

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
April 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Linda Gratz at 6:00 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.
Members absent: Karen Rohrer, Dave Nickels

Motion was made by Keith Shaw and seconded by Catherine Shallue to move into closed session for the purposes of considering the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, i.e. candidates who may be qualified to serve as principals for Wilson Jr. High School, Franklin Elementary School, and Jefferson Elementary School, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, i.e. candidates who may be qualified to serve as the superintendent of schools for the Manitowoc Public School District, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Motion passed unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:06 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Board members signed in to Boardbook.

(Karen Rohrer arrived at 7:13 p.m, during closed session.)

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015, regular meeting and the March 24 and April 8, 2015, special meetings.

Director Debby Shimanek reported on the March 24, 2015, Curriculum Committee meeting. The Committee approved three textbooks: Nakama 1 and 2 Introductory Japanese: Communication, Culture, Context, publisher Hatasa Hatasa Makino CENAGE Learning; and Physical Science: Concepts in Action; with Earth and Space by Michael Wyession, David Frank, Sophia Yancopoulos. Approval of the textbooks will be voted on at the May Board meeting, after the books have been available for review. Keith Shaw provided additional details on the proposed Lincoln High School Music Department trip to London, England, in June 2017. On motion brought from Committee, the Board unanimously approved the trip as presented (6-0). Also, Jim Protsman had addressed the Committee regarding mouth breathing screening for improving reading by students.

Karen Rohrer, Chairperson of the Finance & Budget Committee, reported on the April 13, 2015, meeting. After discussion, the Committee approved bringing a proposal to the School Board to

establish a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46). Director Mischler also gave an update on the 2015-16 budget. After considerable discussion, on motion brought from Committee, the Board unanimously voted (6-0) to establish a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46).

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 #543 totalling \$2,400,726.75, and voucher #546 totalling \$3,390,047.31, for a total of \$5,790,774.06. Also presented was the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2015.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented an amended Personnel Report consisting of recommended approval of four retirements, recommended approval of one resignation, recommended approval of one professional staff, recommended approval of one level movement, and recommended approval of four extra-curricular contracts; and three (3) Addendums as follows: Principal of Franklin Elementary School; Principal of Jefferson Elementary School; and Principal of Wilson Junior High School. On motion made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Personnel Report and three Addendums were unanimously approved (6-0) as presented.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimously carried (6-0), the Board accepted a donation of \$17,890.25 from the Justin J. Watt Foundation for the purchase of athletic uniforms. The donation is made in response to a grant submitted by Athletic Director Dave Steavpack, who noted that this is the largest donation that the Justin J. Watt Foundation has given. The funds will provide for approximately 500 new uniforms for various sports.

Superintendent Flaherty congratulated Board members Linda Gratz and Catherine Shallue on their reelection and acknowledged the passing of the three referendum questions.

Board President Gratz stated that the Board is narrowing down the superintendent search and plans to contact final candidates in the next couple of days to negotiate terms. On acceptance of the position, a public announcement will be made.

On motion by Keith Shaw and seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the second read of the following policies: 6111 Administration of Grant Programs; 6146 Post Issuance Tax Exempt Bond Compliance; 6230 Budget Hearing; 7230 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests; 7540.02 District Web Page; 7540.03 Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 7540.04 Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 8145 Annual Reports; 8500 Food Service; and 8540 Vending Machines.

Superintendent Flaherty responded to the referendum results re-cap, adding that the item was placed on the agenda prior to election results being known. After all three referendum questions passed, a celebration was held last night at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, with

food provided by Chartwells. Flaherty acknowledged a great community turnout by members who worked very hard to inform people of the need to vote. She also thanked Washington Jr. High School Assistant Principal Matt Malcore and instructor Gwen Fiecko, for creating a 5-minute "thank you video" which is available for public viewing on the district web page. Media coverage during the referendum campaign was acknowledged; the Herald Times Reporter's Phil Bock was thanked for his dedicated coverage and best wishes given him upon his transfer to Sheboygan.

Board member Keith Shaw announced that the welcome receptions scheduled for the new superintendent for Thursday, April 17, 2015, have been postponed. New date(s) will be announced.

A Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future. A Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Keith Shaw, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz
Board President