

**Manitowoc Public School District**  
**Minutes of Finance & Budget Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, June 6, 2019

Finance and Budget (F&B) Committee Chairperson David Nickels called the Finance and Budget Committee to order at 3:32 p.m. with F&B committee members Richard Nitsch and Catherine Schallue present. Superintendent Mark Holzman, Director of Business Services Shawn M. Alfred, Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts, and Luann Boyea of Associated Risk Benefits (ARB) were also present.

**Health Insurance TPA RFP Presentation / Approval**

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred and Ms. Boyea of Associated Risk Benefits gave an informational presentation on a potential new Third Party Administrator (TPA) for the District's self insured health insurance. Currently, the District's TPA is Anthem; however, the District has been evaluating switching TPAs to provide more options to employee while potential cost savings. UMR, a UnitedHealthcare company, was introduced as the preferred TPA starting with next plan year; January 1, 2020. UMR would allow MPSD to offer the same health plan currently while expanding the providers that would be considered in-network and a cost savings. The in-network providers would consist of Aurora, ThedaCare, Prevea and Holy Family. Questions were asked by all member of the Finance & Budget Committee on costs, composition, implications on MPSD and MPSD employees, and next steps. It was noted that, if approved, the next step would be to notify UMR of MPSD's intent and negotiate a 3 year contract. A motion was made by member Nitsch, seconded by member, to bring to the School Board the recommendation to allow MPSD to give notice of intent to accept UMR as the health plan TPA and continue contract negotiations. The motion carried.

**2019-2020 Budget Update**

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred spoke on the 2019-2020 MPSD Budget. A comparison of how our MPSD's Revenue Limit and Tax Levy authority would be impacted if the State would pass the proposed \$300 per member increase for the 2019-2020 school year. If passed, the levy would allow approximately an additional \$1,000,000 in tax levy and potentially be a 3% increase from last year. Discussion of all individuals present occurred. A proposed 2019/2020 budget is anticipated to be presented at the July Finance & Budget Committee.

**2019 Pupil Transportation Contract Approval**

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred spoke on the 2019 Pupil Transportation Contract revisions. Due to grade realignment causing a reduction in bus routes, a minimal increase of \$2,600 in the overall contract is expected for the 2019/2020 school year when compared to the 2018/2019 contract. There will be some increases in CWD transportation and extra-curricular transportation. Questions were asked by both Chairperson Nickels and member Nitsch on the costs, requirements of the company, etc. A motion was made by member Nitsch, seconded by member Schallue to bring to the School Board the recommendation to accept the 2019 Pupil Transportation Contract. The motion carried

A motion was made by member Nitsch and seconded by Chairperson Nickels to adjourn, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Shawn M. Alfred  
Acting Secretary  
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