

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
April 27, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Nickels at 12:17 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Collin Braunel, Ms. Lisa Johnston, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Meredith Sauer, Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Kerry Trask and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

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

A motion was made by Kathy Willis, seconded by Kerry Trask, and unanimously carried (7-0), to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

At this time Superintendent Holzman asked if Curriculum Committee could provide their report from the April 15, 2021 meeting before the School Showcase presentation. Curriculum Committee Chairperson Meredith Sauer shared a technology or "Teachnology" (teaching and technology) update of work being done across the district. Ms. Sauer stated the IT team has issued over 5000 Chromebooks, while assisting those students and families the ability to stay engaged with learning during the past year. Ms. Sauer's report also included a literacy update including some curriculum changes and support for K-5 literacy, 6-8 English Language Arts, 9-12 English and K-12 Reading, and how support for all learners will continue this summer and during the next school year. A motion was made by Kerry Trask, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2021 Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report. The Personnel Report consisted of four (4) resignations, hiring of five (5) replacement professional staff positions, two replacement (2) support staff positions, and one (1) co-curricular 4<sup>th</sup> quarter position. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. Clarification was provided regarding the .8 FTE German Teacher position at Lincoln High School. On a motion by Meredith Sauer, seconded by Lisa Johnston, the Board unanimously approved (7-0) the Personnel Report as presented.

Riverview Learning Community Principal Heidi Schroderus presented the School Showcase. Principal Schroderus shared how staff has thought about strategies that will impact student learning across all areas. Ms. Schroderus explained how they are collaborating with the Madison and Monroe Elementary staff with teaching practices and how they impact student learning. The focus on feedback for both teachers and students is helping students achieve their goals as learners and teachers as educators. Principal Schroderus also spoke of Riverview's 100 Day Benchmark with the teacher's mindset giving student feedback of where and why, and strategies they can use when students get stuck with their learning. This feedback helps reinforce the growth mindset with students. Riverview is also promoting family engagement through PTO meetings, family newsletters, social media (Facebook) and recommendations for podcast learning opportunities. Riverview staff shared how using the Plan A, B & C approach of the Collaborative &

Proactive Solutions model is working with staff and students, helping them become better problem solvers by identifying the problem, coming up with solutions, and then putting these solutions into action. Principal Schroderus expressed excitement seeing the positive transition in both staff and students using feedback and this CPS model. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

Superintendent Holzman next shared a Return to School and District Activity Update communicating schools are at the height of the forward testing season. The state reviews the results from the testing and then shares with the results with our staff in the fall. Parents also receive a digital copy of their student's results. The district is also collecting bids to upgrade technology for our Board room to improve the broadcasting of our meetings in this new virtual world. The district continues to monitor the health of our staff and students in the district. We know that Covid is still out there and we continue to follow the necessary protocols to keep our staff and students safe. We are seeing a lot of positive activities within the district, including our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are engaging in day trips to the School Forest which is always a great experience for our kids. The Fall sport alternative schedule is coming to an end for co-curriculars with some great successes in volleyball and cross country. We will see baseball, track, softball and tennis begin and Mr. Holzman reiterated that the district is really seeing student engagement at a very positive level. Students are attending school, engaged in class and are participating in many of the other opportunities available to them.

On motions brought forward from the 4-7-21 Finance and Budget Committee Meeting, the Board unanimously carried (7-0), the 1.23% Base Salary Increase for Teachers.

A motion was made by Collin Braunel, seconded Stacey Soeldner, and unanimously approved (7-0) the resolution to begin the 2021-2022 School Year prior to September 1, 2021.

Director of Business Services Angela Erdmann presented the policy for the annual Student Accident Insurance request. A motion was made by Kathy Willis, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously approved (6-1), the student accident insurance with Board member Collin Braunel abstaining. The student accident insurance expenditure for the 2021-22 school year is \$10,467. This is a \$1,163 decrease from the previous year.

The Board unanimously accepted Kathy Willis to serve as the MPSD CESA 7 Representative for the next year.

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Kathy Willis to serve as the Representative for the WASB Delegate Assembly and Kerry Trask as the Alternate Representative.

The Board did not move to convene in Closed Session at this meeting.

Future Committee Meetings will be scheduled after the committee assignments are established.

On motion by Collin Braunel, seconded by Kathy Willis, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary

*Dave Nickels*

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Board President

*Lisa Johnston*  
vice-president