

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
November 13, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Jim Protsman at 6:01 p.m. 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: Ms. Chrystal Myer, Catherine Shallue, JJ Ploederl

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (4-0) by roll call vote to convene in closed session for the purposes of considering the employment and performance evaluation data of specific employees over which the Board of Education exercises jurisdiction and has responsibility, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and discussion and identification of School District collective bargaining contracts with the Manitowoc Education Association and the Manitowoc Educational Paraprofessionals bargaining units, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

JJ Ploederl arrived after motion to go into closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m. and began with roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and carried, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012, regular meeting and the October 23, 2012, special meeting.

Athletic Director John Johnson accompanied coach-nominated student leaders serving on the Lincoln Student Athletic Council. Each student presented one of the "Seven Pillars of Lincoln Athletics", as follows: Nick Schroder (humility), Seidl DeWitt (unity), David Wronkowski (excellence), Trevor Terp (discipline), Taylor Albright (passion), Alex Luedtke (thankfulness), and Lainey Braun (servanthood).

Chairperson Lee Braunel reported on the November 12, 2012, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, during which IT Coordinator Tom Waldron talked about the district technology failure that occurred on October 25. A temporary system has been built and a new data center is needed. Pricing information was discussed, with pricing information from Heartland Business Systems. Lee Braunel was the only committee member at the meeting, which precluded action being taken. Other Board members attending the committee meeting were Linda Gratz and Jim Protsman. Answering an inquiry, Superintendent Swanson acknowledged that the effect of the technology failure on the district was devastating. Report card deadlines were adjusted; elementary report cards will be handwritten for the 2012-2013 school year. Email communication was down, as was data retrieval for classroom lessons. A

board meeting will be scheduled to approve the data center purchase as soon as details are received.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Lee Braunel, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve voucher #318 totaling \$3,282,738.61 and voucher #321 totaling \$3,502,454.61, for a total of \$6,785,193.22. Also presented was the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2012.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented the Personnel Report, consisting of one resignation, hire of support staff, and recommended approval of extra-curricular contracts. Motion was made by JJ Ploederl, seconded by Karen Rohrer, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

In the absence of Pupil Services Director Dawn LeLou-Matte, Superintendent Swanson presented the Bloodborne Pathogens Plan for 2012-2013. On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by JJ Ploederl, and carried, the plan was unanimously accepted as presented.

District nurses Nan Oswald, Kellea Ewen and Jennifer Hinz gave a presentation regarding MPSD nursing services. Motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by JJ Ploederl, and unanimously carried, to approve the Emergency Nursing Services Plan as presented.

Athletic Director John Johnson gave a fall sports report highlighting football, girls swimming, soccer, volleyball, and cross-country.

Superintendent Swanson's district activity report highlighted the following:

- Board members were requested to notify the Board office if they wish to attend the State Education Convention in Milwaukee on January 23-25, 2013. In May, the Board appointed Jim Protsman as the Board representative and Chrystal Myer as the alternate representative.
- A superintendent/legislative meeting will be scheduled in the near future;
- Congratulations to Herald Times Reporter's Cindy Hodgson, whose coverage of the district's food science program was picked up by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.
- The state superintendent's budget is continuing the Fair Funding Model, which could amount to an additional funds for the district in 2013-14.
- Superintendent Swanson announced his resignation from the school district at the end of the 2012-13 school year. He voiced appreciation for past support, confidence in the district's future, and hopes the Board will hire a search firm to seek quality candidates. Board President Protsman thanked Mark for his years of service to the school board, staff and students.

Monday, December 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. was selected as the date for a Board workshop on school report cards.

On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

James Protsman
Board President