

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
March 13, 2018

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. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Ms. Linda Gratz, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Dave Nickels and Mr. Keith Shaw.

Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Members absent: Karen Rohrer

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

A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018, Special Board meeting.

Jackson Elementary School Principal Duane Simmons introduced 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers Chris Ausprung and Abby Brixius, along with a former group of Jackson 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, who shared their experience at Jr. Achievement Biz Town. The students shared their version of a real world experience that they were able to participate in at the Education Center.

Curriculum Committee Chairperson Elizabeth Williams reported on the March 1, 2018 and the March 8, 2018, meetings. Ms. Williams presented Staff travel requests for Staff Link Crew Training and a Swim Clinic for Coaches. The McKinley Academy Contract was also discussed. Chairperson Williams also reported on the Learning Walk at Wilson Jr. High from the March 8, 2018 meeting. Committee members again commented on the positive opportunity these Learning Walks have been.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously (6-0) carried to approve voucher #839 in the amount of \$3,144,648.00 and voucher #843 in the amount of \$3,425,088.85, for a total of \$6,569,736.85. The financial report for the month ending February 28, 2018, was presented. Discussion also took place regarding the high cost of health insurance and what the proactive measures the district is doing to keep costs down.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of one retirement, hiring of one support staff, and one extra-curricular stipends. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) the Personnel Report as presented.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Directors Report. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. Board President Keith Shaw questioned the partnership with MPSD and Silver Lake College. Director Jason Bull explain that this partnership is in the infant stages as they have just completed two meetings. The first item discussed were

the Learning Liaisons hosted at Silver Lake College. The second item discussed is building a relationship based on continued learning and how can we can provide professional learning to staff members. Mr. Bull explained discussions will continue to build this partnership.

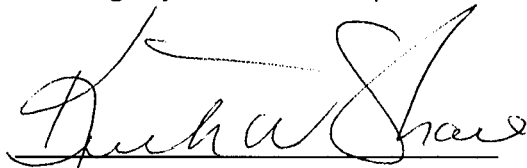
Superintendent Holzman provided a District Activity Update which consisted of the opportunity to participate and listen to over 500 student musicians at Band-O-Rama, held in the JFK Fieldhouse. These musicians included 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to seniors in high school. 50 high school band students also participated in the Vic Ferrari Symphony on the Rocks concert Saturday night at the Capitol Civic Center. Mr. Holzman also reported meetings to discuss the upcoming Referendum with parent support groups are still ongoing. The next MPSD Connection publication will be coming out in the next few weeks. March is Youth Art Month and Mr. Holzman encouraged everyone to stop in and view the talented artwork that some of our MPSD students have displayed at the Rahr-West Art Museum. Superintended Holzman also reported that many Spring Sports have started practice and we just held the first indoor track meet earlier today. Also acknowledged were upcoming Band and Choir Concerts.

On motions brought from the Finance and Budget Committee of February 26, the following policies were brought forward to the Board for first reads: Policy 7530.02 – Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices; Policy 8310 – Public Records; Policy 8605 – Use of Electronic Wireless Communication Devices By District Employees Who Operate Board-Owned or Operated Vehicles. All policies moved forward for second reads unanimously (6-0).

On motion brought forward from the 3-1-18 and 3-8-18 Curriculum Committee meetings, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved Staff Travel for the Central Eastern States Swim Clinic in Oak Brook, IL, May 19 & 20, 2018.

Superintendent Holzman provided an update on Bill 835 that was recently signed by the Governor and how it will affect the upcoming Referendum. Mr. Holzman explained if the Referendum wouldn't pass, the district would not receive the funding from Bill 835. If the Referendum does pass, it would then move the levy approximately \$.21. Bill 835 would then provide the School District additional authority to levy up to \$9,400.00 per pupil.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
Keith Shaw  
Board President

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary