

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
February 24, 2015

With Board members already logged in to BoardBook, the special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Linda Gratz at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Karen Rohrer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Marcia Flaherty and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.

Due to technical difficulties, the 2015-2016 budget report was moved to later in the meeting.

Board member Keith Shaw reported that 28 superintendent applicants have completed applications, with 12 more pending completion. After the March 11 deadline, Ray & Associates will bring 12-15 pre-screened applications to the Board. Three or four finalists will then be determined.

It was the consensus of the Board that interview groups consist of three heterogeneous groups, with the School Board meeting candidates separately. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that the preferred interview dates for Ray & Associates to consider are Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9, 2015.

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler discussed the proposed 2015-2016 budget timeline, budget responsibilities, expenditure accounts, 2-year budget worksheet, and budget requests. Mischler also presented a breakdown and chart of school revenues under the State budget proposal. In Governor Walker's proposed 2015-17 budget, there is no increase in general aid in 2016 and a \$108 million increase in 2017; no increase in revenue limits in either year; and elimination in 2016 and restoration in 2017 of a special categorical aid payment. Mischler discussed proposed revenue limit, actual and projections, from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017. Karen Rohrer asked about a contact person for citizens concerned about the school revenue cap and budget calculations. Mischler suggested that concerned citizens contact John Forester, Director of Government Relations with Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance. Superintendent Flaherty emphasized the importance of attending local legislative meetings and getting in touch with local legislators.

Keith Shaw left the meeting at 1:09 p.m. and returned at 1:11 p.m.

Karen Rohrer asked if any districts larger than Manitowoc were considered low spending. Mischler answered affirmatively, and said that Superior would be a good comparison.

Dave Nickels made a motion to adjourn. Catherine Shallue seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz
Board President