

MANITOWOC PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Stacey Soeldner at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Collin Braunel, Mr. Matthew Phipps, Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Matthew Spaulding, Mr. Kery Trask, and Mr. Tony Vlastelica. Board member Kathy Willis was not in attendance. Interim Superintendent James Feil, Directors, and Board Secretary Laurie Braun were also present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Network connection and access to BoardBook were confirmed.

Public Input began at 6:01 p.m. The Board received four (4) requests from the public to speak. The Board heard input regarding concerns with implementing SFA at all schools and lack of consideration for the middle school science curriculum, input from a member of the public who thanked the Board for their work and support for teaching the Constitution and Bill of Rights, concern from two members of the public who fear that the implementation of SFA is a done deal without fair consideration of other curriculums and supporting our educators who have done months of research with the curriculum they bring forward. Public input concluded at 6:11 p.m.

The Consent Agenda was next presented. On motion from Board member Collin Braunel, seconded by Matthew Spaulding, the Board unanimously approved (6-0), the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes from the October 25, 2022 Special Board Meeting, the November 2, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting, and the November 2, 2022 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting.

Director of Business Services, Angela Erdmann presented the payment of vouchers for the month ending October 31, 2022. A motion was made by Collin Braunel, seconded by Tony Vlastelica, and carried (6-0), to approve Bill List 10-1-22 through 10-31-22. The Bill List presented reflects district operating expenses and district payroll for a total operating expense of \$7,250,318.35. The District Financial Report for the month of October 2022 was also provided and accepted as presented.

The Personnel Report was presented to the Board. The Personnel Report consisted of five (5) resignations, the hiring of one (1) professional staff personnel, five (5) support staff personnel, and numerous extra-curricular stipends. On motion from Kerry Trask, seconded by Tony Vlastelica, the Board approved the Personnel Report (5-0) as presented, with Matt Phipps abstaining.

Interim Superintendent James Feil shared a district activity stating school buildings are participating in parent-teacher conferences.

Board President Stacey Soeldner provided a Strategic Plan update with information received from Brett Norell. Ms. Soeldner reported that Mr. Norell has completed listening sessions sharing the results from the staff and community surveys with Principals, Associate Principals, District

Administration, staff at Jefferson Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Washington Middle School, and McKinley Academy (Stangel Learning Community). Mr. Norell has five remaining listening sessions scheduled between November 10th and November 30th. A draft plan is projected to be presented to the Board at the December 13th meeting.

At the request of the Board at the October 25, 2022 Special Board Meeting, the Middle School Science Resource Curriculum proposal was presented to the full Board. Board member Vlastelica made a motion to move the Middle School Science Resource Curriculum proposal back to the Curriculum Committee, Collin Braunel seconded the motion. Board member Braunel stated there have been considerable requests to have a full presentation and review of this proposal. Board member Trask expressed his support that this proposal be reviewed with an open mind and demonstrate confidence in the people who have done the research of what is being presented. Board member Braunel reiterated that we all agree that we want what is best for students to succeed. The motion to move the Middle School Science Resource proposal back to the Curriculum Committee for further review unanimously carried (6-0).

On motions brought forward from the November 2, 2022 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting, the Board approved (6-0) the 2022-2023 MPSD District Safety Plan as presented. Board President Soeldner stated a lot of work was put into this safety plan and a lot of information is provided to the state on behalf of the staff. Board member Trask also shared that our safety plan has been recognized by the Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association for its usefulness to other school districts' safety efforts. Director of Business Services Angela Erdmann provided a 2023 School Board Election Update including information for current/incumbent members and for those interested in being a candidate for the MPSD Board of Education.

Board President Soeldner shared an update for the 2023 School Board Election with important dates for Candidacy and Non-Candidacy paperwork as well as candidate qualifications. There will be two (2) full-term, 3-year seats available. Any questions can be directed to Director Angela Erdmann or Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Board President Stacey Soeldner had no additional remarks to share at this time.

Future meeting dates include meetings of the Personnel Committee on November 14th at 5:00 p.m., the Finance & Budget Committee on November 16th at 5:30, the Curriculum Committee on November 17th at 5:00 p.m., and the next Special Board Meeting on November 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Matthew Spaulding, seconded by Tony Vlastelica, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to move into closed session. The Board moved into closed session at 6:38 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as authorized by section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes; discussion of the preliminary strategy for potential restructuring of specific central office staff.

The Board was extended a brief recess before convening into closed session to allow the public present to exit the room.

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Spaulding, seconded by Kerry Trask, and unanimously carried (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary

  
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Board President, Stacey E. Soeldner