MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Manitowoc Board of Education

June 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Lee Braunel at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Ms. Karen Rohrer, Ms. Catherine Shallue,

Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Mr. Lee Braunel. Also present were Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Marcia Flaherty and Board secretary

Rebecca McLafferty.

Member absent: Ms. Linda Gratz

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

A motion was made by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Keith Shaw, and carried, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013, regular meeting, and the May 20 and May 28, 2013, special meetings.

Director of Pupil Services Dawn LeLou-Matte introduced CWD Transitional Coordinator

Dave Koenig. Koenig’s Next Step students talked about this school year’s accomplishments including town hall meetings, meetings with legislators, trips to Madison and a presentation of the Jobs First campaign in Washington D.C. The presentation highlighted the slogan, “All individuals with disabilities have the right to a paid, community job!” The video, Employers Needed to Bridge the Gap, centered on the 2013-2016 Jobs First campaign.

Chairperson Dave Nickels reported on the May 30, 2013, Policy and Personnel Committee meeting which was held to discuss the administration’s proposal for clerical classification consolidation from a four-classification system to a two-classification system. On motion from committee, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the two-classification system consolidation as presented.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously carried

(6-0) to approve voucher #353 totalling $2,527,557.51, and voucher #357 totalling $2,232,390.76, for a total of $4,759,948.27. Also presented was the financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2013.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Holschbach presented the Personnel Report, consisting of five resignations, hire of support staff, and approval of teacher lane movement – Masters Degree – for one teacher. Motion was made by Keith Shaw, seconded by Karen Rohrer, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Keith Shaw, and unanimously carried (6-0), the Board approved expenditure of $12,778 to First Agency, Inc., for student accident insurance coverage for the 2013-2014 school year.

A motion was made by Karen Rohrer and seconded by Keith Shaw to approve the transportation contract with Brandt Buses, Inc. for 2013 -2018, with a base contract of $1,100,936. The base contract amount for special education transportation is $186,877, and there is a fuel adjustment clause in the contract. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Marcia Flaherty introduced program support teachers Jody Ackley and Jodee Stahmer, who provided an in-depth overview of gifted education in the district. The presentation highlighted key characteristics of effective gifted education plans, a DPI graphic roadmap of Wisconsin’s response to intervention, the academic/intellectual identification process, and EXCEL in early years, secondary schools, and in 2013-14 and beyond. After an overview of the 2013-14 Plan for Gifted and Talented Students by Marcia Flaherty, motion for approval was made by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by

Keith Shaw, and carried unanimously (6-0).

The Board adjourned from 8:54 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Marcia Flaherty’s district activity update commended MPSD employees that work in various capacities during the summer. Keith Shaw acknowledged successful Lincoln High School and McKinley Academy graduations, noting similarities and differences, and how they both reflect success upon the district. Marcia Flaherty wished Director of Pupil Services Dawn LeLou-Matte a happy retirement. Lee Braunel acknowledged Superintendent Mark Swanson’s nine years as Superintendent of the District in addition to his years as elementary principal of Stangel and Monroe Elementary Schools. Braunel cited Swanson’s leadership through ongoing budget cuts.

Director of Business Services Ken Mischler voiced dissatisfaction with the “Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” which has resulted in mandated higher meal prices, increased vegetable and fruit requirements, decreased portion sizes, increased food waste, and decreased student participation. On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, it was unanimously carried (6-0) that the Manitowoc Public School District increase school lunch prices as follows, unless the DPI approves the price waiver which will allow no increase in school lunch prices for 2013-14. Elementary Schools – reimbursable lunch - $2.10 to $2.20; Junior High Schools – reimbursable lunch - $2.20 to $2.30; Senior High School – reimbursable lunch - $2.25 to $2.35; Adult Meals – remain at $3.00; Morning Milk - $.30 to $.35; Senior High School – reimbursable breakfast - $1.35 to $1.40; Junior High School – reimbursable breakfast - $1.30 to $1.35; Elementary Schools – reimbursable breakfast - $1.25 to $1.30; ala carte items - increases from 0% to 5%.

On motion by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Catherine Shallue, it was unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the 5-year Charter School Contract between the Manitowoc Public School District and McKinley Academy, Inc.

Committee referrals were made to the curriculum committee, policy/personnel committee, and buildings and grounds committee.

On motion by Keith Shaw, seconded by Karen Rohrer, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz

Board President