

MANITOWOC PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Stacey Soeldner at 5:30 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Collin Braunel, Mr. Matthew Phipps, Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Matthew Spaulding, and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present were Superintendent James Feil, Directors, and Executive Assistant Laurie Braun. Board member Kerry Trask was absent. Newly elected Board members Biff Hansen and Chris Able were also present at the meeting and will officially take their seats on the Board on April 24, 2023.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Network connection and access to BoardBook were confirmed.

No Public Input was presented to the Board.

The current Board members introduced themselves to the newly elected Board members Biff Hansen and Chris Able. MPSD Superintendent James Feil provided a Success for All (SFA) Implementation Summary Report to help equip our new Board members with the background information on how we got to this point of finalizing the contract. The SFA contract has been shared with our District legal counsel for review of the parameters of the contract as well as to confirm we are following District policy. The summary included 12 topics of discussion surrounding the Board approval of a Whole School Reform Model, background information supporting the SFA recommendation on February 14, 2023, appointing new positions by Administration, finalizing the middle and elementary school schedules, and finalizing the SFA Contract. Mr. Feil also shared that ordering curriculum materials, trade books, and other materials is pending upon the finalization of the SFA contract. Finalizing the contract is extremely critical for the district to process the material orders, and get the items to their respective buildings so we are set to go for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Feil reiterated we still need to arrange for the SFA Leadership training for our staff which can be done when the contract is finalized. The newly elected Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. Assistant Superintendent Jame McCall shared that we will continue to provide professional development for our teachers so they are prepared and ready for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Board President Soeldner stated that the district will also be utilizing May 19th as an SFA Professional Development Day to help engage and support our staff with the SFA Curriculum Model.

Remarks from the Board President included Ms. Soeldner announcing the Organizational Meeting is scheduled for next week and the Board has been considering a new direction for the Board's Governance Model. Ms. Soeldner stated as a Board we have not made the decision to change to the model that is suggested in the Doug Eadie book, however, the Board continues to discuss what a future model may look like. A copy of the book was shared with the two newly elected Board members. The Governance Model will be on the agenda for the 4-26-23 Special Board Meeting and wanted the newly seated Board members to have a little background on what the Board has been reviewing.

Future meeting dates include the Organizational Meeting, April 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., and the Special Board of Education Meeting will follow the Organizational Meeting. The Ad-hoc Student Behavior Advisory Committee will be meeting April 27, 2023, and the PTO/PTA & Superintendent Advisory Committee will be meeting April 24, 2023.

On motion from Matthew Spaulding, seconded by Matthew Phipps, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adjourn the April 19, 2023, Special Board meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Board Executive Assistant

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey E. Soeldner".

Board President, Stacey E. Soeldner