

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
September 7, 2022

The Executive Committee of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Stacey Soeldner at 5:42 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Stacey Soeldner, Mr. Collin Braunel, and Ms. Kathy Willis. Also present were Board members Matthew Phipps and Kerry Trask, Interim Superintendent James Feil, and Board Secretary Laurie Braun.

The committee discussed the book "Building a High Impact Board-Superintendent Partnership" by Doug Eadie which was recommended by Interim Superintendent Feil. Board members had the opportunity to weigh in on the first few chapters and some of the similarities the Board is currently feeling. The committee discussed the progression of not having the "we/they" mentality and moving towards building a better relationship within the community and better ways of onboarding new Board members. The committee liked the idea of being a partner and collaborator with the district rather than a micro-manager and will continue the discussion of the silo committee aspect and other ways to structure our committees. The Executive Committee will revisit and discuss topics from the book at their next meeting.

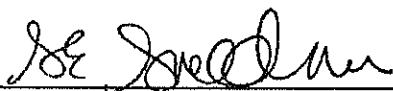
Board President Stacey Soeldner thanked Board members who were able to be at buildings on the first day of school to welcome staff and students. Ms. Soeldner made a suggestion for each Board member to select a school to adopt so they can support and learn more about activities and share this information with other Board members and the public. Ms. Soeldner will reach out to all Board members to get their school selection and will share at the next Board meeting.

Board Development Needs were discussed referencing Board members are currently reading the Book mentioned earlier and also the opportunities available through WASB such as webinars and other professional development options they have to offer. Ms. Soeldner encouraged members to bring any professional development ideas to the committee.

After some discussion, Board President Soeldner suggested the Executive Committee Meetings should be held once per month rather than twice per month as originally planned. There is a lot going on in the district and this will allow time for members to digest any information from the committee level and as a whole Board. The Executive Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Collin Braunel, seconded by Kathy Willis, and unanimously carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Braun, Board Secretary



Board President, Stacey E. Soeldner