

MANITOWOC PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023

Board President Stacey Soeldner called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Chris Able, Mr. Biff Hansen, Mr. Matthew Phipps, Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Matthew Spaulding, Mr. Kerry Trask, and Mr. Tony Vlastelica. Also present were Superintendent James Feil, Assistant Superintendent Jame McCall (virtually), Directors, and Executive Assistant Laurie Braun.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Network connection and access to BoardBook were confirmed.

A moment of silence was extended to acknowledge the unexpected passing of long-time MPSD Social Studies John Ricke. Our thought and prayers are extended to John's family and work family.

The Consent Agenda was next presented to the Board. On motion from Matthew Phipps, seconded by Chris Able, the Board unanimously approved (7-0) the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session Meeting minutes, the Personnel Report as presented and the second read of Policies 5111-Eligibility of Resident/NonResident Students, 5113-Open Enrollment, 5113.01-Part-Time Enrollment, and 5200.01-Full-Time Student.

Director Thennes provided a presentation of the 2022-2023 School Perceptions Student & Parent Survey results. 2,127 students (66%) completed the survey. The survey indexes included Connectedness, Drive, Citizenship, Preparation, Social/Emotional, Wellness, Academic/Career and Experience. The information collected will help provide baseline data for the District. The survey information also helped identify the number of students who were interested in a club or sport (extra-curricular activities) but did not participate in one. This was addressed during WIN periods with the goal to get our students more involved in the club or sport they showed interest in. The Parent Survey showed an 18% participation rate (757 parent/families), and included the following survey indexes; Culture of Educational Excellence, Effective Teaching, Safe & Healthy Schools, Leadership, Sense of Community, and Equity. Director Thennes shared some of the highlights of both surveys as well as some of the areas we need to improve on as a district. Mr. Thennes also expressed the need to work with building principals to develop strategies to better engage parents with future surveys. Board President Stacey Soeldner also shared some previous survey data with the Board and will have it added in BoardBook for the public to view as well. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments of all information presented.

Superintendent Feil shared a District Activity Update that included athletic events that are going on this week. SFA coaches were here this week and met with the solution teams. The training focused on attendance, intervention and cooperative culture. The data collected will help set our quarterly goals and get an increase in parent involvement.

First Read of Policy Revisions, Policy 2260.02-Services for Bilingual Students/English Learners - Board President Soeldner asked to amend the the fourth paragraph and designate the "EL Coordinator" rather than "District" in the first sentence. A motion was made by Chris Able to to amend the policy as stated, it was seconded by Matthew Phipps and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the first read of Policy 2260.02-Services for Bilingual Students/English Learners as amended. A motion was made by Kerry Trask, seconded by Tony Vlastelica and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve to first read of Policy

2261-Title I Services to include checking the charter school option, and unanimously carried (7-0). The Board unanimously approved (7-0) the revisions to Policy 2460-Programs for Students with Disabilities as presented. Board President Soeldner recommended that we amend on page 2 the "school principals" will be required to prepare and present an annual report to amend to the responsibility is of the "Director of Pupil Services" in Policy-5630.01 - Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students. A motion was made by Matthew Spaulding, seconded by Tony Vlastelica, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the revision to Policy 5630.01 as amended. These policies will be brought forward for second reads at the next Board meeting.

Director Thennes introduced the following policies with suggested revisions to the Board for review; Policy 2411-School Counseling & Academic Planning, Policy 5310.01 Emergency Nursing Services, Policy 5350-Student Suicide Prevention, Policy 5451.01-Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, Policy 5451.02-Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships, Policy 5771-Search and Seizure, and Policy 5772-Weapons. Board President Soeldner stated these policies will be brought forward for first reads at the next Board meeting.

Remarks from the Board President included Ms. Soeldner confirming Board members will walk together as a Board in the Homecoming Parade.

Future meeting dates include the next Board meeting scheduled for October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The Budget Hearing will take place at 5:30 p.m. on October 10, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Spaulding, seconded by Tony Vlastelica, and unanimously (7-0) carried. The September 26, 2023, Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Board Executive Assistant



Board President, Stacey E. Soeldner