

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
October 27, 2020

A virtual special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Nickels at 12:01 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Lisa Johnston, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Meredith Sauer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun. Board Member Catherine Shallue was absent.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members logged into BoardBook and verification of virtual connection to the meeting was confirmed.

A motion was made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 Public Hearing and the October 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Curriculum Committee Chairperson Meredith Sauer reported on the October 15, 2020 meeting. Ms. Sauer shared how the Student Learning Office has connected with Derute Consultants to help train this team and support the efforts of racial equity in our district. The district has engaged in a 3-year partnership with Derute and will continue to work with our leadership team on professional development days and throughout the year. The overall goal is to build the capacity of all staff to affect racial equity in a positive manner. The next topic of discussion was a K-12 Math update. MPSD Math Specialist Lori Williams shared how we are using the current curriculum and how we are adapting it to teach math in the virtual model for all learning levels. K-5 teachers are using Bridges and Number Corner, a skill building program. These programs also includes games and additional practices students can do at home. Middle School teachers are implementing College Preparatory Math with virtual resources available to teachers to support distance learning. High School teachers are also implementing College Preparatory Math; Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2, IB and AP math are also offered to students. A motion was made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously approved (6-0), to accept the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Richard Nitsch provided a summary of the October 26, 2020 meeting. Director Alfred presented the 2020-2021 MPSD Budget Adjustments based on the DPI Instructional Revenue Limits and Equalization Aid that was released on October 15, 2020. MPSD will receive equalization aid of \$35,131,765, an increase of 2.9% increase over last year. Mr. Alfred also shared the private school voucher aid increased approximately 28% from last year. The overall updated figures anticipates the District to have a decrease in the General Fund Balance of \$1.5 million compared to the initial \$2.159 million that was listed in the 2020-2021 proposed budget. Motion was made by Kathy Willis, seconded by Lisa Johnston and unanimously approved (6-0) to accept the minutes from the October 26, 2020 Finance and Budget Committee Meeting.

Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of one (1) resignation, one (1) level movement and six (6) co-curricular title stipends. On motion by Meredith Sauer, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Director Greenwood-Aerts also presented an Addendum to the Personnel Report noting the resignation of Director of Business Services, Shawn Alfred. A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Richard Nitsch and unanimously carried (6-0) accepting the Addendum to the Personnel Report as presented.

Principal and Summer School Coordinator Stacie Opahle shared a Summer School 2020 presentation that included an overview of what summer school looked like during a pandemic and in a virtual model. Ms. Opahle reported the High School session focused on students to finish any incompletes or take any additional credits. Over 40 teachers worked with students virtually to help them complete work in the three sessions from June 15th through August 14th. The Elementary and Middle School options offered online enrichment courses July 27th through August 14th. 40 elementary and middle school teachers designed and taught 45 unique courses for students. 255 students participated in 788 different opportunities. The program received a lot of feedback from students, families and staff that appreciated the flexibility the online courses offered and the ability to do this as a family. Ms. Opahle stated this will allow us to offer opportunities for multiple models of summer school in the future.

Superintendent Holzman shared we are starting week three of full virtual learning and have no students attending in our buildings. We continue have conversations with our county health professionals and monitor where the community stands from a health perspective. We know we continue to trend in the wrong direction with an increase in positive cases. The District continues to provide free lunches for students the ages of 18 and under. We see an increase in the number of students who are participating in the free lunch pick up. Our staff is also noticing there are other student needs that in the past we were able to provide when students were in building with face-to-face learning. We are working on how we can meet some of those student needs and supports as well. Mr. Holzman also share that we are having discussions of co-curricular activities for winter. When more information is available it will be shared with the Board. Mr. Holzman said we continue to see a lot of great work going on in the district with our teachers and support staff keeping student engaged and learning. We know this is not the best model, but we are doing a great job and continue to make adjustments as we go forward. November 3, 2020 is Election Day and the District Office is a polling location for the City of Manitowoc's District 5 voters. The District Office will be closed on this day and staff will be working remotely.

Board President Dave Nickels explained that upon notification from the DPI, the McKinley Academy Charter School Contract needed a revision. Superintendent Holzman gave a brief summary of the amended contract and Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. On motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the modifications to the McKinley Academy Charter School Contract were unanimously approved (6-0).

On motion by Kathy Willis, seconded by Elizabeth Williams and unanimously carried (6-0), the Board accepted the Resolution for the Waiver of Instructional Minutes for the 2020-2021 school year as presented at the October 27, 2020 Public Hearing.

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred shared the adjustments to the 2020-2021 budget. On motion made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Lisa Johnston, the Board unanimously approved the 2020-2021 MPSD budget adjustments that were presented and brought forward from the October 26, 2020 Finance and Budget Committee meeting in accordance with Section 65.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which includes expenditures in the General Fund of \$65,477,336; total expenditures of all funds of \$81,389,858; total revenues of \$79,929,631 with a tax levy of \$21,055,820 for a tax levy rate of \$7.810 per \$1,000. Apportionment of the total tax levy is as follows:


City of Manitowoc	\$ 16,049,504.00
Town of Centerville	266,901.00
Town of Kossuth	652,863.00
Town of Manitowoc	794,529.00
Town of Manitowoc Rapids	1,371,172.00
Town of Newton	1,598,319.00
Town of Two Rivers	186,309.00
City of Two Rivers	136,223.00

Director of Pupil Services Joanne Metzen presented the 2020-2021 Emergency Nursing Services Plan. On motion by Kathy Willis, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) the 2020-21 Emergency Nursing Services Plan.

Future meeting dates included the Regular Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

On motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary



Dave Nickels
Board President