

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
School District of Mauston**

**DATE:** Monday, October 20, 2014

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** District Administrative Office  
510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI 53948

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buss, Rogers, Kryka, Fox, Vinopal, Berkos, Holmes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; six members were present (Mr. Berkos arrived at 7:35 p.m).

**Reports:**

1. **Mauston High School Key Club:** Advisor Kevin Hahn reported on the MHS Key Club activities including Trick or Treat for UNICEF and the annual food drive to benefit the Mauston Community Sharing Pantry.
2. **MHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** FBLA President Roshani Patel reported on recent club activities including the successful Fall Leadership Labs, and the upcoming Regional conference, which will be held at Mauston High School in February of 2015.
3. **Mauston High School FFA:** Craig Dallman and Anthony Bermeo reported for the FFA. They are assisting Red Ridge Ranch with the annual Haunted Hayrides. Several members will attend the upcoming national convention in Louisville, KY. The annual fruit, cheese and sausage sale is under way.
4. **Board Committees:** Pam Holmes reported on the October 14, 2014 meeting of the Property and Transportation Committee at which the committee reviewed information about the OMS heating system, the bus cameras, and the OMS bell paging system. Brian Fox reported that the Finance Committee had met on October 20. The committee also discussed the heating system needs at Olson Middle School, as well as some likely changes in the WEA dental plan.

**Administrative Reports:**

5. **Mauston Community Survey Results:** Dr. Weymouth introduced Bill Foster, from School Perceptions, LLC. Mr. Foster presented a summary of the results received for the Mauston Community Survey (Ref. Exhibit #1/File). The Board will meet again on November 10, 2014, in a workshop session, to study the results in more detail, and to begin developing a plan of action to deal with the school district's financial and educational planning needs.

6. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Christine Weymouth reported on several items including plans for the November 10 workshop as noted. Dr. Weymouth also mentioned a letter of congratulations received from State Representative Ed Brooks in which he commended the Mauston School District for receiving the School of Recognition awards from the Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Weymouth updated the Board on the progress related to the Montessori school planning grant. Additional communications will be sent to families and to the public regarding future opportunities to participate in the planning process.

Dr. Weymouth expressed appreciation on behalf of the district for a donation of school supplies from Castle Rock Dental and Paschen Orthodontics; and she also thanked the staff and patients at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center for their donation of a cash gift and school supplies to the students in our district. Also noted were the accomplishments of the MHS Equestrian and Cross Country Teams.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

7. Motion by Fox/Berkos to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0 whereby the following items were approved:
  - a. Minutes of the September 15, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting.
  - b. Parent Transportation Contracts for Special Education Students
  - c. Payment of Monthly Vouchers totaling \$1,854,729.91.

#### **Pending Action:**

8. Rick Noe, Director of Buildings and Grounds provided background information to the Board regarding the status of the Olson Middle School heating and ventilation system. The system was installed in 1966 and is at the end of its useful life. Reconfiguration of the building has impacted the efficiency of delivering heat to all parts of the building. Mr. Noe described the time constraints that affect development and completion of the project prior to next school year's cold weather season. The first step will be to contract with an engineer to design a plan for the removal and replacement of the HVAC at OMS. This first step will cost approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000. Both the Property and Transportation Committee and the Finance Committee have had preliminary discussions about this need. Following discussion, there was consensus by the Board for administration to move forward, working with Bray Architects to develop a Request for Proposals to complete the engineering and design portion of the project.
9. Superintendent Weymouth distributed drafts of school calendars for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years to the Board for first review. Dr. Weymouth explained the factors that are considered in developing the calendars, including teacher contract days, student instruction requirements, professional development, and quarter/trimester counts. Approval of the calendars will be on the Board agenda for the November Regular Meeting.
10. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood reviewed final information about the 2014-2015 School District budget. She explained the factors that impact the final budget numbers including general aid, computer aid, property values, student membership and revenue limit exemptions (if applicable). Motion by Fox/Vinopal to adopt the 2014-2015 School District Budget as presented (Ref. Exhibit #2/File). Motion carried 7/0.

11. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to to certify the School District of Mauston Tax Levy for 2014, as presented, in the amount of \$7,861,709 (Ref. Exhibit #3/File). The motion carried 7/0.
12. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept the donation of gift cards from the Lyndon Station PTC (Parents & Teachers for Children) group to the teachers at Lyndon Station Elementary School, for a total value of \$500. The Board members expressed appreciation for the donation. Motion carried 7/0.
13. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept several donated items from the Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club, including: 1) Realignment of football stadium lights by La Crosse Sign Co. (\$876.80); 2) Mini iPad and camera lenses for basketball teams (\$587); 3) Girls Tennis uniforms (\$460); 4) Portable P.A. system for athletic department (\$700); and 5) HUDL software renewal for MHS Sports (\$1600). The Board members expressed appreciation for the donations valued at a total of \$4,223.80. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
14. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept the donations of artificial turf from Lance Massey of Woodside Sports complex and the labor to install the turf, valued at approximately \$7,000. This donation also included the donation of labor and equipment from Gray Electric valued at \$1,090 for assistance in installing the turf in the MHS batting cages. The Board members stated their sincere appreciation for the donation. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
15. Motion by Kryka/Rogers to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Recorded by:  
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary