

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

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: District Administrative Office
510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI 53948

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

Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken; six members were present (Berkos/absent).

President Buss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

There were no public comments.

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 which is underway. Members of Key Club recently visited Madison TV Station Channel 15, as part of the food drive kick-off.
2. **MHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** FBLA Officers for 2014-15, including Region 5 Vice-President Roshani Patel, President Nick DiCosola, Vice-President Daniel Casey, Treasurer Mark Curran, Secretary Donna Curran, Public Relations Coordinator Danielle Barnhart, and Reporter Brandon Arbuckle reported about ongoing club activities including the group's participation in Toys for Joy, and the development of a regional FBLA conference newsletter.
3. **Mauston High School FFA:** Amber Bellows, Mikayla Teske and Mariah Teske reported for the FFA. Fall activities are underway. The students recently attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. They will sponsor a "Big Buck" Contest during hunting season again this year.
4. **Board Committees:** Betty Kryka reported for the Policy & Personnel Committee. Policies are being reviewed, and will be brought forward for first reading at the December meeting. Brian Fox reported that the Finance Committee items will be addressed on the full Board agenda.
5. **PEP Grant Report:** Mauston Physical Education staff members Lori Hammer, Michelle Yardley, Roland Lehman, Michele Skala, Mary Friend and Randy Gyllin reported on the work that they are doing to submit a "PEP Grant," which is a federal "Physical Education Program" grant. If awarded, the grant money would be used to develop and improve the physical education program for Mauston students. The grant application is due in the Spring of 2015. The teachers thanked the Board and administration for their support in providing work time to work on grant preparation.
6. **Update on Mauston District Fall Athletics:** Athletic Director Randy Gyllin summarized fall athletic programs, and noted outdoor facility improvements that are needed (Ref. Exhibit #1/District File).
7. **ALICE School Safety:** City of Mauston Police Lieutenant Mike Zilisch, Mauston School District Police Liaison Officer Andy Zobel and MHS Principal Jim Dillin presented an overview of the ALICE method of crisis and safety response. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The program was developed by the ALICE Training Institute, which headquarters in Medina, Ohio.
8. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth reminded the Board of the Special Board Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. She also gave an update on the Montessori planning process, noting that a public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at West Side Elementary School. Dr. Weymouth thanked the community

and staff for their cooperation and assistance on October 31, when an emergency situation led to the evacuation of the Olson Middle School building.

Consent Agenda:

9. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:
 - a. Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Special School Board Workshop Meeting
 - c. Parent Transportation Contract for a Special Education Students
 - d. Youth Options Applications for five MHS Students to attend certified nursing assistant classes at Western Technical College.
 - e. Payment of Monthly vouchers totaling \$1,149,578.11

Pending Action:

10. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to approve the Bray Architects Proposal for Conceptual Design and Cost Analysis for the Olson Middle School HVAC System, in the amount of \$26,600, to be paid from the Mauston School District fund balance (Ref. Exhibit #3/District File). Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
11. Motion by Kryka/Vinopal to approve the 2015-2016 Mauston School District Calendar, as presented (Ref. Exhibit #4/District File). Motion carried 6/0.
12. Motion by Rogers/Vinopal to approve the 2016-2017 Mauston School District Calendar, as presented (Ref. Exhibit #5/District File), with one correction for November 2016 to change the Staff Work Day from November 11 to November 18, 2016, to avoid having a non-student day on Veterans Day. Motion carried 6/0.
13. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept with appreciation the donation of \$1,500 from the Parker-Hannifin Company to Mauston High School (STEM) program. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
14. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept with appreciation the donation of \$600 from Hillsboro Farm Equipment to the Mauston High School FFA. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
15. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept with appreciation the donation of a weight system to the Mauston High School weight room, from Bob and Jenny Klien. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
16. Motion by Vinopal/Rogers to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

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

DATE: Monday, December 1, 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:

1. Board Chairperson Carrie Buss called the Special School Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call of members was taken; all members were present.

2. Superintendent Christine Weymouth discussed the *Scope of Engagement* letter from Quarles and Brady LLC (Milwaukee office), regarding services the firm will provide for a Spring 2015 School District Referendum. Dr. Weymouth recommends that we work with Quarles & Brady to facilitate the legal work required, as this firm specializes in educational referendum counsel services (Ref. Exhibit #1/District File).
3. The Board discussed drafted referendum language for three possible questions to be presented to electors on April 7, 2015 (Ref. Exhibit #2/District File). Dr. Weymouth asked the Board to share any concerns or questions related to ballot wording. The drafted ballot questions were provided by Quarles and Brady. The Board members asked questions, noted issues for clarification and suggested wording changes. No official Board action was taken.
4. The Board will review updated proposed ballot language at the December 15, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting. Dr. Weymouth reviewed the timeline for adoption of final referendum language and noted that the Board of Education is required to adopt a resolution at least 70 days prior to the election date indicating the amount and purpose of borrowing, that date being January 27, 2015 for a Spring 2015 Referendum.
5. Motion by Rogers/Vinopal to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

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

DATE: Monday, December 15, 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: None

Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; seven members were present.

Mrs. Buss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There were no public comments.

Reports:

17. **MHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** Roshani Patel reported on recent activities for the Mauston High School FBLA including participation in "Toys for Joy," the Mauston Holiday Parade, and the 50/50 raffle at the Dells Boys' Basketball Game.
18. **Mauston High School Key Club:** MHS Key Club officers Alexis Walker and Vanessa Klein highlighted the recent successful food drive, in which more than 43,000 lbs of food were collected for the Mauston Food Pantry. Key Club members also volunteered to help at the Holiday Train, and with Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Festival Foods.
19. **Mauston High School FFA:** Anthony Bermeo, FFA Treasurer, reported on a successful fruit, cheese and sausage sale. Members will be participating in a ski trip and an ice fishing contest in January.
20. **Board Committees:** Betty Kryka reported for the Policy & Personnel Committee; policies in progress include both a policy and rule related to maintaining student records in accordance with

Wisconsin Statutes. Brian Fox reported that the Finance Committee items will be addressed on the full Board agenda. Pam Holmes reported for the Property and Transportation committee that a walk through is being planned to prepare for the engineering study, on December 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

21. **Administrative Reports:** Members of the Leadership Team reported on recent professional development activities by district staff. Teachers and support staff are participating in several initiatives including, in part, Educator Effectiveness Training, Flipped Classrooms, Digital Learning in technical education, Readers/Writers Workshop, as well as taking part in opportunities provided by various professional associations.
22. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth congratulated the winners of the Olson Middle School Spelling Bee (Natalie Buss and Julie Golinski). She also noted that one of the District's sixth grade teams took first place in the "Math 24" competition. Dr. Weymouth noted that additional information will be forthcoming regarding the progress of the welding program partnership with Western Technical College. Representatives of the District and WTC will attend a Juneau County Board Meeting as well.

Consent Agenda:

23. Motion by Kryka/Vinopal to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0 whereby the following items were approved:
 - a. Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the December 1, 2014 Special School Board Workshop Meeting
 - c. Parent Transportation Contract for a Special Education Students
 - d. Payment of Monthly vouchers totaling \$817,417.53
24. The Board conducted the first reading of Board Policy 321 – School Calendar/Year. Revisions are being recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee to reflect recent changes in DPI regulations related to the minimum number of instructional hours a school must provide, rather than a minimum number of days.
25. The Board conducted the first reading of Board Policy 347 – Student Records; and Board Rule 347R – Guidelines for Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records. Revisions to this policy are being recommended to align the policy with current federal and state statutes. Committee Chair requested that any Board members who have questions about these policies may contact Dr. Weymouth, prior to the next Board meeting.
26. The Board reviewed and discussed preliminary language for proposed referendum questions for the April, 2015 Spring Election (Ref. Exhibit #1/File). There was consensus to continue with three separate referendum questions on the ballot. There was also Board consensus to include the repair of the track and football field in the referendum request, due to safety concerns. Dr. Weymouth will work with our Bond Counsel, Quarles and Brady, to bring final language to the Board for approval in January, in accordance with the statutory requirements for such Board action.
27. Motion by Holmes/Berkos to approve the implementation of ALICE protocols as part of the School District of Mauston Safety Plan. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
28. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to authorize Board Delegate Carrie Buss to vote on Convention Resolutions at the Wisconsin Association of School Board's State Education Convention on behalf of the Board of Education. Mrs. Buss noted that if any members have particular concerns about any resolutions, they should contact her prior to the convention. Following further discussion, the motion carried 7/0.

29. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to receive with appreciation the donation of \$775 from an anonymous donor to charter a bus for the MHS Girls Basketball Team to travel to New Glarus on December 5, 2014. Motion carried 7/0.
30. Motion by Fox/Berkos to receive with appreciation the donation of lumber from Roger Demaske to the MHS Tech Ed Department, valued at \$350.00. Motion carried 7/0.
31. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to receive with appreciation the donation of \$1500.00 toward the purchase of new uniforms for the MHS JV Reserve Girls Basketball team, from the Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club. Motion carried 7/0.
32. Motion by Fox/Berkos to receive with appreciation the donation of \$2,500 from Walmart to the MHS Key Club Annual Food Drive. Motion carried 7/0.
33. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to receive with appreciation the donation of \$500 from Mauston 104, LLC, to the MHS Key Club Annual Food Drive. Motion carried 7/0.
34. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to adjourn to to Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c): "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; [Review and Possible Renewal of Administrative Contracts]. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 7/0. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Recorded by:
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary