

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Manitowoc Board of Education
September 23, 2014

Board members logged in to BoardBook and the special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Linda Gratz at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Ms. Barbara Herrmann, Mr. Dave Longmeyer, Mr. Dave Nickels, Ms. Karen Rohrer, Mr. Keith Shaw, and Ms. Linda Gratz. Also present were Superintendent Marcia Flaherty and Board secretary Rebecca McLafferty.
Member absent: Ms. Catherine Shallue

During the 2013-2014 Accountability Report Card presentation, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Debby Shimanek reported that all district schools met expectations. The district scored 68.6. Economically disadvantaged students comprise the district's largest student subgroup, with 40.1% of students. Some highlights included: student reading achievement ranked 62.3/100 with state score of 66.4/100; student growth ranked 64.0/100 with state score of 62.4; closing gaps ranked 63.3/100 with state score of 66.3; on-track and postsecondary readiness score of 84.9/100 with state score of 85.3; and no deductions for low test participation, absenteeism, or dropout rate. Answering a board inquiry, Shimanek said that schools are working to formulate groups of students with similar needs to be addressed. She plans to update the Board with school learning objectives based on data at the November board meeting. When asked if the Board would receive data on individual schools, Shimanek offered to show Board members how to access that data on Wisedash. Linda Gratz requested that this information be provided for the October Board meeting.

Superintendent Flaherty updated Board members on the referendum campaign. Multiple initial committees are being blended into one overall committee, which will meet this afternoon.

In conjunction with the first read of proposed changes to the District's Bylaws and Policies, Linda Gratz reviewed proposed wording changes to 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies, 0140 Membership/Declaration of Candidacy, 0142.7 Orientation, 0143.1 Public Expression of Board Members, 0144.1 Compensation, 0144.3 Conflict of Interest, 0152 Officers, 0155 Committees, and 0166 Agenda.

Catherine Shallue arrived at 12:51 p.m.

All proposed revisions were agreed upon with the exception of:

- 0155 Committees, wherein the Board President would serve as an ex officio members of all Board committees. Superintendent Flaherty reported that the Wisconsin Association of School Boards advised against the Board President being an official ex officio member of all committees.
- 0166 Agenda, regarding mailing/posting of Board Agendas.

Both of these items will be examined further prior to asking for Board approval.

On motion by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Dave Nickels, the following policies were unanimously approved (7-0) in conjunction with the first read:

0130 Functions, 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies, 0132 Executive, 0132.1 Selection of Superintendent, 0132.2 Administrative Guidelines, 0133 Judicial, 0140 – Membership, 0141 Number, 0142 Election/Appointment, 0142.1 Electoral Process, Declaration of Candidacy, Declaration of Non-Candidacy, 0142.2 Qualifications, 0142.3 Term, 0142.4 Oath, 0142.5 Vacancies, Filling a Board Vacancy, 0142.6 Recall, 0142.7 Orientation, 0143 Authority, 0143.1 Public Expression of Board Members, 0144 Operations, 0144.1 Compensation, 0144.2 Board Member Ethics, 0144.3 Conflict of Interest, 0144.4 Indemnification, 0145 Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment, 0150 – Organization, 0151.1 Annual Board Reorganization Meeting, 0152 Officers, 0160 – Meetings, 0161 Parliamentary Authority, 0162 Quorum, 0163 Presiding Officer, 0164 Call, 0164.1 Regular Meetings, 0164.2 Special Meetings, 0165 Notice, 0165.1 Regular Meetings, 0165.2 Change of Regular Meetings, 0165.3 Special Meetings, 0167 Conduct, 0167.1 Voting, 0167.2 Closed Session, 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings, 0167.5 Use of Electronic Mail, 0167.6 E-mail – Public Records, 0167.7 Use of Personal Communication Devices, 0168 Minutes, 0168.1 Open Meeting.

Motion was made by Dave Longmeyer, seconded by Dave Nickels, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McLafferty, Secretary

Linda Gratz
Board President