

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Linda Gratz at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Ms. Karen Rohrer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Marcia Flaherty and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Members absent: Mr. Lee Braunel

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

A motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and carried, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013, regular meeting and the June 25, 2013 special meeting.

Todd Blaser of 2304 Hunters Ridge Court, Manitowoc, spoke regarding staffing of 4th grade at Stangel Elementary School. Todd also wondered if a district policy existed regarding maximum class size. Gina Blaser of the same address also submitted documentation regarding staffing 4th grade at Stangel.

Chairperson Keith Shaw reported on the June 17, 2013, Curriculum Committee meeting during which a course proposal was reviewed for MPSD academy course, Supporting Reasoning and Explanation in Elementary Mathematics Teaching. The Committee also voted to deny former school board president Jim Protsman's proposal to involve MPSD staff on a task force to improve reading instruction through posture-breathing-mind science. On motion brought from committee, the Board voted (5-1, Shallue dissenting) to approve the MPSD academy course, Supporting Reasoning and Explanation in Elementary Mathematics Teaching.

Chairperson Dave Nickels reported on the July 1, 2013, Policy and Personnel Committee meeting, which was held to discuss a nepotism policy. Nepotism is addressed in Policy 3120, Employment of Professional Staff, and Policy 4120 Employment of Support Staff. After discussion, the committee requested that the Director of Human Resources create a draft policy to be reviewed at a Policy and Personnel Committee meeting on July 23, prior to the noon Board meeting.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Dave Nickels, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve voucher #359 totalling \$6,620,888.53, and voucher #364 totalling \$501,462.35, for a total of \$7,122,350.88

On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Dave Nickels, 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 2013-2014 totaling \$275,400 and to authorize approval of any additional loan requests that are received up to \$290,000 was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Karen Rohrer, and carried unanimously (6-0).

In the absence of Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach, Superintendent Flaherty presented the Personnel Report consisting of three resignations and one retirement, hire of professional and support staff, and approval of three teacher lane movements. Motion was made by Dave Nickels, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

In the absence of Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach, Superintendent Flaherty presented the 2013-2014 elementary staffing report, accompanied by a class size policy survey. In response to an inquiry, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Debby Shimanek responded that Stangel Elementary School typically does not experience significant student movement. Considerable discussion ensued regarding where funds would come from to hire an additional teacher at Stangel Elementary School, and if funds could be found for that purpose.

Board member Shallue recommended tabling the agenda item until Director Mischler could tell the Board where the money would come from to staff an additional teacher. Board member Nickels stated a second motion was not needed to table the item, but instead a motion should be made to postpone the item until the next month's agenda.

Shallue made a motion to postpone voting on elementary staffing until the August Board meeting, so Director Mischler could have figures and the Board could make a decision. Dave Nickels seconded the motion. After discussion, Nickels said that he would not support the motion as presented. The Board unanimously (0-6) denied the motion.

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, and seconded by Keith Shaw, to hire an additional grade four teacher at Stangel School. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

For the Superintendent's district activity report, Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeff Schulz reported on damage to District facilities from the June 27, 2013, hail storm, and renovations and repairs being made.

It was noted that the District Business Department and receptionist have temporarily relocated to the McKinley Building at 1010 Huron Street. Human Resources, Elementary and Secondary Education, Pupil Services (Special Education), and the Superintendent will be located at Riverview School, 4400 Michigan Avenue.

A committee referral was made to the Finance and Budget Committee regarding teaching staff at Stangel School, and a Policy/Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23 at 11 a.m., prior to the noon meeting.

On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Karen Rohrer, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz
Board President