

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice-President/Clerk Linda Gratz at 7:01 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Karen Rohrer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.

Member absent: Mr. Keith Shaw

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

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016, regular meeting and the June 28, 2016, special meeting.

Board Vice-President/Clerk Gratz acknowledged communications received from the City of Manitowoc relative to annexation.

Superintendent Holzman introduced Ashley Pfund, the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA's "Y Break Director". She reported that 256 children from the YMCA attend summer school in the district. She also indicated that in relation to this successful program, the YMCA has increased their licensed participant capacity from 210 to 260 children.

Personnel Committee Chairperson Linda Gratz reported on the June 16, 2016, meeting. Staffing was reviewed and the request for a 3.15 FTE reduction in staff and a 4.5 FTE addition to staff were approved, to be brought to the full committee for a vote. On motion brought from committee, the Board approved the staffing requests as presented (5-1, Nickels opposed).

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimous carried (6-0) to approve voucher #659 totalling \$6,064,598.19, voucher #661 totalling \$513,312.65, and voucher #701 totalling \$804,730.35, for a total of \$7,382,641.19. There was no financial report for the month due to auditors.

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve depositories for school district funds as presented, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 34.05.

A motion to approve initial or additional student loans for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$2,000 each (or less) totalling \$102,000 for initial loans and \$192,400 for additional loans, up to a total of \$300,400, was made by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and carried (5-1, Rohrer abstained).

Director of Human Resources Lori Miron presented the Personnel Report consisting of five professional appointments, one support appointment, and one lane movement. Motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept the donation from the Stangel Parent-Teacher Organization in the amount of \$6,790.00 for the purchase of eighteen (18) new high definition document cameras for each Stangel classroom.

Director of Pupil Services Joanne Metzen presented the annual Seclusion and Restraint Report. The number of incidents of seclusion/restraint totaled 295, compared to last year's 246. The total number of students involved in the incidents was 45, and total number of students with disabilities involved in the incidents was 37. Director Metzen answered Board inquiries and talked about reporting influences.

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Debby Shimanek presented the 2015-2016 Goals Report. She indicated that this is part of a 3-year plan with yearly benchmark goals for 2015-2018. Goal 1's academic benchmark goal of 70% (Fountas & Pennell) was exceeded, as was the Scholastic Reading Inventory benchmark of 60% for advanced or proficient grade level. In regard to math, the benchmark goal was 74% of students in K-1 to meet benchmark at proficient or advanced, and Riverside Benchmark Assessment goal of 50% in grades 2-11 to be proficient on grade level benchmarks. Riverside results showed 82.51% of students proficient or approaching proficiency in grades 2-6; 54.95% of students proficient or approaching proficiency in grades 7-11. Goal 2 was reviewed, to identify and increase MPSD school community positive character traits, with the objective of identifying a baseline for improvement on attributes that will lead to student academic success. Some topics discussed were academic and behavioral progress, professional development plans, and communication goal.

A motion was made by Catherine Shallue and seconded by Barbara Herrmann to approve the transportation contract with Brandt Buses, Inc. for 2016-2021, with a base contract of \$1,177,965 or a \$31,527 increase (2.75%). The base contract for special education transportation goes from \$195,856 to \$201,242 or an increase of \$5,386 (2.75%). With the lower cost of diesel fuel, the District is expected to spend about \$30,000 per year on fuel, which is down from over \$100,000 spent on diesel fuel a couple of years ago. After considerable discussion, motion passed unanimously (6-0).

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) withdrawal from Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF).

Pursuant to 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 which requires identification of the academic standards adopted by the Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year by the Manitowoc Public School District, Wis. Stat. 120.12(13)(a) and 120.12(13)(b), on motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, the School Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the

Academic Standards as outlined for the 2016-2017 school year. MPSD Academic Standards and additional resources are available on the Manitowoc Public Schools Elementary and Secondary Education at the link provided.

Superintendent Holzman talked to Board members about scheduling a Board retreat, as well as securing topics and a meeting format. It was decided that a Board retreat/workshop would be scheduled for August 23, 2016, after the mid-day meeting. Board members were encouraged to communicate possible topics to the Superintendent or Board President Shaw as soon as possible.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Karen Rohrer, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Keith Shaw
Board President