

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
January 22, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Jim Protsman at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Ms. Karen Rohrer, Mr. Lee Braunel, Ms. Chrystal Myer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Linda Gratz, and Mr. Jim Protsman. Also present was Superintendent of Schools Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Member absent was: J.J. Ploederl

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler reviewed the Preliminary Draft of the 2013-2014 Budget. The projections do not have firm numbers, but are scenarios.

The revenue limit increase per pupil for 2012-13 was \$50. 2013-2014 projections allow for \$0, \$100, or \$200 pupil increases, respectively. The average enrollment growth for 2012-13 was -1.1%, with -0.9% projected for 2013-14.

Total revenue limit, excluding fund 30, for 2012-13 is \$48,895,950, a decrease of \$433,050. Projections were \$48,780,600 for \$0/pupil increase, \$48,896,424 for \$100/pupil increase, and \$49,430,824 for \$200/pupil increase.

Referendum approved debt (fund 39) will go from \$820,000 for 2012-13 to \$0 for 2013-14.

Mischler said that formulas reduce expenses in equal parts, but school districts have fixed costs, i.e. buildings, heating, etc. Formulas work positively for growing districts, but 75% of schools have declining enrollments, to some extent, as we do.

Ken reviewed revenues, indicating total revenues for 2012-13 of \$63,672,102, a decrease of 1.42%. Projections were -0.74% for \$0/pupil increase, 0.18% for \$100/pupil increase and 0.84% for \$200/pupil increase.

Discussion revolved around the per pupil adjustment aid, with \$50/pupil awarded to the district in 2012-2013. This year, the funding was eliminated, resulting in a decrease of \$267,200 in aid. Board members expressed frustration at the effect of legislators' decisions on our school district. Jim Protsman reminded board members of the upcoming WASB convention and other venues during which to contacting representatives. Superintendent Swanson will supply Board members with information on the upcoming "Day at the Capitol" event, and encouraged interested Board members to register.

Mischler also highlighted SAGE funding, sources of revenue, revenues excluded from the revenue cap, salaries (which include steps and lanes for teachers), benefits (including insurance), and other expenditures. Net expenditures for 2012-13 were decreased by 0.06%, with projections showing a decrease of 1.10%.

Net expenditures for 2012-13 are \$58,940,586. The total revenue cap for 2012-13 was \$48,895,950, a decrease of 0.88%. With a \$200/pupil increase, the total revenue cap is projected at \$49,430,824, a shortage of \$700,509.

Mischler projects the fund balance to be about \$11.2 million, with \$11 million being the minimum necessary to prevent problems.

At 1:58 p.m., motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Chrystal Myer, and carried by roll call vote (5-0, Shallue no vote) to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering the employment, promotion, compensation, and performance evaluations of administrative staff, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Chrystal Myer, the meeting adjourned from closed session at 2:34 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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James Protsman  
Board President