

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
April 25, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 12: 21 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Ms. Catherine Shallue, and Mr. Keith Shaw.

Members absent: Ms. Linda Gratz, Ms. Karen Rohrer, and Mr. Dave Nickels

Rachel George presented an update on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Some highlights included the 5-year authorization review, and staff and parent communication actions taken. It was noted that enrollment for 2017-2018 is up by 30 students, from 135 to 165. Other highlights included student service and outreach actions taken, professional collaboration actions planned, and enrollment and recruitment actions planned.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the possible donation of property from Doneff Holdings, Inc. The property is located directly behind Stangel Elementary School. Motion was made by Dave Longmeyer and seconded by Elizabeth Williams to accept the donation. During subsequent discussion, concerns arose about potential site contamination or any liabilities or financial obligations that would accompany ownership of the property. Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupré confirmed that the land is extremely wet and would not be useful for much other than a nature site. Director Debby Shimanek indicated that ownership of the property could alleviate past problems of persons hunting in that area, which is adjacent to school property. Vote failed (2-2, Shaw and Shallue opposed). It was requested that the topic be placed on the May Board agenda. The Board would like to know why Doneff does not want this property. The Board requested information on taxes, assessed value, zoning, and possible designation of wetland status.

On motion by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Board unanimously (4-0) approved administrative contracts for 2017-2018, with a 1.26% base increase, as presented.

On motion by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Board unanimously (4-0) approved non-teacher contracts for 2017-2018, with a base 1.26% increase, as presented.

Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts reported on the April 18, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting, during which the following items were approved to go forward for Board approval:

- On motions from the Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously (4-0) approved the first read of Policy 3122.01 – Drug-Free Workplace.
- On motions from the Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously (4-0) approved the first read of administrative handbook language as presented relative to Weather Related School closings. This will come back to the Board at the next meeting for final approval.

- On motions from the Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously (4-0) approved the following staffing needs: Mental Health/Community Connections position; Program Support – Instructional Support Teacher for Special Education; School Counselor; Technology Aide;
- On motions from the Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously (4-0) approved teacher handbook language relative to deletion of benefit continuation during sick leave or long-term disability, as presented.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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Keith Shaw  
Board President