

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
July 7, 2020

A virtual special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Nickels at 12:01 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Lisa Johnston, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Catherine Shallue and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

Members absent: Ms. Meredith Sauer and Ms. Elizabeth Williams

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members logged into BoardBook and verification of virtual connection to the meeting was confirmed.

A motion was made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously carried, (5-0) to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020 Special Board Meeting.

Board President Dave Nickels reported on communications received by Board members regarding the list of signatures opposing the cancellation of the traditional graduation ceremony at Lincoln High School. Board members had the opportunity to share their thoughts. After some discussion, it was in agreement by Board members that due to the increased numbers of positive COVID tests in our community and using the guidelines from our health professionals, our traditional graduation ceremony was unfortunately not a safe option at this time.

Board Member Elizabeth Williams joined the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Richard Nitsch reported on the June 23, 2020 meeting. Mr. Nitsch shared the 2020 Pupil Transportation Contract with Brandt Buses was approved at the committee level and will be brought forward for full Board approval under new business. Mr. Nitsch also reported on the interest from a Manitowoc resident to purchase the District owned Columbus Street Parcel. The inquiry was noted, however the Board has no interest in selling this parcel of property at this time. Mr. Alfred shared preliminary figures of the 2020-2021 MPSD Budget. The DPI will be releasing updated revenue numbers on July 1, 2020. A budget update will then be presented to the Finance and Budget Committee in July. The Committee was also given three different budget scenarios due to COVID-19 and the impact it had on the State of Wisconsin. Based on the information provided, the three scenarios could have an effect of \$900,000 up to \$3,779,000. Motion was made by Kathy Willis, seconded by Richard Nitsch and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020 Finance and Budget Committee meeting.

Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of four (4) resignations, one (1) retirement, hiring three (3) professional staff

personnel, and two (2) support staff. On a motion by Lisa Johnston, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the Board unanimously approved (6-0) the Personnel Report as presented.

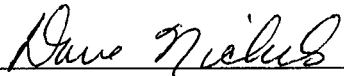
A Return to School Update was shared by Superintendent Holzman where he presented a draft of the timeline being used to share the survey information, staff and parent listening sessions for the return to school, and a final return to school model to present to the Board at the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Board Meeting. Mr. Holzman and HR Director Joyce Greenwood-Aerts also provided a Safe Re-opening and Return to Central Office plan for all Central Office Employees and the policies and protocols involved to make this happen. Mr. Holzman also shared the Staff and Parent Return to School Survey results. Approximately 460 staff and 1800 parents completed the survey. Board members had the opportunity to review and ask questions. Mr. Holzman also noted that staff and parents will be offered two listening sessions each to review the survey results and write in questions. Questions will be compiled and addressed in an upcoming listening session.

Item brought forward from the June 23, 2020 Finance and Budget Committee, Bus/Pupil Transportation Contract. This is a 5 year contract that is reviewed annually. On motion brought forward from the 6-23-20 Finance and Budget Committee meeting, the Board unanimously approved (6-0), the 2020 Pupil Transportation Contract.

The Board discussed future meeting dates/referrals. The Curriculum Committee has a scheduled meeting July 21, 2020.

On motion by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary

  
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Dave Nickels  
Board President