

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
May 22, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 12:02 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Lisa Johnston, Mr. Keith Shaw, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Ms. Karen Rohrer and Mr. Dave Longmeyer. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

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

A motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (7-0), to approve the minutes from May 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the May 15, 2018 Special Board Meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Member Elizabeth Williams reported on the May 14, 2018, meeting. Ms. Williams reported that committee members were given a tour of the MSC Building and an explanation of the staff employed there and the skilled trades of those employees. Upcoming blacktop and concrete projects were discussed as well as a summary of other summer projects that will take place in the district. The committee also discussed the possibility of adding a Supervisory position to the Buildings and Grounds Staff to assist the Director. Dave Nickels questioned if we were still actively pursuing to fill the vacant custodial positions before looking to fill a possible new position. The District is still in the process of fulfilling these vacant positions. An update on the State Safety Grant Funding was also given to committee members from the Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupré. Board President Dave Longmeyer asked for more information as to the reasons why we only received one bid for the concrete and asphalt work. Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupré provided an explanation why other contractors did not choose to bid these projects.

Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Dave Nickels reported on the May 22, 2018. Finance and Budget Committee Meeting. Mr. Nickels report included the cost increase to the district and employees' health and dental insurance is 6.44%. To assist in keeping insurance costs down and balancing the budget, district employees will be contributing a larger towards their insurance premiums than in previous years. It was also noted that trending medical increases are averaging 8% and prescription drugs approximately 20%.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of one retirement, two resignations, six professional staff appointments, and extra-curricular stipends. On motion by Dave Nickels, seconded by Keith Shaw, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the Personnel Report with the elimination of the duplicate extra-curricular Elementary Music stipend. On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the Addendum to the Personnel Report as presented.

Superintendent Holzman gave a brief District Activity Update which included a reminder to Board Members of the May 30, 2018 Youth Apprenticeship Awards that will be held at Lincoln's

Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Holzman also reminded everyone of the McKinley Academy Graduation Ceremony, May 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at McKinley Academy. Mr. Holzman reminded board members that Friday, May 25, 2018 is a no staff/student day. Also noted were the Spring Concerts that will still be taking place throughout the District. Superintendent Holzman informed everyone that next week is the official ground breaking of Rubick Field and we look forward to watching this transformation take place.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the MEA contract was unanimously (7-0) approved as presented.


On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Karen Rohrer, the Grade Alignment Recommendation was unanimously (7-0) approved as presented. Dave Longmeyer addressed the Board stating he was pleased with the outcome of the public input meeting. Dave Nickels added discussion that he did receive contact from some parents and how they voiced their opinion on keeping Riverview a 3K, 4K-5K Early Child Learning Center. Board Member Karen Rohrer also mentioned that we have looked at every possible scenario and the feelings of the staff and parents in favor of Riverview are not being disregarded. It was also mentioned the importance of making this transition as positive as possible.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Salary/Wage increase (2.13%) for other groups of 2018-2019 MPSD staff; such as Administrative, Clerical, Custodial, Aides, and others was unanimously (7-0) approved as presented.

Board President Dave Longmeyer discussed the process for the selection of the vacant Board seat with current Board members. Further discussion will take place after the Board seat currently being held by Karen Rohrer is vacant. Each of the four candidates have been contacted and notified that the Board is processing the information. The plan and process of candidate selection will be brought to the June 12, 2018 Board Meeting. The actual selection of the new candidate will be conducted in open session.

The School Safety Grant Update and School Safety Plan report was started by Buildings and Grounds Director Chris Dupré. Mr. Dupré explained the grant is broken into Priority 1 and Priority 2 sections. Grant paperwork needs to be submitted by June 8th and the installation of these Safety measures needs to be added by September 1, 2018. Superintendent Holzman also added how these funds will be distributed and the likelihood of this being completed by September 1, 2018 is still unknown. Mr. Holzman also explained how we as a district hold monthly safety meetings with local law enforcement, fire department, and representatives from each building to discuss safety measures.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 1:05p.m.

  
Dave Longmeyer  
Board President

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary