

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
November 28, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 12:01 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. David Longmeyer, Ms. Linda Gratz, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Dave Nickels and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Members absent: Karen Rohrer

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

A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Athletic Director Dave Steavpack gave an Athletic Program report which compared athletic sport participation numbers from Fall 2017, Spring 2017 and Winter 2016-2017. Also discussed were previous athletic participation numbers from the 2015-2016 and 2014-2015 school years. Board Member Dave Longmeyer questioned the current status of hockey. Mr. Steavpack stated we are partnered with Sheboygan and currently have 5 students involved. We are now considered at Varsity level Hockey program with WIAA. Board Member Linda Gratz asked questioned JV1 and JV2 teams versus the 9th grade or freshmen team. Mr. Steavpack explained by having JV1 & JV2 teams, it allows a little more flexibility with having kids play at different levels when and where needed. The reports also showed an increase of participation in Girl's Tennis and Girl's Swimming. Mr. Steavpack attributes this increase in participation to the District doing a better job communicating the importance of athletics. He also stated that students who are involved in athletics and other extra-curricular activities do better academically and better overall in the school setting. Board President Keith Shaw asked if the extra-curricular fee is a deterrent to some kids not getting involved. Mr. Steavpack felt this is not a deterrent for students in our district, and if there is a child that needs a fee or assistance, we certainly do our best to accommodate this need. In closing, Mr. Steavpack also discussed how there is an increase in staff and students interested in starting new clubs at Lincoln High School. The hope is to continue to add more options to the Activities and Clubs and to see an increase in student and staff involvement.

Principal Luke Valitchka gave an update on McKinley Academy which highlighted goals that are structured around being "Engaged, Hopeful and Kind." The Engagement Team, Hopefulness Team and a Kindness Teams meet weekly to discuss these goals. Mr. Valitchka also stated that McKinley Academy is striving for accountability, life skills and employability, and what each student's individual goals are for the future. He also mentioned the option of alternative learning opportunities for the students at McKinley Academy and how "important learning" is key for these students to succeed and stay engaged. Supportively challenging the students has proven to be successful for students. Partnerships with LTC, UW Manitowoc, Silver Lake College and Business and Service Agencies are positive influences on the students at McKinley. Principal Valitchka said that McKinley is making positive and consistent progress and he looks forward to see this continue in the future.

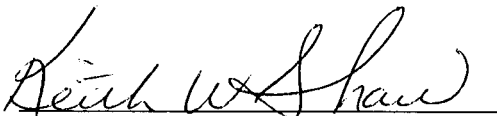
Superintendent Holzman updated the Board on Grade Alignment. Mr. Holzman shared with the Board how we are now putting together a Grade Alignment Committee. This committee is made up of staff from each school and currently there are 46 individuals that are involved. The first meeting is scheduled Friday, December 8th. The committee's goal is to help provide a recommendation of which option will be best for MPSD.

Superintendent Holzman addressed the upcoming School Board Election and gave an update of important dates leading up to the 2018 Spring Election. He also shared guidelines and what needs to be done if you are interested in candidacy or if you no longer wish to serve as a Board Member.

Board President Keith Shaw reminded Board Members of the upcoming Superintendent Evaluation. This will take place in January 2018.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Linda Gratz, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith W. Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Keith Shaw
Board President