

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
October 28, 2014

In the absence of Board President Linda Gratz, Vice-President Keith Shaw called the special meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. at Lakeshore Technical College. Members present were Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Karen Rohrer, and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present was Superintendent Marcia Flaherty.

Board members absent: Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Linda Gratz

The meeting was called to order by Keith Shaw at 4:45 p.m. Karen Rohrer arrived at 4:51 p.m.

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler described adjustments needed to the 2014-15 budget, including an unanticipated decrease in equalization aid. Aid was reduced by \$912,105 from last year. Mischler also described eight different scenarios of tax levy increases, one for each of the 8 possible scenarios depending upon the outcomes of the November 4 referendum results. Mischler stated he had consulted with the Department of Public Instruction and was informed the board should vote on all eight possible scenarios. Discussion was held.

Dave Nickels inquired about fund balance. Mischler stated \$950,000 will be needed from fund balance if the referendums fail.

Nickels asked what would happen if the Board doesn't set the levy by the Nov. 1 deadline. Mischler said he didn't know as he has never been in violation. Mischler stated he must certify to the municipalities by November 10.

Nickels stated he wasn't comfortable addressing scenarios 1-7 because he didn't want to pass scenarios without knowing the status of the actual levy amounts.

Barbara Herrmann stated she didn't want to postpone the setting of the levy. She stated she wants to follow the rules and wasn't comfortable with not knowing the consequences of not following the rules.

Mischler stated DPI recommended consulting an attorney if the DPI recommendation wouldn't be followed.

Motion was made by Dave Longmeyer to set the final tax levy as presented, seconded by Keith Shaw. Dave Nickels moved to only approve scenario #8 and postpone all others until after November 4. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed to set the tax levy as presented, 4-1 (Nickels dissenting).

Motion was made by Karen Rohrer to adjourn at 5:07 p.m., seconded by Dave Nickels. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Flaherty

Linda Gratz
Board President