

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
April 12, 2016

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

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

A motion was made by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016, regular meeting and the March 22, 2016, special meeting.

Monroe third grade teachers Trudy LeClair, Lana Nelson, and Sue Krey discussed benefits of the partnership with Grow I Forward and the Community Nutrition Grant. Students also shared thoughts on the program.

Duane Deicher of 925 Sarah Miles Lane, Manitowoc, WI thanked the School Board for their support of the Manitowoc Youth Baseball Association complex project.

In the absence of Chairperson Dave Nickels, Superintendent Mark Holzman asked Barbara Herrmann to report on the April 4, 2016, Personnel Committee meeting. The Committee voted to bring to the Board their recommendation that a Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment be approved for hire for the 2016-2017 school year. On motion brought from committee, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the recommendation that a Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment be approved for hire for the 2016-2017 school year. Director Lori Miron updated the committee on preliminary staffing.

Barbara Herrmann, Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee, reported on the April 12, 2016, meeting. The following policies were approved in committee to be brought forward for their first read to the full Board: 5430 Class Rank; 5451.01 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship; and 5460 Graduation Requirements. No Board action was taken on the policies, as this was their first read. On motion brought from committee, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the 2017 Gettysburg/Washington D.C. 2017 trip for Washington Junior High History Club, tentatively scheduled for March 26-30, 2017. Director Shimanek talked about the Achievement Gap Reduction Program, which replaces SAGE. The application for AGR will be submitted by Jefferson and Franklin Schools by June 30. On motion from committee, the Board unanimously approved (5-0) the AGR reporting template and Reduction 18:1 or 30:2, and Professional Development. The Committee also received a brief update of the Wisconsin Statewide Assessment System. On motion from committee, the Board unanimously approved

(5-0) out-of-state travel for five (5) teachers to attend the Reading and Writing Project at Teacher's College at Columbia University in New York, NY. These teachers will then facilitate a Readers/Writers Workshop in collaboration with CESA 7 on July 25-27 in the MPSD.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimous carried (5-0) to approve voucher #643 totalling \$2,136,466.98 and voucher #646 totalling \$3,181,899.32, for a total of \$5,318,366.30. Mr. Mischler presented the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2016.

Director of Human Resources Lori Miron presented the Personnel Report consisting of three resignations/retirements, three appointments, and two lane movements. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Personnel Report as presented.

Director Ken Mischler reported on the April 5, 2016, school board election. Superintendent Holzman congratulated Board members Keith Shaw and Dave Nickels on their reelection. He recognized Dave Longmeyer for his three years of service on the Board of Education and acknowledged his years of ongoing service to the MPSD in various capacities. Dave voiced his intent to remain active in the School District. Board members reciprocated their appreciation. Superintendent Holzman also congratulated Elizabeth Williams on her election to the school board.

After a report by Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupré, the Board acknowledged the donation of furniture from a contact with District employee Laurie LaTour to the Manitowoc Public School District.

Projected elementary staffing projections anticipate -2 elementary teachers. It was noted that SAGE classrooms must keep a student to teacher ratio of 18:1 or less. As a result of the number of students registering for classes, the district has three (3) preliminary notices of partial non-renewal, all in the World Language department, with a net result of -1.0 FTE. Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and carried, to approve the non-renewals as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board approved Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 12:00 noon as the date and time of the organizational meeting.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Keith Shaw
Board President