

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
November 22, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice-President Linda Gratz at 12:00 noon. Members present were: Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.
Members absent: Mr. Keith Shaw, Ms. Karen Rohrer

Superintendent Holzman gave an update on the district's foundation. Foundation membership needs to be updated, as well as work on bylaws and purpose/mission. According to Board policy, donations of more than \$2,000 will come to the School Board for acceptance.

Jason Bull updated the Board on MPSD report cards, which were unembargoed November 17. In working to create a culture of continuous improvement, Mr. Bull's focus is on next steps, closing gaps, and celebrating district successes. An overall score of 70.9 meets expectations. Student achievement was slightly below state level. Highlights included closing gaps, on-track and post-secondary readiness. All elementary schools met or exceeded ratings. The effect of socio-economic populations on report card scores was discussed. Washington Jr. High School strongly exceeded expectations. Wilson Jr. High School staff members are working to strengthen test areas. Attendance and truancy were discussed. As with many state high schools, Lincoln High School did not meet expectations. Areas being addressed include culture, systems, and people. Superintendent Holzman commended Directors Bull and Shimanek for work isolating details within student learning, and indicated that the MPSD is heading in the right direction, and utilizing professional development and support.

Athletic Director Dave Steavpack's report compared athletic participation numbers from fall 2015 and 2016, and winter 2014-15 and winter 2015-16. Mr. Steavpack voiced concerns about hockey program's 7 participants, down from 13 last year. He indicated that the MPSD joined with Sheboygan this year to allow participants to remain in a hockey program. The hockey program will be watched in the future to determine feasibility of the program. Mr. Steavpack also presented financial information from the LHS fall 2016 athletic season, which outlined coach salaries, transportation expenses, entry fees, equipment expenses, officials' average cost, and the average cost per athlete for each sport. It was requested that Mr. Steavpack provide, in a future report, the number of students participating in multiple sports.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Keith Shaw
Board President