

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
September 24, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dave Longmeyer at 12:02 p.m. Members present were: 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.

Members absent: Ms. Meredith Sauer

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken and Board members logged in to BoardBook.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019, Regular Board Meeting.

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams reported on the September 10, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting which included the revised proposal for members of the McKinley Learning Community to travel to Washington D.C., June 5-June 9, 2020. Student eligibility qualifications, fundraising plans and insurance related questions were also discussed. Ms. Williams also shared a Literacy update. Several major literacy initiatives focused on increasing equity, consistency including implementing the Lucy Calkins Phonics Units of Study in grades K-2, updating 110 district reading assessment kits, implementing reading and writing units of study at the middle schools and collaborating with CESA 6 to learn more about the Workshop model of instruction for the reading and writing units of study. A Middle School update was also provided from Wilson Middle School Principal Cory Erlandson and Washington Middle School Principal Lance Masters. Both principals shared their appreciation for the extra time at the start of the year for staff to prepare and begin building new team relationships at their respective buildings. On motion from Richard Nitsch, second by Lisa Johnston, the minutes from the September 10, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting were unanimously (6-0) approved. Dave Longmeyer asked for more information regarding the advisory period during the middle school update. Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Jason Bull explained this is combination of relationship building and staff professionals mapping out a special focus for each day.

Director of Human Resources Joyce Greenwood-Aerts presented the Personnel Report consisting of three (3) resignations, hiring one (1) professional staff, three (3) support staff, three (3) lane movements, hiring eight (8) teacher lunch supervision positions each at Wilson and Washington, and co-curricular stipends. On motion by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the Board approved (5-1), the Personnel Report as presented, with Dave Nickels opposing. Some discussion occurred regarding the guidelines of non-teacher staff resignations and retirements. It was also noted the enrollment numbers of students participating in the extra-curricular activities will be entered and tracked in infinite campus.

Superintendent Holzman provided an enrollment update where a preliminary third Friday count was also shared. The Business Office will report our enrollment numbers to DPI on Friday, October 4, 2019. We anticipate a minimal decline overall, with the trend for 4k having a slight decline in enrollment and a slight increase in enrollment for 5k (29 students). The current trend also shows the district gaining another 35 kids from 1st grade through 11th grade. Superintendent Holzman also explained the 12th grade enrollment number includes those students coming back who did not graduate the prior year, and those who have an IEP and are attending until the age of 21. The state uses the numbers from this year, last year and the prior year, takes the average which then calculates the number your reimbursement will be based upon. Superintendent Holzman stressed that the district's open enrollment numbers will certainly play a significant factor; current numbers for open enrollment out being greater than the number of open enrollment into the district.

Superintendent Holzman recognized the Board's legal counsel as Bob Burns with Davis and Kuelthau as the Board's Attorney. We will also be utilizing the services of Mary Gerbig, with Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC for our Special Education support needs.

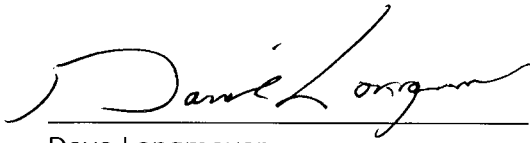
On a motion by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Lisa Johnston, and unanimously carried (6-0), Lincoln High School Principal Lee Thennes was designated as the District's Youth Options Coordinator.

Superintendent Holzman gave a District Activity Update, where he shared next week is Homecoming week. Homecoming week is an exciting week filled with a variety of festivities including themed dress up days, a Powderpuff Football game, the Homecoming Parade Friday evening, the Rubick Run/Walk Friday night following the parade and a tailgate party from 6-10 p.m. at Rubick Field. The Ships homecoming football game will be held Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Rubick Field vs. the DePere Redbirds. State Senator Ron Johnson will also be visiting Lincoln High School on Friday, October 4, 2019 to meet with students and staff to answer questions and some discussion on federal policies and programs. Mr. Holzman commented on the positive feedback he is getting from buildings regarding the start of the school year. He also mentioned the start of the fall Superintendent and Staff meetings and looks forward to meeting with staff and having continued informative conversations.

Board President Dave Longmeyer reminded board members of the WASB 2018 Fall Regional Meeting and Workshops that will be held September 24, 2019 (tonight) at Millhome Supper Club in Kiel.

Board President Dave Longmeyer also reminded Board members of the Annual State Education that will be held January 22-24, 2020 in Milwaukee. Board members are encouraged to attend this event and please notify the Board Secretary if you will be attending so registration and lodging arrangements can be made.

On motion by Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Richard Nitsch, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Longmeyer", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Longmeyer,
Board President

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Secretary