

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
December 11, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Jim Protsman at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Ms. Karen Rohrer, Mr. Lee Braunel, Mr. J.J. Ploederl, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Linda Gratz, and Mr. Jim Protsman. Also present were Superintendent Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Member absent was: Ms. Chrystal Myer

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by J.J. Ploederl, and unanimously carried (6-0) by roll call vote to convene in closed session for the purposes of discussion and identification of School District collective bargaining contract with the Manitowoc Education Association; and discussion regarding superintendent search process and possible contract negotiation with a Superintendent search firm, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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

Chrystal Myer had arrived during closed session.

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and carried, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012, regular meeting and the November 19, 2012, and December 3, 2012, special meetings.

Annexation correspondence received from the City of Manitowoc was acknowledged and placed on file.

Mrs. Beatty's sixth grade students presented first quarter instruction which included point of view, theme, plot, summarizing, context clues and writing skills. Their rap presentation showed evidence of learning and connection to Common Core State Standards.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach introduced three search firms, all of which gave presentations to the School Board in relation to the district's search for a new superintendent. Presenting were John Hedstrom and Jack Bothwell of Executive Connection; Louis Birchbauer of Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Search Service; and Ken Moe and Bob Path of Administrator Search Consultants.

Chairperson Karen Rohrer reported on the December 4, 2012, meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee, which was held for the purpose of reviewing and approving requests for purchases to be made from the Kupper/Ratsch Fund. The motion passed in committee and was brought forward to the Board. The requests were unanimously approved (7-0).

Cath Pape, Program Coordinator for Healthiest Manitowoc County, gave an overview of Farm to School, working to bring fresh locally-sourced foods into the schools. She introduced board members to Transform Wisconsin, a federal grant run through the State. Goals of the Wisconsin Farm to School Program include promotion children's health by providing fresh, healthy and minimally processed foods in schools and supporting the development of healthy eating habits; strengthening children's and communities' knowledge about, and attitudes toward agriculture, food, nutrition and the environment; and strengthening local economies by expanding markets for Wisconsin agriculture producers.

J.J. Ploederl left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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 (6-0) to approve voucher #323 totaling \$2,591,134.10, and voucher #326 totaling \$3,014,858.99, for a total of \$5,605,993.09. Also presented was the financial report for the month ending November 30, 2012.

Ken Mischler presented the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2012, and answered Board inquiries.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented the Personnel Report, consisting of hire of support staff and recommended approval of extra-curricular contracts. Motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Superintendent Swanson's district activity report highlighted:

- The district's new technology data center is being built;
- Tomorrow, 12/12/12 is Aaron Rogers Day; Washington Jr. High School will be celebrating Austin Brooks Day, an MPSD student battling an illness. Board members were encouraged to visit the school during the day. Also Blake Seidl will turn 12 on 12/12/12, complete with Channel 5 television visit and a trip to Lambeau Field.

Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) resolutions will be discussed at the January 2013 School Board meeting.

On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Catherine Shallue, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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James Protsman  
Board President