

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
May 14, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Linda Gratz at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mr. Lee Braunel, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Mark Swanson and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Members absent: Ms. Karen Rohrer

A motion was made by Lee Braunel, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously (6-0) carried by roll call vote to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering the employment and compensation for candidates who may be qualified to serve as Stangel Elementary School Principal, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and for the purpose of considering the employment and compensation for candidates who may be qualified to serve as girls basketball coach, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(Karen Rohrer arrived at 6:05 p.m., during closed session.)

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. and began with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and carried, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 regular meeting; the April 11, 2013 special meeting; the (two) April 23, 2013, special meetings; and the May 2, 2013 special meeting.

Chairperson Karen Rohrer reported on the April 16, 2013, Finance and Budget Committee meeting. She stated that various preliminary budget scenarios were considered, including replacing technology infrastructure.

Career and Technical Education Coordinator Kari Krull talked about the opportunities afforded students through the Youth Apprenticeship Program. Krull stated that there are currently 55 students in the Manitowoc County Youth Apprenticeship Program, the highest participation since the program's inception. Students introduced their mentors and acknowledged the educational opportunities provided them.

School Forest Coordinator Patty Maher presented the School Forest Year End Report for 2012-13. The School Forest used 142 days (through May 6, 2013), with 9,872 visitors. Her report highlighted instruction, grants, curriculum work, property/equipment updates, forestry work, service projects, and donations. Maher's will be leaving her position after 11 years.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Lee Braunel, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (7-0)

to approve voucher #348 totalling \$5,444,451.75, and voucher #351 totalling \$3,304,836.00, for a total of \$8,749,287.75. Also presented was the financial statement for the month ending April 30, 2013.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented the Personnel Report, consisting of one retirement and one resignation, hire of professional and support staff, and approval of two extra-curricular contracts; and an addendum-memo for hire of two elementary principal positions, at Jefferson and Stangel Elementary Schools. Motion was made by Lee Braunel, seconded by Keith Shaw, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Personnel Report and addendum-memo as presented.

A motion to approve the list of Lincoln High School seniors, who will receive scholarship awards at the May 22, 2013, ceremony at Lincoln High School, was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Karen Rohrer, and carried.

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Marcia Flaherty reported on WKCE test data. Due to Wisconsin's educational restructuring, school districts now have two locations to retrieve test data, those being WINSS (Wisconsin's Information Network for Successful Schools) and WISEdash (Wisconsin Information System for Education). Test scores are first deposited into the state data system (WINSS). After data is "cleaned up", it goes into the WISEdash system, creating discrepancies between the two information sources. Flaherty discussed the transition from WKCE to SBAC, highlighting Common Core State Standards and the overlap between assessment, curriculum and instruction. She discussed the importance of the new standards, changes in instruction and student learning. She noted the change in assessment, emphasizing problem solving, analyzing and applying knowledge.

Catherine Shallue left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Marcia Flaherty commended teachers for collaboration in designing unit plans and analyzing assessment tasks. Within two years, MPSD students will test using the new standards. Students are currently tested using WKCE, which is loosely aligned with the old curriculum. Students are learning concepts and skills that will be evaluated in the new system, not the old one. Board members examined handouts of various assessment types. Board discussion revolved around MPSD progress in regard to student test results.

Superintendent Swanson's district activity update highlighted the following:

- The District received an Institute for Learning Partnership grant from UW-Green Bay. The grant was written by McKinley teacher Gina Wagner and will provide \$7,000 toward the "Healthy Living Soul Sisters Program";
- May 15, 2013, is the city-wide safety patrol picnic at Silver Creek Park;
- McKinley Academy graduation will be Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.;
- Lincoln High School's graduation will be Friday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m.; and
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Board meeting will be held at noon on May 28, 2013.

Motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously (7-0) carried, to approved the final nonrenewal notices based on economic reasons for the 2013-14 school year.

Board President Linda Gratz presented the following Committee assignments for 2013-14: Buildings and Grounds – Chairperson Lee Braunel, Dave Longmeyer, Karen Rohrer; Curriculum – Chairperson Keith Shaw, Dave Nickels, Catherine Shallue; Finance and Budget – Chairperson Karen Rohrer, Lee Braunel, Keith Shaw; Personnel and Policy – Chairperson Dave Nickels, Dave Longmeyer, Catherine Shallue; Employee Relations Committee – Linda Gratz, Lee Braunel; City Recreation Board – John Johnson (representative); McKinley Academy Board – Keith Shaw; Curriculum Advisory Committees: Drug Free Schools (AODA)/Human Growth and Development – Catherine Shallue; School Forest – Lee Braunel; Gifted and Talented – Karen Rohrer; and Business Education Partnership Council – Dave Longmeyer.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Lee Braunel, and carried, the Board determined the date of the 2014 Quarter Century Club/Retiree Banquet to be Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Lee Braunel, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the 2014 French Live trip on April 8 – April 17, 2014.

On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Karen Rohrer, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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Linda Gratz  
Board President