

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
August 25, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 12:01 p.m. Members present were Ms. Linda Gratz, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue, and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.

Absent: Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Ms. Karen Rohrer

Board President Shaw called the meeting to order and Board members logged in to BoardBook.

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Debby Shimanek reported on the District's academic standards. The 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 requires identification of the academic standards adopted that will be in effect for the 2015-2016 school year, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 120.12(13)(a) and (b). She cited the district's mission statement and applicable academic standards as required per statute. Board members questioned whether the academic standards for 2015-2016 required Board adoption. After discussion, motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the 2015-2016 academic standards as presented.

Director Shimanek reported that the District has been approved for a 1-year extension for Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE). The grant provides class size reduction at Jefferson and Franklin in grades 1-3 and some classes at Riverview through the SAGE allocations for 2015-2016. The District will review the five-year AGR contract application and prepare performance objectives and measurements for reducing the achievement gap as part of the continuous school improvement process.

Director of Human Resources Lori Miron presented the Personnel Report consisting of the hire of two teachers and three support staff, and level movements for 3 teachers; and an Addendum requesting approval of an additional grade 1 teacher hire at Stangel. The Addendum was retracted due to the employee's withdrawal. On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, the Personnel Report without the Addendum was approved as submitted. Board members discussed funding the proposed additional position of a grade 1 teacher at Stangel Elementary School. Motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried to approve the additional position of a grade 1 teacher at Stangel Elementary School.

Pupil Services Director Joanne Metzen reported on the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. She cited numerous MPSD youth statistics and national statistic comparisons. There were 604 responses from District students in grades 9-12. After Board discussion, Director Metzen noted that "bullying" was not defined in the questions. This resulted in some survey answers being based on non-bullying situations.

Superintendent Holzman announced that Board members will be invited to visit the Spirit of the River Art Display in conjunction with the September 22 Board meeting. He is also communicating with WASB for options and dates for a Board retreat. Superintendent Holzman invited Board members to the August 26 opening address at Lincoln High School.

Catherine Shallue provided a copy of American School Board Journal's "The ABCs of Parent Engagement" which was directed to be distributed to all Board members.

Motion was made by Dave Nickels, seconded by Dave Longmeyer, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adjourn at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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Keith Shaw  
Board President