

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
May 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Linda Gratz at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Marcia Flaherty and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.
Member absent: Ms. Karen Rohrer, Mr. Dave Nickels

The meeting began with roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Keith Shaw, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014, regular meeting; the April 29, 2014 special (organizational) meeting, and April 29 and May 1, 2014, special meetings.

Board President Linda Gratz acknowledged a communication received from the City of Manitowoc regarding a notice of intent to circulate an annexation petition.

Career and Technical Coordinator Kari Krull and Rick Conrad talked about the opportunities afforded students through the Youth Apprenticeship Program. Krull stated that there are currently 59 students in the Manitowoc County Youth Apprenticeship Program, the largest number of students since the program's inception. Students introduced their mentors and acknowledged the educational opportunities provided to them.

Karen Rohrer arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Krull announced the Youth Apprenticeship Program's new construction opportunities to be offered next year, and acknowledged the three mini-choppers completed this year.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve voucher #448 totalling \$3,034,646.42, and voucher #451 totalling \$3,146,851.82, for a total of \$6,181,498.24. Also presented was the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2014.

Director Mischler explained the rationale behind requesting Board approval to join the no-fees Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO) Purchasing Card Program, which is currently used in over 90 districts in Wisconsin. On motion by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the "Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards".

In the absence of Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach, Superintendent Flaherty presented the Personnel Report consisting of six retirements and one resignation, hire of

professional staff, and recommended approval of two teacher level movements; and an addendum consisting of one resignation, hire of professional staff and support staff. On motion by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Personnel Report and addendum were approved (5-1, Shaw abstained).

A motion to approve the list of Lincoln High School seniors, who will receive scholarship awards at the May 21, 2014, ceremony at Lincoln High School, was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0).

Director of Pupil Services Joanne Metzen provided an update to Board members in response to a previous request regarding special education caseloads and services provided. Metzen answered numerous Board inquiries.

Director Metzen also provided Board members with a progress report regarding guidance counselors' goals, as previously requested by the Board. Conversation transpired regarding the progress report, and it was noted that attendance delinquency was reduced considerably this year.

Superintendent Flaherty's activity report highlighted:

- 2,601 surveys have been returned; Bill Foster from School Perceptions will be present on May 27 to share results;
- On April 25, three mini-choppers competed from the MPSD (one from McKinley ; Academy, one from Team MPSD, and one from Lincoln High School, which brought home the trophy);
- Board President Gratz and Superintendent Flaherty attended the Academic Achievement Award Ceremony yesterday at Lincoln;
- The Manitowoc Public Library is hosting an art show featuring the District's second semester art work and International Baccalaureate Program art work. There is also new student art work decorating the walls of the Board of Education room; a reception will take place on May 14 at 4 p.m.
- Superintendent Flaherty encouraged Board members to attend the McKinley Academy graduation on May 29 at 7 p.m., and the Lincoln High School graduation ceremony on Friday, June 6, to be held in the bowl, weather permitting.
- Lincoln High School will host Jazz Tracs on Friday evening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.

Board President Gratz announced the following Board Committee appointments: Buildings and Grounds – Chair Dave Longmeyer, Karen Rohrer, Catherine Shallue; Curriculum – Chair Keith Shaw, Dave Nickels, Barbara Herrmann, Linda Gratz; Finance and Budget – Chair Karen Rohrer, Catherine Shallue, Linda Gratz; Personnel – Chair Dave Nickels, Dave Longmeyer, Keith Shaw, Barbara Herrmann; Employee Relations Committee (ERC) – Keith Shaw, Linda Gratz; Administrative Relations Committee (ARC) – Karen Rohrer (Finance Committee Chair), Dave Nickels (Personnel Committee Chair), Linda Gratz (Board President); City Recreation Board – Dave Steavpack, representative; Curricular Advisory Committees: Drug Free

Schools (AODA)/Human Growth and Development – Barbara Herrmann; School Forest – Dave Nickels; Gifted and Talented – Karen Rohrer; Business Education Partnership Council – Dave Longmeyer. With the addition of the Board President to multiple committees that already have three Board members appointed, a WASB attorney provided wording to be inserted onto Committee agendas, “A majority of the Board members may attend this meeting; however, they have no power to act as the board, and will only make recommendations to the Board.”

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and carried, the Board determined the date of the 2015 Quarter Century Club/Retiree Banquet to be Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Keith Shaw, and unanimously carried (6-0), to accept the Franklin Elementary School PTA donation of \$10,400, to be used for the purchase of new interactive white boards.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, the Board approved the recommendation of a 0% base wage increase for 2013-2014 for non-represented employee base wages (5-1, Shaw dissenting).

On motion by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board approved the recommendation of a 0% base wage increase for 2013-2014 for the administrators group (4-2, Shaw and Rohrer dissenting).

Committee referrals were made to the curriculum committee, personnel committee, and buildings and grounds committee.

Board members were encouraged to assist with scholarship distribution at the ceremony at Lincoln High School on Wednesday, May 21.

Motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz
Board President