MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Manitowoc Board of Education

May 23, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 11:30 a.m. Members present were: Ms. Linda Gratz, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.

Members absent: Ms. Catherine Shallue, Karen Rohrer, Dave Nickels

Motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried

(4-0) by roll call vote, to move into closed session for the purpose of considering the annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools of the School District, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 11:50 a.m.

Dave Nickels had arrived during closed session. Board members were logged into BoardBook.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried

(5-0), to approve the two sets of minutes from May 2, 2017, special meetings.

Curriculum Committee Chairperson Elizabeth Williams reported on the May 22, 2017, meeting. On motions passed in committee, the following items were approved to go forward to the full Board for approval: Student Field Trip for Fashion Design Camp, with Bev Deem, July 31-August 4, 2017, in Chicago; School trip application from Renate Blennert to Rome, Italy during Spring Break 2019; Policy 5113.01 – Course Options (revised); Policy 2262 – Child Care Programs (new); Vision statement “Inspiring education – empowering community – unleashing potential” and core values of dedication, relationships, integrity, inspiration, collaboration, and compassion.

Personnel Committee Chairperson Linda Gratz reported on the May 22, 2017, meeting. On motions passed in committee, the following items were approved to go forward to the full Board for approval: wellness coordinator position; hire of ELL staff; payment of salaried staff outside of normal school day/year.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of one retirement and five resignations, six professional staff appointments, extra-curricular stipends, and two lane movements. On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Personnel Report as presented.

On motions approved by the Curriculum Committee on May 22, 2017, the following items were brought forward:

* Student Field Trip Request from Bev Deem for a Fashion Design Camp from July 31-August 4, 2017 in Chicago, IL was unanimously approved (5-0).
* School Trip Application from Renate Blennert for a trip to Rome, Italy during Spring Break 2019 was unanimously approved (5-0).

Karen Rohrer arrived at 12:03 p.m.

* First read of Policy 5113.01 – Course Options (revised) was unanimously approved (6-0);
* First read of Policy 2262 – Child Care Programs (new) was unanimously approved (6-0);
* Vision Statement: Inspiring Education – Empowering Community – Unleashing Potential; and Core Values: dedication, relationships, integrity, inspiration, collaboration, and compassion were unanimously approved (6-0).

The following items were brought from the May 22, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting:

* Considerable discussion ensued regarding the request for a Wellness Coordinator. Board members questioned the necessity of an additional position to coordinate programs already in place. Directors emphasized time required to coordinate services/communications /awareness and extend them to staff and students. The cost of the position was questioned in relation to potential future health cost savings. On motions from committee, the vote was 3-3 (Shaw, Williams, Nickels opposed). Motion failed.
* The Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve ELL staffing (1 teacher) as presented.
* The Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve payment of salaried staff outside of normal school day/year as presented.

McKinley Academy Principal Kristin Lee and McKinley Academy President Michael Herrity presented an end of the year report. Some highlights included mission, vision, student demographics, and goals.

Dave Nickels left the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Kristin Lee talked about academic and career planning and goals. Board President Shaw inquired about the feasibility of revising wording to reflect more attainable or understandable goals, i.e. reflecting an alternate rating system. Kristin Lee indicated that approximately 79% of students improve attendance after coming to McKinley Academy, but they still do not meet the state average.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 1:25p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Keith Shaw

Board President