

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Manitowoc Board of Education  
September 8, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Keith Shaw at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Ms. Linda Gratz, Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Ms. Catherine Shallue, and Mr. Keith Shaw. Also present were Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty. Members absent: Karen Rohrer (arrived during closed session at 6:06 p.m.), Dave Nickels (arrived 7:32 p.m.)

A motion was made by Linda Gratz, seconded by Catherine Shallue, and unanimously approved (5-0) by roll call vote, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussion and identification of School District collective bargaining strategy with respect to successor collective bargaining contracts with the Manitowoc Education Association collective bargaining unit, as authorized pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Board members signed in to BoardBook. Members absent: Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Catherine Shallue.

Catherine Shallue arrived at 7:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (6-0), to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015, regular meeting and the August 25, 2015, special meeting.

Board President Shaw acknowledged correspondence received from Kummer, Lambert, Fox & Glandt, LLP, regarding a petition for direct annexation.

Bonnie Proszenyak, School Coordinator from United One Credit Union, and Steve Proszenyak, Marketing Specialist from United One Credit Union, acknowledged teacher cooperation and success of the school branches. Teachers were urged to contact United One Credit Union to arrange classroom presentations tailored to age and subject matter, i.e. financial literacy, junior achievement, etc. Principals interested in establishing a school branch were urged to contact Ms. Proszenyak.

Karen Rohrer, Chairperson of the Finance & Budget Committee, reported on the September 2, 2015, meeting during which Business Services Director Ken Mischler explained proposed 2015-2016 budget revenues and expenditures. Rohrer stated that since the Finance & Budget Committee Minutes were available for review, she would not review them at this point in the meeting.

Superintendent Holzman commented on the outstanding beginning to the school year. He summarized the welcome back gathering; indicated that third Friday enrollment numbers would be announced during the October board meeting; and reported that only a few support staff positions remain to be filled.

The payment of vouchers was presented by Director of Business Services Ken Mischler. A motion was made by Karen Rohrer, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimous carried (6-0) to approve voucher #608 totalling \$2,219,452.51 and voucher #611 totalling \$2,310,531.18, for a total of \$4,529,983.69. Mr. Mischler presented the financial reports for June 30, 2015, July 31, 2015, and August 31, 2015.

Director of Human Resources Lori Miron presented the Personnel Report consisting of three resignations, the hire of one teacher and two support staff; level movements for two teachers and extra-curricular appointments for Lincoln High School, Washington Junior High School, and Wilson Junior High School. On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Linda Gratz, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the Personnel Report as presented. In regard to extra-curricular contracts, Dave Longmeyer requested that extra-curricular stipend comparisons be examined in the spring.

Director Ken Mischler concurred with Superintendent Holzman's previous statement that it is too early to establish enrollment numbers. Preliminary good news is that the district's 4K enrollment is higher than expected, with little secondary school changes. Enrollment statistics and demographic information will be reviewed at the October board meeting.

On motion by Linda Gratz, seconded by Barbara Herrmann, and unanimously carried (6-0), Lincoln High School Principal Luke Valitchka was again designated as the District's Youth Options Coordinator.

Motion was made by Catherine Shallue and seconded by Barbara Herrmann, to accept the donation from Hamann Construction Company in the amount of \$1,000. CTE Coordinator Kari Mueller reported that the donation will provide an Oce TCS300 wide format color printer for the engineering classroom at Lincoln High School. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Dave Nickels arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Motion was made by Barbara Herrmann, seconded by Linda Gratz, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the anonymous donation to McKinley Academy of a non-cash donation of multiple arcade games and related machines/parts.

Motion was made by Karen Rohrer and seconded by Linda Gratz to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,080.14 from the James E. Dutton Foundation, Inc. for the Rahr School Forest. School Forest Coordinator Kelly Vorrone was present to answer questions. The Board unanimously (7-0) approved acceptance of the grant.

Superintendent Holzman gave a brief overview of tentative goals for 2015-2016, which will focus on an academic (teaching/learning) goal, a multi-tiered support/student behavior goal; and a communications goal. Proposed goals for 2015-2016 will be brought to the Board for approval at the October board meeting. In response to the Board's desire to hold a Board retreat, Superintendent Holzman presented three dates (September 22, 23, and October 19) suggested by WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Board) for consideration. These dates were not compatible Board member schedules, therefore WASB will be contacted for additional prospective Board retreat dates.

Superintendent Holzman noted that a number of districtwide policies require minimal corrections. He asked Board members if they were interested in a technical correction policy, to alleviate holding numerous meetings. It was suggested that the technical correction policy be considered at the September 22 Board meeting.

Meetings will be scheduled for the Curriculum Committee and Personnel Committee.

On motion by Catherine Shallue, seconded by Karen Rohrer, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

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Keith Shaw  
Board President