

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
July 10, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board Member/Acting President Chrystal Myer at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mr. J.J. Ploederl, Ms. Chrystal Myer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Members absent were: Board President Jim Protsman, Board Vice-President/Clerk Karen Rohrer, and Board Treasurer Lee Braunel.

The meeting 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 June 12, 2012, regular meeting.

Superintendent Swanson acknowledged correspondence received from Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company, LLP.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by J.J. Ploederl, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve voucher #261 totaling \$6,287,394.78, and voucher #303 totaling \$582,983.33, for a total of \$6,870,378.11.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented the Personnel Report, consisting of four resignations, one retirement, hire of professional and support staff, recommended approval of non-teacher lane movement, recommended approval of teacher lane movement (master's degree), and recommended approval of teacher lane movement (12 credits). Motion was made by J.J. Ploederl, seconded by Linda Gratz, and carried (3-1, Myer opposed) to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by J.J. Ploederl, and carried, depositories for district funds were approved, as required by Wisconsin State Statute 34.05.

A motion to approve initial and additional student loans for 2012-2013 totaling \$200,700 and to authorize approval of any additional loan requests that are received up to the \$260,000 amount was made by J.J. Ploederl, seconded by Linda Gratz, and carried unanimously (4-0).

A motion was made by Linda Gratz and seconded by Catherine Shallue to approve a transportation contract for 2012-2017, with a base contract of \$1,079,349. The base contract amount for special education transportation is \$183,213, an increase of \$2,707, and there is a fuel adjustment clause in the contract. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

School Forest Coordinator Patty Maher presented the School Forest Year End Report for 2011-2012. The School Forest was used 152 days, with 9,404 student visitors and 1,427 adult visitors. Her report highlighted instruction, grants, curriculum work, property/equipment updates, forestry work, service projects and donations. Maher is hopeful that the 2,000-foot boardwalk project will be completed this autumn.

Superintendent Mark Swanson's district activity report highlighted:

- the beginning of the second 3-week session of summer school;
- Wisconsin received a waiver from the No Child Left Behind Act which allows continuation of a rigorous path of education for all students;
- the City of Manitowoc is proposing changes to existing TIF (Tax Incremental Financing); Business Director Ken Mischler will attend meetings and bring information to the Board for direction;
- Washington Jr. High School received a very competitive 21st Century Learning Center Grant totaling \$100,00 per year, which can be renewed for five years;
- a request was received from the MPSD administrative group, requesting a meeting with a committee of the board to discuss compensation for that group. Superintendent Swanson and Board President Protsman will arrange a meeting.
- Budget and Finance Committee will schedule a meeting in early August. State aide estimates are now available, enabling the district to take steps to finalize the budget.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by J.J. Ploederl, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

James Protsman
Board President