

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
February 26, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 7:04 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Lisa Johnston, Mr. Keith Shaw, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Richard Nitsch and Mr. Dave Longmeyer. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

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

A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (7-0), to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Student Learning Showcase featuring Madison Elementary School was unable to share their presentation. We will look into rescheduling in the near future.

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams reported on the February 19, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Ms. Williams communicated the staff travel requests that were brought to committee; Pre-K Language and Literacy Institute – Teachers College, New York, NY – March 4-6, 2019, Jenni Callen and Kids at Hope Masters Training, Phoenix, AZ – May 5-10, 2019, Jennifer Schneider. Both staff travel requests were approved by committee and will be brought to the full Board. Board member Dave Nickels questioned where we were at with the grade alignment schedules. The Board used this time to discuss grade alignment, particularly what the middle school model will look like. Superintendent Holzman shared that the grade alignment middle school teams are still meeting and discussing the transitions that will be taking place. Mr. Holzman explained that the core subjects; math, science, social studies and language arts will have a core teaching team which will allow for more collaboration among the teachers. Lengthy discussion took place regarding electives and which grades will have opportunities for which electives. Board President Longmeyer mentioned he and other Board members have received some feedback from the public regarding the electives being offered to the middle school students. Superintendent Holzman explained the current model allows for up to three (3), 51-minute elective options. The proposed middle school model will offer two (2) 45-minute elective options. In addition to the electives, all students will receive a 45-minute academic enrichment or intervention period every day. Mr. Holzman also explained that we need to provide enrichment or intervention to all students, not just a few at a certain school, but to students at all schools. Dave Longmeyer encouraged Administration to keep the Board informed of the courses being developed and the progress of the grade alignment model.

On motions brought forward from the February 19, 2019 Curriculum Committee, the Board unanimously approved (7-0) both out of state staff travel requests.

Personnel Committee Chairperson Keith Shaw reported on the February 25, 2019 Personnel Committee Meeting. Mr. Shaw shared discussion of EL Staffing and the significant changes that will affect the English Language student. Staffing increase regarding this will be brought to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting. Health Insurance was also discussed and the District will again meet to review the ever-rising costs associated with health insurance.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred. A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve Bill List 1-1-19 through 1-31-19, district operating expenses in the amount of \$4,305,704.33 and district payroll in the amount of \$1,909,429.01 for an operating expense total of \$6,215,133.34. The financial report for the month ending January 31, 2019, was accepted as presented.

Director Shawn Alfred presented the Second Friday Enrollment numbers. The number of students reported to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in PI 1563 is 5,132. Director Alfred shared a breakdown of enrollment figures for Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Secondary Education. This summary will show the January count of 5,132, from the third Friday count of 5,141, the District is down 9 students, primarily at the secondary level.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of seven (7) resignations, one (1) retirement, seven (7) professional appointments, two (2) support staff appointments, and extra-curricular stipends. On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the Board unanimously approved (7-0) the Personnel Report. The Administrative Contracts were also presented to the Board. On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously approved (7-0) the Administrative Contracts as presented.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (7-0) the Board accepted the donation of \$2,500.00 from the committee for the "Winter Miracle Splash" designated for the MPSD Special Education Department.

A Grade Alignment Update was addressed where Superintendent Holzman again briefly reviewed the discussion that was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Directors Report. Board members had the opportunity to ask additional questions.

A District Activity Update was presented by Superintendent Holzman. Mr. Holzman communicated how the District's weather related school closings will affect the school calendar. March 15, 2019 will now be a scheduled school day for students and staff and not a Teacher Staff Development Day as previously scheduled on the 2018-2019 School Calendar. Lincoln will be adding some minutes to the day due to missed days from the 3rd floor ceiling collapse the first week of September.

Superintendent Holzman and Board President Dave Longmeyer shared information from the 2019 WASB State Education Convention that was held January 23-25, 2019 in Milwaukee. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with other districts throughout the state. Mr. Longmeyer also attended the delegate assembly and was able to represent MPSD and share our story.

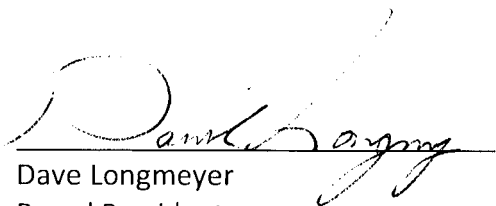
Director of Business Services, Shawn Alfred shared with the Board the 2017-2018 Audit Report. Mr. Alfred reported (Hawkins, Ash & Associates) that we have no areas of weaknesses or concerns. Change in accounting protocol now required WRS contributions to be recorded as a liability. Health Care OPEB Liability also went up. The General Fund was budgeted for 1.4 million, and we currently used just over 1 million.

Director Shawn Alfred also presented the annual Kupper Ratsch Funds which is a donation given to schools where they have the opportunity to receive items that are not normally allowed in the regular MPSD budget. On motion from Keith Shaw, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the board unanimously approved (7-0) the Kupper Ratsch Funds for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board received eighteen (18) Requests to Provide Public Input. Board President Dave Longmeyer addressed the people in attendance how the process for Public Input would proceed. The Board will allow a total of 30 minutes of public input, with each person having 5 minutes to speak. If there is a common topic, individuals may select one person to speak on the group's behalf. The Public Input session started at 8:14 p.m. Nine members of the public were given the opportunity to speak with extensive discussion involving world language, jazz band, theatre/creative communications and the excel programs. Public Input ended at 9:07 p.m.

The Board thanked the public for sharing their input and interest in the happenings of MPSD.

On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Dave Longmeyer
Board President

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary