

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
November 19, 2012

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Jim Protsman at 12:00 noon. Members present were Ms. Karen Rohrer, Mr. Lee Braunel, Ms. Linda Gratz, and Mr. Jim Protsman. Also present were Superintendent Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.

Members absent were: JJ Ploederl, Ms. Chrystal Myer, Ms. Catherine Shallue

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler gave a breakdown of the Information Technology Proposal. The costs were broken into sections, with the first section comprised of the main MPSD server, storage device, rack air conditioning unit, rack and UPS gear, installation and consulting fees of 250 hours @ \$95/hour, for a total cost for the main server room of \$164,192.79. The second section consisted of the backup server, backup storage device, virtualization software, backup rack air conditioning unit, backup rack and UPS gear, and installation and consulting fees of 250 hours @ \$95/hour, for total cost for the backup server room of \$84,145.45. Other consulting fees were 750 hours @ \$95/hour, totaling \$71,250. The proposal totaled \$319,588.24.

Fund 49 monies previously earmarked for a telephone system totaling \$163,125.57 would be used to pay some of the costs. The remaining \$156,462.67 would come from the Fund Balance.

Director Mischler informed the Board that Manitowoc Public Utilities contacted him with a preliminary proposal to host the district's backup, which would result in shared costs. The district would pay an annual fee to MPU, who would maintain the equipment.

Director Mischler responded to an inquiry, stating that Heartland Business Systems has worked successfully with the district for 12 years, and also works with MPU. Mischler stated that the district will look at other quotes, but cautioned that quality (and lack thereof) shows up quickly and can be costly.

Lee Braunel received confirmation that if the district agrees to MPUs hosting proposal, that the backup (section two) charges should be significantly lessened.

Superintendent Swanson noted that Board member Lee Braunel toured the high school and Multi-Service Center facilities (with the Superintendent and Director of Buildings and Grounds) last week, looking at proposed equipment locations. Some of the IT work may commence over Christmas break, since equipment must be down to accomplish the work.

After further discussion on the topic, it was reaffirmed that the \$319,588.24 is a high-end estimate. The actual figures would be considerably lower if the District works with MPU.

Motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Lee Braunel, to proceed with the information technology proposal as presented, with the understanding that potential MPU hosting could significantly lower the proposed \$319,588.24.

Catherine Shallue arrived at 12:19 p.m. and voiced frustration at being cited in the newspaper as being absent for meetings. A brief conversation ensued on the scheduling of noon Board meetings.

Board President Jim Protsman summarized the discussion for Shallue and asked her if she was comfortable voting. She answered in the affirmative. He restated the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Linda Gratz, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

James Protsman
Board President