

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
November 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Linda Gratz, Mr. Dave Longmeyer and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Member absent: Liz Williams & Karen Rohrer

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

A motion was made by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017, Special Board meeting.

No Communications were received. No Public Input was received to speak to the board.

Wilson Junior High School Teachers Diane Burkhalter and Kerstin Westcott shared what the Literacy Strategies Program is about and how it continues to evolve. They explained how this program is geared towards students who need help on a daily basis. Two students who are currently enrolled in this program explained how much it has helped them to get a better understanding of the books they read. They also shared how using certain strategies helps them not only in this program but also how they are able to apply these reading strategies in other classes as well. This program is open to all students who would benefit from continued support in the literacy area.

Curriculum Committee Member Dave Nickels reported on the November 8, 2017, meeting. The Committee voted to approve the following items to go forward for Board approval: Textbook Adoption "American Politics Today" and Music Department Travel for Lincoln High School Students to participate in music clinics and performances in Minneapolis, MN, April 12-April 15, 2019. Committee Member Linda Gratz also commented on the discussion of Policy 5111.01, Homeless Students. This policy will be brought back to the Curriculum Committee for further clarification.

Personnel Committee Chairperson Linda Gratz reported on the October 26, 2017, meeting. Items discussed at this meeting were the 2017-2018 Hiring/Staffing report and discussion of the 2018-19 school calendar. Discussion also involved reviewing a number of policies. Several policies were recommended to be brought forward to the full board and will be addressed under New Business as First Reads. The policies are as follows: 1460-Physical Examination; 1461-Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness for Duty; 3161-Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness for Duty; 3120.01-Job Descriptions; 4120.01 Job Descriptions; 3124 Employment Contract; 3140-Termination, Non-Renewal and Resignation; 8340- Providing a Reference; 9160-Public Attendance at School Events and 6605-Crowdfunding. All policies were originated from NEOLA.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairperson Dave Longmeyer and Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Dave Nickels reported on the Joint Buildings & Grounds and Finance & Budget Committee Meeting that was held Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The main topic of discussion was the proposed Rubick Field Renovation Project. Dave Nickels shared that there are updates that are definitely needed, the lights, visitor bleachers and sounds system, even if the full Rubick Field Renovation Project does not go through. The combined amounts from the fundraised amount and the allocated amount does not meet the entire estimated Project total, but it is then recommended to use Fund 49 money to supplement while fundraising continues.

The monthly financial report and payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried to approve voucher #819 totaling \$4,130,448.84 and voucher #822 totaling \$3,515,842.13, for a total of \$7,646,290.97. The financial report was for the month ending October 31, 2017 was unanimously approved (5-0).

Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts, presented the Personnel Report consisting of two (2) Professional Staff appointments, fifteen (15) Extra-curricular Stipends and one (1) Resignation. On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Personnel Report was unanimously approved (5-0) as presented.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Directors Report. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. Board President Keith Shaw questioned the proposed Senate Bill 236. Superintendent Holzman explained this bill, if approved, will require Schools to bid anything that is \$50,000 or more and that project will be awarded to the lowest bidder. This bill would eliminate the Districts ability to work with reputable local contractors that have established a good working relationship with the District.

The Board was presented with a District Activity update by Superintendent Holzman. Some of the highlighted topics mentioned were acknowledging it is American Education Week. Mr. Holzman thanked the teachers and staff for their commitment to the students and the district. Also mentioned was the fact that winter sports are up and engaged. Gymnastics, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling will start scheduled games in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Holzman also mentioned that next week the holiday concert schedules will be issued. He reminded us all to enjoy watching the wonderful talent we have here in our students at MPSD. Superintendent Holzman also mentioned that Elementary Parent/Teacher conferences will be taking place this week.

On motions brought forward from the 11-7-17 Joint Buildings and Grounds and Finance and Budget Committee, Dave Longmeyer read the motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Dave Nickels read the motion from the Finance and Budget Committee. At this time Athletic Director Dave Steavpack, Rubick Field Fundraising Committee Member Eric Hoffman and Rettler Corporation Representative Mike Helmrick, addressed questions from the Board and the audience. Board member Linda Gratz questioned turf options and the safety of the recycled rubber turf. Rettler Representative Mike Helmrick explained there are other options, however these options come with a cost increase. Ms. Gratz requested that estimates be provided for other turf options. The motion brought forward from the Buildings and

Grounds Committee was unanimously carried (5-0). Dave Nickels again read the motion brought forward from the Finance and Budget Committee. The motion carried (4-1, Gratz opposed).

On motion brought from Curriculum Committee, the Board unanimously (5-0) voted to approve the new textbook "American Politics Today". The Curriculum Committee brought a Music Trip to the Board for approval. The Board unanimously (5-0) approved the travel of Lincoln High School Students to travel to Minneapolis, MN in April 2019, as presented.

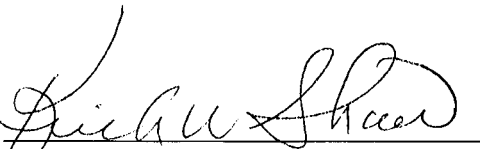
On motions brought forward from the October 26, 2017 Personnel Committee meeting, the Board voted unanimously approved (5-0) first reads of: Policy 1460 – Physical Examination; Policy 1461 – Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness For Duty; Policy 3161 – Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness For Duty; Policy 3120.01 – Job Descriptions; Policy 4120.01 Job Descriptions; Policy 3124 – Employment Contract; Policy 3140 – Termination, Non-Renewal and Resignation; Policy 8340 – Providing a Reference; Policy 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events and Policy 6605 – Crowdfunding. All policies moved for second reads.

On motion by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the 2017 Emergency Nursing Services Plan.

Ken Mischler presented the donation from Mrs. Julie Rohrer in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the repair and installation of the Carillon Bells at Lincoln High School. On a motion by Catherine Shallue and seconded by Linda Gratz, the Board unanimously approved (5-0) to accept the donation.

Board President Keith Shaw indicated that Board members interested in attending the 97th Annual Wisconsin State Education Convention held January 17-19, 2018 need to contact the Board Secretary to get registered. Mr. Shaw also reminded the Board that the Superintendent evaluation is due the Board go into closed session in January to discuss.

On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Keith Shaw
Board President

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary