

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
February 13, 2018

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: Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Ms. Linda Gratz, Mr. Dave Nickels and Mr. Keith Shaw.

Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Members absent: Ms. Catherine Shallue and Ms. Karen Rohrer

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members logged in to BoardBook.

A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018, regular board meeting.

Board President Keith Shaw shared a letter received by a District parent regarding busing. Both Mr. Shaw and Superintendent Holzman have contacted this parent and addressed her concern.

The Student Learning Showcase was presented by Stangel Elementary Principal Heidi Schroderus, along with cooperating staff and students. This group shared their Community Circles program and how they use this to start each day. Students and staff gave a brief description of how Community Circle helps them, the positive affect it has on the start of their day, and how they all get to know and understand one another better.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairperson Dave Longmeyer reported on the February 6, 2018, meeting. Mr. Longmeyer reported on the 2018 summer projects that will take place which include roofing projects at Jackson, McKinley and the MSC office and the drain tile projects that will take place at Monroe and Stangel Elementary Schools. An update was also given by Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupre` and Mike Helmrick, Project Manager from Rettler Corporation on the Rubick Field Renovation. A detailed discussion of the base bids, the available alternates that can be added to the base bid, and the turf options. Mr. Helmrick will be providing some additional information with turf comparisons and studies

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Liz Williams, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve voucher #834 in the amount of \$2,497,620.48 and voucher #837 in the amount of \$2,676,022.642 for a total of 5,173,643.12. The financial report for the month ending January 31, 2018, was also presented.

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler presented the second Friday enrollment numbers from January 12, 2018. The number of students reported to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the PI1563 was 5,167. Director Mischler also shared a breakdown of enrollment figures for Preschool, 4- and 5-year-old Kindergartens, and grades 1-12. The

numbers suggest that the district's enrollment is beginning to stabilize and we are holding enrollment numbers which is positive news.

Mental Wellness Coordinator Michael Morgen presented an update of the program. Mr. Morgen shared an overview on this very complex issue that is impacting the community and the school district. The mental health number shared from National Alliance on mental Issues (NAMI) are staggering. The mission is to continue meeting with staff and connecting the resources available to share with our staff and students.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of two resignations, two support appointments, and extra-curricular stipends. On motion by Liz Williams, seconded by Linda Gratz, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Personnel Report as presented.

Superintendent Mark Holzman provided results from the recent Staff Engagement Survey. The participation of the Engagement Survey increased this year with 551 individual responses. The survey indicates many significant gains and increases, district wide celebrations. Mr. Holzman stated the individual building specific results will be shared with the principals and staff of that building. Jason Bull and Pam Lensmire will be sharing this information with each school.

Director of Teaching, Learning & Assessment Jason Bull and Director of Education, Pamela Lensmire presented results from the Student Engagement Survey. The purpose of this survey is to show how we can better support our students. This year's survey indicated 3,118 students completed the survey. Scores were obtained from 7 key questions, Connectedness, Drive, Citizenship, Preparation, Social & Emotional Attitude, Wellness and Academic & Career Planning (grades 6-12). Results from this survey that were shared compared our district to other schools similar in size in the state of Wisconsin. Results shared areas we have made gains in as well as areas we need to make some improvements on.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Directors Report. Board Member Dave Longmeyer commented again on how helpful and positive this report is to the Board. Mr. Keith Shaw asked Director of Human Resources to update the Board on the Sports Stipends Model. Ms. Greenwood-Aerts explained discussions are taking place, including the recent presentation of a proposal to a group of coaches. The goal is to bring a model to the Board in April.

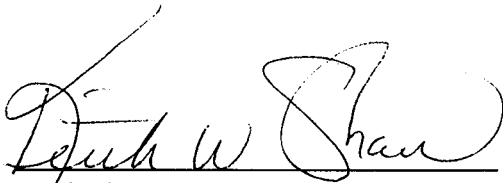
Superintendent Holzman's activity update acknowledged the new Bus Agreement with the City of Manitowoc. We are providing kids with options and reducing barriers which is a great thing and feedback has been very positive. Mr. Holzman also reminded the Board that Parent Teacher Conferences are being held this week at the Elementary Schools and at the Junior High Schools next week.

On motion from the Curriculum Committee, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the second/final read of Policy 5111.01 – Homeless Students.

Board President Keith Shaw and Delegate Dave Longmeyer reported on the 2018 WASB State Education Convention. Informative discussion took place on a possible resolution of adding the cost associated with voucher schools to your tax bill. This would specifically show tax payers the amount districts are levying for voucher schools. Board President Keith Shaw also shared the board's view on the lifelong licensure of the teachers. The board would have the responsibility of approving a lifetime license for teachers who have completed 6 semesters of teaching. Board Member Dave Longmeyer added that many other districts are dealing with some of the same issues as we are in our district. One issue discussed was School lunches and how the Federal government has set barriers that make it difficult to feed the kids that need to be fed. Superintendent Holzman commented on how valuable the time to just conversations with other school board members and superintendents at these conferences.

Superintendent Holzman gave a referendum update and shared a calendar that shows how we are doing referendum presentations. He explained that these presentations are being done with staff at each school, with PTO's and Booster Clubs, throughout the district. Presentations at the Junior High Schools and at Lincoln will be noticed and open to the public for all who would like to come. A flyer and fact sheet will also be mailed to the district. Mr. Holzman also listed other community meetings he will be speaking at.

On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Shaw", written over a horizontal line.

Keith Shaw
Board President

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary