

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Mauston Board of Education**

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buss, Rogers, Kryka, Holmes, Vinopal, Berkos, Locken

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Board Chairperson Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call of members was taken; all members were present.
2. Mrs. Buss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. Public Comments: None.

Reports:

4. **Mauston High School Key Club:** Kaitlyn Asdigian reported on MHS Key Club activities, including the upcoming March of Dimes campaign.
5. **Mauston High School FFA:** FFA Vice President Lauren Luke reported on the excellent turnout for the annual FFA Pancake Supper. The Spring Banquet will be held on April 23, and all are invited to attend.
6. **Mauston High School (MHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** Donna Curran reported that eight FBLA members from Mauston will be eligible to participate in the State competition. Election of Officers will be held in the coming weeks.
7. **Unified Communication System and Technology Loan Presentation – Rob Demeuse**
District Technology Director Rob Demeuse explained his request for approval of a short-term technology loan. The projected amount needed is \$140,000, which would be used for the following purposes:
 - a. Replacement of the District-wide telephone system with a ShoreTel Unified Communications System with improved safety features including curbside 911.
 - b. The installation of single mode fiber between data closets in school buildings with a 10 GB capacity.
 - c. Replacement of end-of-life desktop computers for classrooms and some support staff.
 - d. Repair and replacement of building cameras and door security as needed.

Dr. Demeuse further explained that two companies submitted bids for the ShoreTel (telephone) system: Camera Corner-Connecting Point and Integral Business

Systems. The Camera Corner bid is approximately \$3,500 higher than the IBS bid; however, he has requested that the Board approve the Camera Corner bid because of their reliability, their excellent reputation, and of the District's past experience in working with them successfully on large projects. Rob received one estimate on the cost of the single-mode fiber. The fiber purchase will be put out for bids in the coming weeks.

8. **Leadership Team Reports:** Members of the District Leadership Team reported on school highlights and ongoing initiatives.
9. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine Weymouth noted that she and Lynda Vinopal had recently attended the WASB "Day at the Capitol" to receive updates on current pending legislative actions that will impact public education in Wisconsin. The three main issues being considered are (1) Per Pupil Aid; (2) School Year Start Date; and (3) Rural Schools. Dr. Weymouth also highlighted several student events including the upcoming Mauston High School Band trip to Florida; the "Educators Rising" organization for students who plan to enter the field of education; and the upcoming participation of Mauston students in a Concordia Spanish Language Immersion camp in Minnesota.

Consent Agenda:

10. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0 whereby the following items were approved:
 - a. Minutes of the February 20, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting
 - b. Approval of the payment of monthly vouchers totaling \$1,070,683.74.

Pending Action:

11. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the retirement resignation of Brian McGuire, Olson Middle School sixth grade teacher. The Board members expressed unanimous appreciation for Mr. McGuire's 27 years of service to the students and to the community. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
12. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to accept the retirement resignation of Vicki McGowan, Olson Middle School special education teacher. The Board members expressed unanimous appreciation for Mrs. McGowan's 30 years of service to the students of the Mauston School District, noting that she had worked with students in all age groups. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
13. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the retirement resignation of Ann Pesta, School District Psychologist. The Board members expressed unanimous appreciation for Mrs. Pesta's 25 years of service to the students of the District. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
14. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to accept the retirement resignation of Vicki Neitzel, West Side Elementary first grade teacher. The Board members expressed unanimous appreciation for Mrs. Neitzel's 23 years of service to the students and to the community. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
15. There were no employment contracts for consideration and/or approval.

16. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to accept with appreciation the donation of gift cards from the West Side/Grayside PTC group to each teacher at West Side and Grayside Elementary Schools. The gift cards will be used for classroom supplies, and are valued at a total of \$5,100.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
17. Motion by Berkos/Vinopal to accept with appreciation the donation of new track and field uniforms and warm-ups from the Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club to the Mauston High School Track and Field team. This donation is valued at \$6,700.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
18. Motion by Kryka/Vinopal to approve the 2017-2018 CESA #5 Contract for services provided to the School District of Mauston, as presented (Ref. BoardBook, page 27); and for a total amount of \$273,549.50. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
19. Superintendent Christine Weymouth discussed the proposal to increase the daily rate of pay for substitute teachers from \$100.00 per day to \$110.00 per day. A review of area school districts' substitute pay was conducted. The pay rate in Mauston has not been increased since 2000. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to increase the Mauston School District substitute teacher pay from \$100.00 per day to \$110.00 per day, effective April 1, 2017. Following discussion, motion carried 7/0.
20. Dr. Weymouth discussed the recommendation to increase the daily rate for long-term substitute teacher pay. The recommendation has been reviewed by the Policy & Personnel Committee. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to establish the Mauston School District long-term substitute teacher pay rate to be equal to the daily rate of pay of a beginning teacher in the current school year, effective April 1, 2017. A substitute teacher becomes eligible for long-term substitute teacher pay after 10 full days of substituting in one classroom, and the pay increase is retroactive to the first day of long-term subbing in that classroom. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
21. Motion by Holmes/Berkos to approve the selection of Camera Corner as the vendor for the purchase and installation of a ShoreTel Phone System as outlined by the School District of Mauston 2017 Request for Proposals, at a cost not to exceed \$115,164.00. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 7/0.
22. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood reported on the request from the District to three area banks regarding the proposed short-term technology loan. The Bank of Mauston submitted the low bid for an interest rate of 1.4%. Motion by Vinopal/Kryka to approve a short-term technology loan from the Bank of Mauston for \$140,000.00 at an interest rate of 1.4% to be used for the purchase and installation of a ShoreTel Unified Communications System, student and support staff desktop computers, single mode fiber connections between data closets in the District's school buildings and camera replacements and door security as needed for the 2017-2018 school year. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 7/0.
23. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to adjourn to Executive/Closed Session in compliance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) and (f), for discussion regarding the Superintendent's Contract; and for an update on personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 6/0. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by: Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary