

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
May 28, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 12:00 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Meredith Sauer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Richard Nitsch. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board secretary Laurie Braun.

Members absent: Ms. Lisa Johnston and Mr. Dave Nickels

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

A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019 Regular Board Meetings.

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams gave a brief review of the May 14, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. On motion from Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. The LHS Leadership Course Proposal discussed at the May 14, 2019 meeting will be brought forward to the full Board under New Business.

Chairperson Richard Nitsch reported on the May 23, 2019 Personnel Committee Meeting. Mr. Nitsch provided a summary of the 2020-2021 School Calendar, which included the change to the start date for the school year to reflect starting before Labor Day. He also provided an overview of the proposed Student Learning Liaison positions. These Liaisons will replace the former Department Head positions. Also discussed was the proposed 2019-2020 2.44% salary increase for Administrators, Non-Teachers and Others, the revision to the Central Office Receptionist Position and the consideration of July 5, 2019 being a holiday for 12-month employees. Items discussed at this meeting will be brought forward to the full Board under New Business. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the minutes of the May 23, 2019 Personnel Committee were unanimously approved (5-0).

McKinley Academy principal, Chris Dirkes presented a 2018-2019 Milestones slideshow. Mr. Dirkes' presentation highlighted the many positive things happening at McKinley Academy. This presentation included the significant improvement in attendance and in math and literacy scores. Mr. Dirkes also shared the Student Coalition – Co-Curricular plans for possible Rec Leagues, a lunch Volleyball Club and Activity Club. McKinley Academy Counselor, Ms. Stephanie Boncher, shared student involvement focusing on College and Career Readiness. Students have taken part in touring post-secondary education sites, employment tours such as the Heavy Metals Bus Tours, career fairs and the LTC Career Quest. Principal Dirkes also shared that a Character Ed Program has been initiated that highlights a different trait each month for students to work on. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments after the presentation from the McKinley Academy Staff.

Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report and Addendum consisting of three (3) resignations, nine (9) professional staff appointments, and one (1) support staff appointment. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Personnel Report and Addendum as presented.

Superintendent Holzman gave a brief District Activity Update included an invite and reminder to Board Members, McKinley Academy's Graduation will be held May 30, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at McKinley Academy. Mr. Holzman also shared Lincoln High School's historic graduation ceremony will take place Friday, June 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend both ceremonies.

On motion from the 5-14-19 Curriculum Committee, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the LHS Leadership Course Proposals presented.

On motions brought forward by the 5-23-19 Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

After brief discussion regarding the training, qualifications and interview process for the Student Learning Liaison positions, the Board unanimously approved (5-0), the Student Learning Liaisons positions brought forward from the 5-23-19 Personnel Committee.

On motions brought forward from the 5-23-19 Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously approved (5-0) the Salary/Wage Increase of 2.44% for Administrators, non-teachers and others.

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and approved by a unanimous roll call vote (5-0) to move into closed session at 12:45 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This meeting is authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 1:13 p.m. On motion by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board accepted the Administrator retirement request, discussed in closed session, including waiving the notice requirement for post-employment benefits.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 1:14p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary

  
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Dave Longmeyer  
Board President