

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
July 24, 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 Mr. Lee Braunel, Mr. J.J. Ploederl, Ms. Linda Gratz and Mr. Jim Protsman. Also present were Superintendent Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Members absent: Ms. Catherine Shallue, Ms. Chrystal Myer and Ms. Karen Rohrer

Ms. Karen Rohrer arrived at 12:02 p.m.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach and Director of Business Services Ken Mischler addressed the custodial/maintenance contract issue. Director Holschbach stated that on July 11, the first mediation session under Act 10 was held with the custodial/maintenance group. After summarizing the proposed agreements for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Lee Braunel, and carried (4-1, Ploederl dissenting), to approve the custodial/maintenance base wage contract calling for an hourly wage reduction of \$2.00/\$2.50/\$3.00 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and a base wage freeze for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

City of Manitowoc Treasurer Steve Corbeille requested Board approval of a city proposal to share tax increments among 7 districts, which would close no later than 2019. Of the City's 11 TIF districts, 3 are not doing well. Mr. Corbeille distributed documentation to Board members and stated that if the proposal does not pass, City of Manitowoc taxpayers would bear costs estimated at \$2.6 million. This would mean higher taxes or cuts in services for Manitowoc residents. Steve Corbeille and Ken Mischler said that TIFs have very little effect on the Manitowoc Public School District. Considerable discussion by Board members included pros and cons of the proposal, the pros of paying TIFs earlier than scheduled, neutrality/lack of affects on the school district, and why the board is voting on this issue.

Board members concurred to allow Manitowoc County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer to speak, as he requested. Ziegelbauer stressed that city taxpayers must pay to bail out the city, and that it is a tax increase for City of Manitowoc taxpayers. He feels that the government should be accountable and should absorb the amount over a seven to ten year period. Tax increments are added to city, county, and technical college/education (taxing) entities and taxpayers will assume that the (school) district is collecting the money, instead of the TIF district.

After numerous questions, Board member Karen Rohrer requested a break to read the newly received documentation prior to voting. The Board recessed at 12:50 p.m.

At 12:58, the Board meeting resumed. Board President Protsman asked Business Services Director Ken Mischler to make a recommendation to the Board. Ken Mischler recommended that the District approve the TIF restructuring as presented.

On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Lee Braunel, the Board approved supporting the City's request to restructure the TIFs as passed by the common council. Board Member Karen Rohrer asked if 4 votes were required for the motion to pass. Only 3 votes were required. The motion passed 4-1 (Rohrer abstained).

Upon motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

James Protsman
Board President