

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Public School District Board of Education
June 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 7:03 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Meredith Sauer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Lisa Johnston and Mr. Dave Longmeyer. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Members Absent: Ms. Catherine Shallue

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

A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 Special Board Meeting.

The Board acknowledged communications received by all Board members

Franklin Elementary Principal Nate Brunnbauer introduced several members of the Franklin Elementary Student Council. These students shared a presentation of the 4th Annual Flower Delivery. Each student explained the process of collecting empty milk cartons, the decorating of these cartons that served as the containers for the flowers, the purchasing of the pansies and then replanting them into the decorated cartons. Franklin's Student Council is comprised of approximately 30, 4th – 6th grade students. All students at Franklin Elementary were involved in delivering the approximate 525 flowers to the surrounding neighbors of the Franklin Community. The students expressed it is a small gesture of gratitude and appreciation they have for members of the community.

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Elizabeth Williams reported on the June 11, 2019 Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Williams shared staff travel requests, which included; an AP Conference in Chicago, IL, a LIVE Trip to Spain scheduled June/July, 2020, and a LIVE Trip to Germany scheduled June/July 2020. Math Specialist Lori Williams gave an update of the Math Resource Adoption Update for Kindergarten through Grade 5. The Math team is recommending the Bridges curriculum resource. They believe this curriculum would offer the best engaging mathematics experience for students. Travel items will be brought to the full Board under New Business. On motion from Dave Nickels, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the minutes from the June 11, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting were unanimously (6-0) approved.

Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson, Dave Nickels reported on the June 6, 2019 Finance and Budget Committee Meeting. Mr. Nickels shared discussion of a potential new Third Party Administrator (TPA), UMR, for the District's self-insured health insurance plan. Moving forward with UMR would allow the District employee's to select from a wider range of providers. On recommendation from Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Dave Nickels, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to amend the stop loss portion of the TPA proposal from UMR. On motion from Dave Nickels, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the amendment to the TPA proposal from UMR. On motion from

Dave Nickels, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the original proposal as amended. Dave Nickels also reported on the 2019-2020 preliminary budget, which included the comparison of how MPSD's Revenue Limit and Tax Levy authority would be impacted if the State passes the proposed \$300 per member increase for the 2019-2020 school year. The 2019-2024 Pupil Transportation Contract was also discussed, addressing the revisions due to grade alignment. This will be brought to the full Board under New Business.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services, Shawn Alfred. A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve Bill List 5-1-19 through 5-31-19. This Bill List reflects district operating expenses and district payroll, for a total operating expense of \$6,625,675.25. Board member Dave Longmeyer questioned the approximate total of the Lincoln High School Ceiling repair. Mr. Alfred explained the District to date has issued two payments to vendors for an approximate total of \$260,000. Mr. Alfred also provided the financial report for month ending May 31, 2019 noting there is one equalization payment left for the month of June. The financial report was accepted as presented.

Director of Human Resources, Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of one (1) retirement, two (2) resignations, hiring eight (8) professional staff, five (5) lane movements and one (1) extra-curricular stipend. Board member Dave Nickels asked for clarification for the professional staff new-hires that are not DPI certified. Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts explained that the DPI allows Tech-Ed, Business and Family Consumer Ed Staff to have an experience-based license for these positions. On motion from Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Lisa Johnston, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the Personnel Report as presented.

Director of Education, Pamela Lensmire presented the annual AGR Report. This report included how these schools were given growth goals to help close the gaps we are currently seeing in grades Kindergarten – 3rd Grade. Ms. Lensmire explained that though the goals are set high, there is growth. Board Member Dave Nickels questioned why the test scores are not meeting the expected goals set. Ms. Lensmire explained the roles of the new Math Coaches and Reading Specialists will be instrumental with helping improve scores and reach the goals we are setting for our students. She also mentioned that the district continues to see an increase in the number of economically disadvantaged and special education students which is a factor in the test scores. Ms. Lensmire said this feedback will be given to the building principals as they plan for AGR the next school year.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Director's Report. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and share comments. Board member Dave Nickels questioned the data for open enrollment numbers and the decline in enrollment. Director Alfred explained that students are leaving for a variety of reasons, including some high school students electing to try online schools and others leaving due to boundary lines. Our goal is to retain and draw students from other districts. Mr. Holzman explained there are many factors that are involved with the open enrollment process. We will be providing an update of enrollment numbers by the end of July/beginning of August. Board member Lisa Johnston

asked for an update regarding the Principal position at Monroe Elementary. The posting for this vacancy closed at the end of the day today. The Admin team will be evaluating the applications over the next few days and then make a selection of which candidates they would like bring forward to interview.

Superintendent Holzman provided a District activity update, where he shared summer school started Monday. Approximately 500 energetic students are participating in the Athletics section of summer school. The next section of summer school is Enrichment, July 8-19, 2019, with Elementary Academy to follow July 22– August 9, 2019, and ending with Middle School Academy August 5-16, 2019. Summer school students will receive breakfast in the morning and a bag lunch for lunch. This is an amazing opportunity for students to remain engaged during the summer months.

A grade alignment update was also shared which included the start of moving boxes. The next portion will be moving furniture. Some discussion took place regarding the McKinley Building. Mr. Holzman explained after all of the grade alignment moves are completed and we have everything moved out of the building, we can then begin to discuss what the District plans will be for the McKinley building site.

On motion brought forward from the June 11, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) Staff travel requests for Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL – July 8-11, 2019, the LIVE Trip to Spain, June 19-July 7, 2020 with the stipulation it not exceed a cost of \$9,600 and the LIVE Trip to Germany, June 15-July 4, 2020.

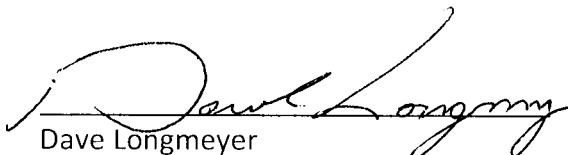
On motion from Richard Nitsch, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the Annual WIAA Membership Renewals.

Superintendent Holzman reminded Board members of the upcoming 2019 Equity Symposium & Summer Leadership Conference. This conference is sponsored by WASB and will take place July 12 & 213, 2019 in Appleton. If Board members are interested in attending please contact the Board Secretary.

On motion brought forward from the June 6, 2019 Finance and Budget Committee, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the proposed 2019-2024 Bus Transportation Contract with Brandt Buses.

On motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary


Dave Longmeyer
Board President