

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
July 9, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 6:34 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Meredith Sauer, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Richard Nitsch, Ms. Lisa Johnston and Mr. Dave Longmeyer. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

The Board approved to move into closed session by a unanimous (7-0) roll call vote 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, i.e. a candidate who may be qualified to serve as Principal of Monroe Elementary School, as 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 6:55 p.m. 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 (7-0) to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2019 special board meeting.

The Board acknowledged any communications received.

No public input was presented to the Board at the meeting.

Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson, Dave Nickels reported on the July 8, 2019 meeting. Mr. Nickels shared information regarding Student Loans for 2019-2020, Depositories for District Funds and continued discussion on the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget. The Student Loans and Depositories for District Funds will be brought forward under New Business. On motion from Dave Nickels, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the minutes from the July 8, 2019 Finance and Budget Committee were approved (7-0) as amended.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services, Shawn Alfred. A motion was made by Richard Nitsch, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve Bill List 6-1-19 through 6-30-19. This Bill List reflects district operating expenses and district payroll, for a total operating expense of \$9,576,613.71. Mr. Alfred noted the payroll operating expense was larger this month due to teacher balance of

contract pay out. Director Alfred also explained there is no financial report for the month of June, as it is the end of the fiscal year for the district.

In the absence of Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts, Superintendent Holzman presented the Personnel Report consisting of six (6) resignations, hiring seven (7) professional staff, and five (5) support staff. On a motion by Meredith Sauer, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the Personnel Report. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously approved (7-0) the Addendum to the Personnel Report as presented, appointing Andrea Friis as the Principal of Monroe Elementary School. Conversation continued regarding resignations and retirements within our district and the ability to attract new employees.

Superintendent Holzman acknowledged the Superintendent and Director's Report. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. Board Member Lisa Johnston asked for an update on the supports CESA 7 is providing to our District. Director Lensmire explained in recent years, CESA 7 has been providing support in two capacities. The first being, in the past few years a CESA representative has been working with our EL teaching staff to review data and build academic language strategies in the classroom. This CESA 7 staff member has also been working with our reading staff by facilitating collaborative observations of practice within the classroom and supporting the reading teachers' efforts to enhance effective literacy strategies across content areas. CESA 6 literacy staff is providing support to the middle school ELA staff, helping them to work through the implementation of the middle school level Reading and Writing Units of Study. Director Jason Bull added that CESA 7 has recently acquired a Math Specialist who will be working with our District's Math Specialist, Lori Williams and the two new math coaches to provide supports at the elementary level. He also noted that CESA 6 has been working with our administrative team and the Student Learning Liaisons on coaching

Superintendent Holzman gave an informational grade alignment update where he relayed the moving of boxes of teacher supplies, student furniture and equipment has started and we are starting to get a view of how the grade alignment transformation is taking shape. Mr. Holzman pointed out to be in compliance with the state in terms of records, there will be some minor name changes in the district. Stangel Elementary School, which will now be the Stangel Learning Community and will house McKinley Academy, M CCP, LEP and some technology pieces. Riverview Early Childhood Center will now be Riverview Elementary School and will also house Riverview Early Learning and some Title and SAGE resources. Stangel Learning Community, McKinley Academy, M CCP, some Technology pieces and LEP. New signs have been ordered for some of the schools and we are continuing to make progress with the grade alignment transition. September 5th will be a scheduled half day for incoming students who are new to a building. This scheduled half day will be used to help these students familiarize themselves with their new school and get organized. The six

planning teams for the middle schools continue to have conversations to discuss the details what the school day will now look like, from recess to curriculum to substitute teachers and how that process will work. All of these conversations are essential to this grade alignment transition.

Superintendent Holzman's District activity update included Monday was the start of the second phase or Enrichment part of Summer School which includes cooking, art, and games just to name a few. This year, Jackson and Franklin Elementary Schools are hosting the Enrichment section of summer school and the number of kids participating is phenomenal.

On motion brought forward from the July 8, 2019 Finance and Budget Committee meeting, the Board unanimously approved (7-0), initial and additional student loans for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$2,000 each totaling \$66,000 for initial loans (33 students) and \$146,000 for additional loans (73 students), with a current total of \$212,000, not to exceed \$300,000.

On motion brought forward from the July 8, 2019 Finance and Budget Committee meeting, the Board unanimously approved (7-0), depositories for the District Funds as presented, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 34.05.

Director Pam Lensmire presented the Academic Standards for 2019-2020. Ms. Lensmire explained that the state has adopted new standards for social studies and science. The District's social studies team reviewed the new standards and discussed the implications for curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The new standards that were set for science are in alignment with the NGSS standards and what the district is currently doing. Director Lensmire pointed out that the state will be revising the English Language Arts standards in the next year. On motion from Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Richard Nitsch, the Board unanimously accepted (7-0) the standards for the 2019-2020 school year.

Future meeting dates were discussed. Curriculum Committee Meeting July 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Finance and Budget Committee Meeting July 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Board President Dave Longmeyer discussed the annual Board Retreat Meeting, which is tentatively scheduled Tuesday, August 27, 2010 following the Special Board Meeting.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Elizabeth Williams, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Braun, Secretary



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Dave Longmeyer, Board President