378.00

On a motion from the 9-27-17 Curriculum Committee, the Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the Beyond School Hours National Education Conference in Orlando, FL, February 2018. On a motion brought from the 10-23-17 Curriculum Committee, the Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve Staff Travel for Beetles Leadership Institute in San Francisco, December 2017, IB Travel to St. Petersburg, FL, November-December 2017, Music Travel for the National Strings Conference, Atlanta, GA in March 2018 and German Live Travel to Seligenstadt, Germany in June 2018.

On a motion brought from the 10-23-17 Curriculum Committee, the Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve course proposals for Construction Trade and AP Environmental Science.

Superintendent Mark Holzman addressed the upcoming WASDA State Conference. Any board member interested in attending should contact the Board Secretary before the next Board meeting in order to get registrations completed.

On a motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary

Keith Shaw
Board President