

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
April 9, 2013

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

The meeting began with roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013, regular meeting.

Band teacher Kristen Woller introduced five band students from Jefferson School who shared a lesson involving self/peer assessment and higher order thinking.

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 #343 totaling \$2,992,273.07, and voucher #346 totaling \$3,270,978.84, for a total of \$6,263,251.91. Also presented was the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2013.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented the Personnel Report consisting of three resignations/retirements, hire of professional and support staff, and lane movement (for 12 credits and Professional Development Certificate), and extra-curricular contracts. Motion was made by JJ Ploederl, seconded by Karen Rohrer, and carried unanimously (6-0), to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Andrea Holschbach presented teacher staffing numbers for 2013-2014. On motion by Chrystal Myer, seconded by Lee Braunel, elementary staffing recommendations for 2013-14 were approved (5-1, Ploederl opposed). The number of grade 1-6 teachers will remain the same for 2013-2014. 5K staffing will increase by 2.0 Full-Time Equivalencies (FTEs) due to increased 5K enrollment.

On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Lee Braunel, secondary staffing was approved (5-1, Ploederl opposed) for 2013-2014, as follows: Secondary staffing will be reduced as follows: Bus. Ed -.2; FACS -.1; Tech Ed -.2; Art +.1; Phy Ed. & Health -.1; Music -1.0; English & Theater -.6; Foreign Language -.4; Math 0; Science -.9; Social Studies -1.0, for a total secondary staffing reduction of -4.4. Total staffing for 2013-14 is reduced by -2.4 FTEs. After Board discussion, Superintendent Swanson reviewed the staffing process and administrative involvement regarding priorities and budgeting.

Andrea Holschbach reviewed the preliminary nonrenewal process. After discussion, Karen Rohrer made a motion to accept the list of preliminary non-renewals as presented. Linda Gratz seconded the motion, which passed (5-1, Ploederl opposed).

Andrea Holschbach answered questions regarding the proposed list of individual teacher contracts for 2013-2014. After considerable discussion regarding contract deadlines and the budget situation, it was moved by Lee Braunel to approve the list of teachers who will receive contracts for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion was seconded by Linda Gratz and carried unanimously (6-0).

The Certification of the Board of Canvassers prepared by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler, certifying the number of votes cast in the April 2, 2013, Board of Education election, was referenced.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Lee Braunel, the Board voted unanimously (6-0) to hold its organizational meeting at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

The following donations to Lincoln High School were acknowledged: \$1,000 from Parker Hannifin Corporation, and \$500 from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance.

Athletic Director John Johnson's winter sports update highlighted the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) considering a new bylaw to allow student athletes to play two sports in one season; Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) possible realignment of conferences for 2014-2015; coach evaluation process; retention and recruitment of student athletes in the district; and individual and team athletic accomplishments.

The Superintendent's district activity update highlighted LHS physics teacher Eric Tietzen, who received a summer internship at UW-Milwaukee – Milwaukee planetarium; also Dawn LeLou-Matte's team of Bridgett Klein, Cassandra Smith, Rebecca Linsmeier, David Koenig and Todd Lotz were named Educators of the Year through the statewide Elsie Shaw Scholarship Program, to be honored in Stevens Point later this year; and six MPSD Destination Imagination teams will compete in Stevens Point on Saturday.

On motion by Chrystal Myer, seconded by Karen Rohrer, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved a "Spanish Live" summer school trip to Spain in June, 2014.

On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded by Chrystal Myer, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved a Family and Consumer Education Trip to Chicago, Illinois in June, 2013.

Linda Gratz encouraged Board members to read her School Finance Seminar memo.

Board President Jim Protsman read farewell remarks. Chrystal Myer and JJ Ploederl expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve as board members.

Referrals were made to the Budget and Finance Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Buildings and Grounds Committee.

On motion by Lee Braunel, seconded Karen Rohrer and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz
Board President