

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
July 23, 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. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Nickels, Catherine Shallue, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Lisa Johnston and Mr. Dave Longmeyer. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Members absent: Ms. Meredith Sauer

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams and approved by unanimous (6-0) roll call vote to move into closed session 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 regular meeting of the Board of Education reconvened in open session at 12:37 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members were logged into BoardBook.

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2019 regular board meeting.

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams reported on the July 18, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Ms. Williams shared the Student Milestone of Success update which included discussion around reading and math data. Committee members also discussed the Learning Walks for the 2019-2020 school year. The 2019-2020 Curriculum Committee Meeting schedule was proposed to the committee members and will take place the second Tuesday of each month starting in August. Significant discussion regarding the new Middle School Schedule model took place. Board member Meredith Sauer questioned how the new middle school model will be evaluated for the school year. Director Jason Bull and Pam Lensmire explained they have developed a schedule of topics to be covered monthly with the Curriculum Committee to keep members updated. They also explained that student and parent engagement surveys will continue to be administered to gather information related to the impact of the new Middle School Model. Ms. Williams also reported on the information shared from Lincoln High School Administrators Lee Thennes and Kyle Korinek related to the proposal of replacing the currently class ranking system with a Laude Honors System for recognizing academic excellence. The proposal will be brought back to the committee for further discussion in

August. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the minutes from the July 18, 2019 Curriculum Committee meeting were accepted as presented.

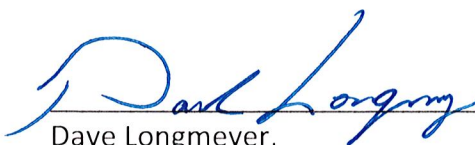
Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson, Dave Nickels reported on the July 23, 2019 meeting which took place earlier today. Mr. Nickels gave an update on the preliminary budget, discussing the estimated \$34 million State Equalization Aid, the additional Per Pupil Categorical Aid of approximately \$330,000 and an estimated Tax Levy of \$19.5 million or an estimated 2.2% increase in the tax levy. This estimated tax levy was based on Governor Evers recent approval to increase the Maximum Member Base from \$100 to \$300; \$9,500 to \$9,700 per member. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the Finance & Budget Report. On motion by Dave Nickels, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the board unanimously (6-0) accepted the minutes as presented from the July 23, 2019 Finance and Budget Committee meeting.

Director of Human Resources, Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of two (2) resignations, redaction of one (1) professional staff position that was approved at the July 9, 2019 board meeting, hiring of two (2) support staff and extra-curricular stipends. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) the Personnel Report as presented. On motion by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved Addendum 1 as presented, accepting the administrator resignation and administrator reassignments. On motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved Addendum 2 as presented, hiring of two (2) professional staff.

Superintendent Holzman and Director of Pupil Services provided an explanation of Memo dated 7-16-19, notifying the District the need to hire an additional 2.5 FTE sign language interpreters the start of the 2019-20 school year due to an increase in student need. The estimated cost for the 2.5 FTE will be \$115,000. The District will be able to submit to the state for some reimbursement through High Cost Special Education Aid to help absorb some of the cost for these additional employees.

Future meeting dates were discussed. Curriculum Committee will be meeting August 13, 2019. Finance and Budget Committee's next scheduled meeting is August 22, 2019 and the Personnel Committee is in the process of scheduling a meeting before the August 13, 2109 Board Meeting.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.


Dave Longmeyer,
Board President

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary