

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
February 1, 2023

The Executive Committee of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Stacey Soeldner at 5:32 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Collin Braunel, and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present was Board member Matthew Phipps, Superintendent James Feil, and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Jame McCall.

The Governance Model Update included taking a an active look at how we want our Governance model to look. Board President Soeldner and Superintendent Feil have discussed now may be a good opportunity to have a Board Retreat as this would be a good time to pair with the current restructuring of Central Office. It was suggested that we schedule the Board Retreat at the end of February or the beginning of March. We also need to address the onboarding process for new Board Members. Board member Braunel expressed he is not in support of a Board Retreat because the agenda can be rather general or vague. Superintendent Feil shared that the focus is student achievement and there are many components as to how we do that, and how do we get there. Superintendent Feil also stated we are trying to work back into what is the best way to take on the work of raising student achievement levels. Board President Soeldner suggested we could possibly make a Committee of the Whole to discuss such things. The Board needs to make a decision if they are going to adopt a new governance model, one that will align better with the restructuring of Central Office. The committee discussed scheduling a Special Meeting that would have a structured and focused agenda, and would also be open to the public. The Special Board Meeting/Board Retreat will be added to the next Board agenda for further discussion.

The Committe next discussed policy update. Ms. Soeldner suggested that the policies get divided between the Superintendent's Administrative Team. They would then review the policies, give recommendations, and then share with the respective committees. The Executive Committee was in agreement that this will be a good way to proceed moving forward.

Board Room Technology Update included Board Preseident Soeldner sharing the IT Department is working with an alternate vendor to get the needed cable to allow the completion of the upgrade. Mr. Feil will follow up with IT to get a status update.

A motion to adjourn was made by Collin Braunel, seconded by Kathy Willis, and unanimously carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Board Executive Asst.



Board President, Stacey E. Soeldner

