

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
May 18, 2022

A 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. Matthew Phipps, Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Matthew Spaulding, Mr. Kerry Trask, Mr. Tony Vlastelica, Ms. Kathy Willis and Mr. Collin Braunei was attending virtually. Also present were Dr. Joe Sheehan with School Exec Connect, Superintendent Mark Holzman, and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

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

Board President Stacey Soeldner addressed the Board stating the purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the interim Superintendent search. Mr. Sheehan shared the two proposed Interim Superintendent Search Models. Model #1 is School Board focused which would possibly include one focus group and would take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete. Model #2 is a Modest Community Engagement approach which would include 4-5 focus groups and would take approximately 5-7 weeks to complete. After significant discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with Model #1 due to the district's timeline.

The Board next discussed some of the qualities and expectations they would like to see in the Interim Superintendent and some immediate concerns they would like to start seeing addressed.

The Board also discussed specific items they would like to have Mr. Sheehan assist them with this process. Mr. Sheehan will provide the Board with a list of the Qualities/Expectations and the immediate issues to address from tonight's discussion of the Board.

A focus group comprised of approximately 12 individuals, including representatives from the high school, middle school, elementary, and Administration levels will participate in the next step of the Superintendent search process. The focus group will meet next Monday, May 23, 2022. Mr. Sheehan will also be present to provide any additional assistance.

The Board discussed two options for advertising the Interim Superintendent Position. It was the consensus of the Board to go with the second option which included the color MPSD logo and to also utilize advertising with WASDA (statewide) for an additional fee of \$600.

The Board will be provided with sample interview questions. Board members will have the option to choose or to create two questions and submit them to Mr. Sheehan. The Board will conduct interviews for the Interim Superintendent Thursday, June 2, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Spaulding, seconded by Kathy Willis, and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary

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Board President, Stacey Soeldner