

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
March 23, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Nickels at 12:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Lisa Johnston, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Meredith Sauer, Mr. Kerry Trask and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun. Board Member absent was Catherine Shallue.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members logged into BoardBook and verification of virtual connection to the meeting was confirmed.

A motion was made by Kathy Willis, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Curriculum Committee Chairperson Meredith Sauer reported on the March 18, 2021 meeting. Ms. Sauer shared discussion surrounding travel to Washington DC for approximately 50-100 Wilson students in June of 2022. The purpose of the trip would provide students with an opportunity to explore historical sites, museums and attend a Kennedy Center performance. At this time there is no trip planned for Washington students, however Board members strongly supported having this opportunity available to the Washington students as well. Ms. Sauer also shared the committee was given a K-12 Math Update which included positive feedback from staff regarding the Bridges Math program that was implemented at the elementary level. Teachers also participated in College Preparatory Math Training at the Secondary Math level including complex instruction to help build students' math identity. Lastly, the committee received an Equity Update and the work Derute Consulting is doing with our administrators and teacher leaders. This group has set a goal to explore community partnerships surrounding equity and have connected with LTC and UWGB. The team is planning the next steps with Derute Consulting for the 2021-2022 school year. A motion was made by Kerry Trask, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2021 Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee member Lisa Johnston provided a report from the March 22, 2021 meeting. Ms. Johnston stated Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupre' and Doug Bilyeu from Cenergistic shared a presentation that outlined an energy savings program for our district. This program provides a partnership and evaluation of the district's heating and ventilation systems schedules. Cenergistic is currently working with the Appleton Area and Sheboygan School Districts. The committee was also given a brief update on the McKinley Building. The McKinley Building is listed at \$399,000 and the District has a contract with Berkshire Hathaway until November 30, 2021. The building has been shown eight times since November 2020. A motion was made by Kerry Trask, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the March 22, 2021 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting.

Superintendent Mark Holzman presented the Personnel Report in the absence of HR Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts. The Personnel Report consisted of three (3) retirements, two (2) resignations, hiring of two replacement (2) support staff, several extra-curricular spring stipends, and three (3) staff level movements. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. On a motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Kathy Willis, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) the Personnel Report as presented.

A Referendum Update was next shared by Superintendent Holzman. Mr. Holzman shared a document and explanation of "Understanding the School District Levy/Mill Rate and Your Tax Bill. This explanation included the rationalization of Equalized Value vs. Fair Market/Assessed Value and the impact this has on a person's property tax. The school district does not set nor control the Fair Market Value or the Assessed Value of a home or property. It was also acknowledged if the Fair Market Value of your home increases, your property tax will most likely increase. This document has been placed on our district website for anyone to view at their convenience. Mr. Holzman also shared that he will be conducting the third virtual Public Referendum Question & Answer Session Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and continues to share the Referendum facts with the public and answer any questions they may have.

Superintendent Holzman next shared a Return to School and District Activity Update. Mr. Holzman highlighted the amazing job our staff is doing and the positive trend of good health we are seeing in our community. ACT testing was completed at the high school when we came back and reportedly went extremely well. The second dose of Covid vaccinations will be given this Thursday and Saturday for staff who took advantage of the opportunity with HFM. When we return from spring break, approximately 88% of our staff will be vaccinated. Mr. Holzman reminded everyone this Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is the rescheduled no school/snow makeup day for staff and students. Superintendent Holzman also articulated that Students have started practice on the School House Rock musical at Lincoln High School, the Band has started marching practice outdoors and the first football game is scheduled for this Friday at Rubick Field. We are proud of the positive things our students and staff are doing in the district and continue to work hard on the supporting pieces our kids need in the classroom.

A motion was made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Meredith Sauer and unanimously approved (6-0) the second and final read of Policy 6630 - Cash Handling and Deposits.

A motion was made by Lisa Johnston, seconded by Richard Nitsch and unanimously approved (6-0) the second and final read of Policy 1240 - Evaluation of the Superintendent.

New Business agenda items consisted of the Wilson student trip to Washington DC in June of 2022. On motions brought forward from the March 18, 2021 Curriculum Committee, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) the Wilson, Washington DC Trip in June 2022. Board members did express support for this trip to be encouraged and made available to both Wilson and Washington students in the future.

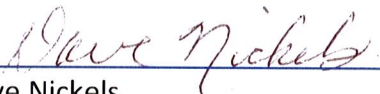
The Waiver of community Service Hours for 2021 seniors was brought forward to the Board. On motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Meredith Sauer, the waiver was unanimously (6-0) approved.

The donation from the "Winter Miracle Splash" was brought to the full Board. This donation is designated for the MPSD Special Education Department. A motion was made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Meredith Sauer, and unanimously accepted (6-0) as presented.

Future Meeting Dates include an Equity Advisory Ad Hoc Committee scheduled March 25<sup>th</sup>, a Finance & Budget Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks and the next Board meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Kathy Willis, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary

  
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Dave Nickels  
Board President