

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

DATE: Monday, June 15, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kryka

1. Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; all members were present.
2. Mrs. Buss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. There were no public comments.

Reports:

4. **Staff Report: School District Nurse – Carol Mazur, RN, BSN**
School District Nurse Carol Mazur highlighted information from the annual written report that was presented to the Board. The Board members expressed appreciation for the report and for her work with Mauston students in the 2014-2015 school year (Ref. BoardBook, p. 3).
5. **Board Committees:** Board Committee Chairs for Finance, Policy & Personnel, and Property & Transportation reported on June meetings, and referenced items that will come before the full Board on the pending action agenda.
6. **Administrative Reports:** Members of the Leadership Team shared building or department updates. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood reported that the DPI has notified the District that the application for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds was approved for an amount of \$1,655,000.
7. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth updated the Board on her participation in the First Institute, along with members of the Leadership Team who heard national speakers discuss topics including assessment, grading and data. She noted that approximately 240 elementary students are enrolled in summer school classes. The Leadership Team will meet on June 16 to work on strategic planning. August 3 at 7 p.m. was set as the date and time for a Special School Board Meeting to approve the 2015-2016 Preliminary School District Budget for Publication.

Consent Agenda:

8. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:

- A. Minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting;
- B. Youth Options Applications (3) for 2015;
- C. Parent Transportation Contracts (2)
- D. The WIAA Associate Membership Application for iLEAD Charter School for the 2015-2016 school year; and
- E. Payment of monthly vouchers totaling \$1,089,006.59.

Pending Action:

- 9. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the retirement resignation of Leigh Walsh, special education teacher at Mauston High School. Mrs. Walsh has taught in the district for 36 years. The Board expressed appreciation to Mrs. Walsh for her years of service to the district. Motion carried 6/0.
- 10. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the resignation of Karen Jankowski, science teacher at Mauston High School. Mrs. Jankowski has taught in Mauston for five years. The Board expressed appreciation to Mrs. Jankowski for her service to the district. Motion carried 6/0.
- 11. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the resignation of Lisa Vinopal, kindergarten teacher at West Side Elementary School. Mrs. Vinopal has taught in Mauston for nine years. The Board expressed appreciation to Mrs. Vinopal for her service to the district. Motion carried 6/0.
- 12. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the resignation of Colleen Lozeau, speech therapist. Mrs. Lozeau has taught part-time in the district for the past two years. The Board thanked Mrs. Lozeau for her work in the district. Motion carried 6/0.
- 13. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the resignation of Judy Cummings, social studies teacher at Mauston High School. Mrs. Cummings leaves the district after 14 years of service. The Board expressed appreciation to Mrs. Cummings for her service to the district. Motion carried 6/0.
- 14. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Darla Schroeder as a Library-Media Technology Specialist for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 15. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Cassandra Drohman as an Early Childhood Special Education teacher at West Side Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 16. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Stephenie Graham as an English/Language Arts teacher at Olson Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 17. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept donations totaling \$775.16 from the Lyndon Station PTC to Lyndon Station Elementary School. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the PTC for its generous donations to the Lyndon Students. Motion carried 6/0.
- 18. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept donations totaling \$4,305.56 from the Grayside/West Side PTC. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the PTC for its generous donations to West Side Elementary and Grayside Elementary students. Motion carried 6/0.

19. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept the donation of \$1,395.00 from the FFA Alumni Association, which was used for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator for Mauston High School. The AED will be placed near the classroom wings at the west end of the high school building. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the FFA Alumni for their generous donation. Motion carried 6/0.
20. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept the donation of \$2,377.05 from the Mauston Choir Boosters for the purchase of tickets for students to attend The Fireside Theater's production of *Les Miserables*. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the Mauston Choir Boosters for this donation. Motion carried 6/0.
21. The Board conducted the first reading of proposed new Board Policy 345.7 and the corresponding Rule 345.7R – High School Credits Earned by Middle School Students.
22. Superintendent Christine M. Weymouth and members of the Property and Transportation Committee updated the Board on the status of projects approved by district voters in the Spring 2015 Referendum Election. The administration is developing a timeline for the committee's review. The school roofs at Grayside and West Side Elementary Schools are the first priority:
 - A. **Grayside Elementary School:** The existing roof a ballasted roof. The preliminary plan is to replace the ballasted roof with a membrane roof; however, initial structural review indicated the possibility of a concern that the removal of the stones might create problems with the joists, resulting in "lift" to the resulting roof. Further study is underway by the architects.
 - B. **West Side Elementary School:** Three areas of the West Side roof were identified as critical for repair: (1) above the front lobby; (2) the pitched roof over the cafeteria; and (3) the roof over the first hallway to the east of the lobby area. The Property & Transportation Committee suggested that plans for repair of the West Side roof focus on the most urgent areas identified; i.e., that it could be repaired in stages, depending on the type of existing roof and the most efficient repair method. It was noted that the roof types vary at West Side because it was constructed in stages, with parts of the roof dating back to the 1980's.
23. Dr. Weymouth noted that preliminary discussions about the referendum projects have indicated a timeline that shows roofs being addressed in the summer of 2016, with outdoor field and track repair work and bleachers being addressed beginning after the fall 2016 football season. One consideration of note is that the complete remodel of the Olson Middle School HVAC system will also take place in the summer of 2016.
24. Dr. Weymouth and Mrs. Buss also updated the Board on referendum projects that are already underway, including: the installation of new security cameras at West Side and Lyndon Station and the replacement of existing cameras in other buildings; the installation and upgrade of infrastructure for the district-wide paging system; and the upgrade of the system controls for the Mauston High School HVAC. Information about progress on the referendum projects will be available to the public on the school district website. (Ref. Minutes of the Property & Transportation Committee (unofficial) from June 10, 2015).
25. Superintendent Weymouth reviewed the *Teacher Compensation Model* as developed to date. Specifically she updated the Board on current practice related to Feature III (Degree and Certification Compensation); and Feature IV (Professional Teacher Supplemental Compensation) [Ref. BoardBook, pgs. 27-30/File]. Motion by Holmes/Berkos to approve the *School District of Mauston Teacher Compensation Model*, as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

26. MHS Principal Dillin described the proposed changes to the *iLEAD Student Handbook* for 2015-2016. Two pages have been added related to the protocol for identifying and addressing bullying, and the statutory notification to parents regarding the release of student directory information. Motion by Fox/Berkos to approve the *iLEAD Student Handbook* for 2015-2016. Motion carried 6/0.
27. Mr. Dillin discussed the proposed changes to the *2015-2017 School District of Mauston Grades 9-12 Co-Curricular Code*. Proposed changes include a change in the attendance rule related to tardiness [change from 15 minutes to 10 minutes, ref. page 4 – E. (3)]; and the addition of details related to infraction reports that are received from social media sources [ref. page 7, VII. (1)(b)]. Motion by Vinopal/Holmes to approve the co-curricular code as presented. Motion carried 6/0.
28. Special Education Director Michele Yates-Wickus presented the annual report to the Board regarding incidents of seclusion and restraint in the district for the 2014-2015 school year, as required by WI Act 125.
29. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood described the new provisions of the Department of Public Instruction related to a one time opportunity for school districts to transfer a specifically approved amount of money from Fund 80 (Community Service Fund) to Fund 21. Future use of these monies will be reported at the Annual School District Meeting. There was consensus by the Board members present to pursue permission from the DPI to transfer funds as described. A resolution will be presented to the Board for approval at the July Regular Board Meeting, as required by the DPI.
30. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to adjourn to Executive (Closed) Session, in compliance with WI Statute 19.85 (c)(1), for the consideration of administrative contracts. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6/0.
31. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:50 p.m.
32. The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:05 p.m.
33. President Carrie Buss announced that in closed session, the Board took action to renew the two-year contract for Superintendent Christine Weymouth; and to approve a 1.62% (CPI) salary increase for the 2015-2016 school year.
34. Motion by Berkos/Holms to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Recorded by:
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary; and
RJ Rogers, Board Clerk