

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
February 14, 2017

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, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, 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. Board members logged in to BoardBook.

A motion was made by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2016, regular meeting.

Stangel Principal Heidi Schroderus introduced School Counselor Danielle Hettmann, who accompanied nine students from the Stangel Playground Peer Mediators group. The students talked about their efforts to promote a safe and respectful school climate. Superintendent Holzman and Director of Business Services Ken Mischler took part in a roll-play demonstration.

Mr. Robert Maloney of 2130 Lexington Drive, Manitowoc, addressed the Board regarding a December 6, 2016, incident at Wilson Jr. High School which involved his son.

Personnel Committee Chairperson Linda Gratz reported on the February 6, 2017, meeting. On motions from Committee, the following items were approved to be brought forward to the full Board for approval: job title change from Assistant Principal to Associate Principal; inclement weather days/school closings; voluntary transfers: teacher handbook; and pay ranges for head custodians.

In the absence of Finance & Budget Committee Chairperson Karen Rohrer, Director of Business Services Ken Mischler reported on the February 7, 2017, meeting. Lisa Metcalf from Associated Benefits and Risk Consulting (ABRC) had been asked by MPSD to send out Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for health and prescription costs. She had reported that medical and prescription claims make up about 92% of insurance costs. The other 8% is stop loss insurance and administrative fees. Quotes were received from: Anthem Blue Preferred + Blue Card; Well Priority + Blue Card; UHC Choice Plus; WPS AboutHealth; Humana NPOS; WEA; and WPS Statewide. Various scenarios were discussed and discussions were held regarding the network, savings, prescription drug carve out, and implementation. No action was taken. Additional meetings will be scheduled for further consideration of the RFPs. It is hoped that the committee will be prepared to make a recommendation to the Board at the March 14, 2017, meeting.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimously

carried (5-0) to approve voucher #733 totalling \$3,430,055.42 and voucher #736 totalling \$2,990,918.16, for a total of \$6,420,973.58. The financial report for the month ending January 31, 2017, was presented.

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler presented the second Friday enrollment numbers from January 13, 2017. The number of students reported to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the PI1563 was 5,155. Director Mischler also shared a breakdown of enrollment figures for Preschool Special Education, 4- and 5-year-old kindergartens, and grades 1-12. The numbers suggest that the district's enrollment is beginning to stabilize.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of three resignations, one professional appointment, three support appointments, and extra-curricular stipends. On motion by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Personnel Report as presented.

Director of Education Debby Shimanek and Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, reported on Achievement Gap Reductions (AGR). The Board previously approved AGR applications for Jefferson and Franklin for 2016-2017. Math and reading scores have increased in every district building. Every student in the district is required to be tested. Teachers have indicated that class data is matching assessment data.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Directors Report. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Board President Keith Shaw reminded Board members to complete a WASB survey. The closing date is in June.

Superintendent Holzman's activity update acknowledged the outstanding performance of the "Urinetown" musical and the recent Wall of Fame induction of four district alumni. Parent teacher conferences are being held. Monday, February 20 is a professional development day, with no school for students.

Motion was made by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the following second/final reads: Policy 5451.01 – Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship; Policy 5630.01 – Seclusion and Restraint with Students; and Policy 8330.01 – Unauthorized Acquisition of Student Personal Information.

Board Delegate Linda Gratz provided a written report on the 2017 WASB State Education Convention. Gratz, along with Board President Shaw and Superintendent Holzman gave an update on benefits associated with the conference.

Superintendent Holzman indicated that the District's Mission Committee is narrowing down mission statements. It is hoped that a proposed mission statement will be brought to the Board in March.

On motions brought forward from the February 6, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting, the Board approved the following: Job Title Change: Assistant Principal to Associate Principal (4-1, Shallue opposed); Inclement Weather Days/School Closings (5-0); Voluntary Transfers: Teacher Handbook (5-0); and Pay Ranges for Head Custodians (5-0).

Superintendent Holzman recommended Board approval of five members to make up the Manitowoc Public School District Foundation. Proposed members are Joe Metzen, Marcia Flaherty, Dave Diedrich, Tim Schneider, and Biff Hansen. On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, motion passed (4-1, Shallue opposed).

On motion by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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Keith Shaw  
Board President