

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
May 28, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Linda Gratz at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Mr. Lee Braunel, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.  
Board members absent: Ms. Karen Rohrer, Ms. Catherine Shallue

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler introduced Greg Huza and Mike Gauthier from Heartland Business Systems. Mischler gave a brief synopsis of the current technology situation in the District.

Karen Rohrer arrived at 12:03 p.m.

Mischler stated that much work has been done since last fall's technology failure. The temporary wiring closet will move to the Multi-Service Center this summer. Three aspects of the infrastructure addressed in the proposed lease agreement are: replacing switches and other network components for \$682,515.30; replacing access points and adding wireless for \$249,001.92; and replacing the telecommunications system for \$283,126. The proposed project cost of \$1,214,643.32 is to be paid in five lease installments and uses the district fund balance, with annual payments estimated at \$242,928. The proposed Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement dated 6/1/2013 is with the Key Government Finance, Inc., with Cisco Systems paying the interest.

Mischler also reported that work is being done on the 2013-14 budget and the district technology plan to look at one-to-one computing, which would furnish students computers at the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

Catherine Shallue arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Mischler showed a map of district switches and fiber connections that illustrated the complexity of connections throughout the district. Benefits of the proposed upgrades were highlighted. Mischler answered an inquiry stating that, although this is a lease agreement, the equipment will belong to the Manitowoc Public School District once payment it is paid in full.

On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Lee Braunel, motion was made for the Manitowoc Public School District to enter into the Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement dated 6/1/2013 with Key Government Finance, Inc. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Director Ken Mischler referred to the April 16 Finance and Budget committee meeting during which he highlighted that in order to counterbalance increased premium costs and ObamaCare fees, the district needs to increase insurance premiums and make plan design changes to lower

the overall cost. After giving a historical perspective of insurance premiums and deductibles, and answering Board inquiries, Mischler proposed the following health insurance changes:

Health Insurance savings for each 1% increase in the amount paid by employees with no health insurance plan changes (\$98,025); change health insurance coverage to 90%/10% (\$497,100); change health insurance for \$300 accident benefit (\$26,030); change emergency room visit from \$50 to \$150 (\$47,190); and change the trending from 10.5% to 9.5% (\$98,025). Premium contribution, if employee participates in the HRA, will increase from 11% to 12% and, if employee does not participate in the HRA, will increase from 14% to 16%.

Motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Dave Longmeyer and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the health insurance changes as presented.

At 12:55 p.m., motion was made by Lee Braunel and seconded by Keith Shaw to convene in closed session to consider the employment and compensation of candidates who may be qualified to serve as Washington Jr. High School Assistant Principal. Motion carried unanimously (7-0)

(Motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Keith Shaw, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adjourn from closed session at 2:38 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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Linda Gratz  
Board President