

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

**DATE:** Monday, September 19, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buss, Rogers, Berkos, Locken

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kryka, Holmes, Vinopal

1. Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; four 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. **MHS Future Business Leaders of America:** Officers Donna Curran, Mitchell Gray and Naly Vang reported on the start of year activities for FBLA. There is a great deal of interest in membership this year. A trip to Milwaukee is planned for November.
5. **Mauston High School (MHS) FFA:** Crystal Cafferty, Gracelyn Footit, Olivia Lulich and Abby Voss reported on FFA activities. The FFA Food Stand at the Juneau County Fair made a total of \$9,677, in spite of the bad weather. Activities coming up include highway cleanup, and the World Dairy Expo. The FFA will donate \$967 to the Juneau County Fair Board.
6. **MHS Key Club:** Kaitlyn Asdigian reported for the MHS Key Club. The Club had 54 students sign up for membership at the first meeting this year! They will be working with the Kiwanis to assist at a golf outing, and they will help with Meals on Wheels as they have in the past. Planning is already under way for the annual food drive.
7. **Board Committee Chairpersons** reported on recent meetings.
8. Members of the **Leadership Team** reported on back to school activities, trainings and opening school year events.
9. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine Weymouth congratulated high school staff, Leah Luke in particular, on her participation in developing an "Educators Rising" group at Mauston High School. She also reported on her recent attendance at the WASDA Fall Superintendents' Conference where topics included updates on state-wide staff shortages, equity and building a quality work force.

## **Consent Agenda:**

10. Motion by Rogers/Berkos to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4/0 whereby the following items were approved:
  - a. Minutes of the August 15, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting
  - b. Youth Options Applications for Fall 2016
  - c. Approval of a new Student Activity Account
  - d. Payment of monthly vouchers totaling \$1,378,826.82

## **Pending Action:**

11. Motion by Berkos/Rogers to accept with appreciation the donation of \$3,000.00 from the MHS Band Boosters which was donated toward the purchase of new flag squad uniforms. Following discussion the motion carried 4/0.
12. Motion by Berkos/Locken to accept with appreciation the donation of \$700.00 from J.C. Johnson which was donated toward the purchase of additional soccer uniforms for Mauston High School. Following discussion, the motion carried 4/0.
13. Motion by Berkos/Locken to accept with appreciation the donation of \$569.50 from Mr. Fred Hollenbeck, which was donated toward the purchase of a tennis ball gun for the MHS girls' tennis team. Following discussion, the motion carried 4/0.
14. Motion by Berkos/Locken to accept with appreciation the donation of \$850.50 from the Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club which was given toward the cost of soccer uniforms for Mauston High School; and also for half of the cost of the tennis ball gun for MHS girls' tennis. Following discussion, the motion carried 4/0.
15. Motion by Berkos/Rogers to accept with appreciation the donation of reading cots valued at \$660.00 from the Lyndon Station PTC to the fourth grade students at Lyndon Station Elementary School. Following discussion, the motion carried 4/0.
16. Motion by Berkos/Locken to accept with appreciation the donation of school supplies from St. Vincent de Paul in Mauston. The organization donated a box of school supplies to every elementary classroom in the district, for a total value of approximately \$1,008.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 4/0.
17. Dr. Weymouth also announced and expressed appreciation on behalf of the District for additional gifts of school supplies from Carol Greathouse and from a group of Mauston businesses who donated a large quantity of school supplies. This drive was organized by Check Advance of Mauston, and other business that contributed included Dollar General, AliRose Salon, Royal Bank, Family Dollar and CarQuest. The Board expressed appreciation for the generosity of these individuals and businesses.
18. The Board conducted the first reading of Board Policy 940 – Naming Rights; and 940R – Naming Rights for District Facilities (Rule). Dr. Weymouth asked the Board to contact her with input and/or questions prior to the next meeting of the Policy & Personnel Committee in October.
19. Dr. Weymouth and Mrs. Buss updated the Board on the progress of planning for the upcoming Campus Fields improvement projects. October 10 is the projected start date

for excavation of the football field and milling of the existing track. Plans are progressing for the two sections of the existing press box to be separated and removed. One section will be used at the baseball field, and the other section is still available for sale by sealed bid. Rettler Corporation, the District's design firm, projects the work to continue for 6-8 weeks during the fall season. Rettler is working with District staff to formulate a safety plan for construction traffic, student access, and parent drop-off in the mornings. Olympic Builders is the general contractor for this project.

20. Motion by Berkos/Rogers to approve project Alternate #3 – for the purchase of galvanized fencing and gates around the perimeter of the outdoor track, field and bleachers, for a cost of \$24,423.00. Dr. Weymouth explained that funds are available from last year's budget due to additional late state aids provided to the District after the budget was already approved. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 4/0.
21. Dr. Weymouth described the proposal to upgrade the pad under the new bleacher system from asphalt to concrete. In addition to durability, concrete provides a better appearance, and requires less maintenance and repair in the long run. She stated her recommendation for approval of the alternate due to concrete being overall a better investment for the District. Motion by Berkos/Rogers to approve Alternate #A5 for the installation of a concrete pad under the new bleacher system, at a cost of \$21,295.00. Following further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 4/0.
22. Lynda Oleinik, Director of Teaching and Learning reviewed the District Assessment Calendar for 2016-2017. Detailed information about tests and assessments for all grade levels is provided on this calendar. Staff uses the resulting data to adjust teaching methods, and to assist individualized learning for students.
23. Motion by Rogers/Berkos to approve the Budget Process Timeline, as proposed by Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood and reviewed by the Finance Committee. Following discussion, the motion carried 4/0.
24. Dr. Weymouth noted that planning will begin before the October Board meeting to develop school year calendars for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. She asked the Board to review the current school year calendar, and to contact her prior to the October Board meeting to give input regarding scheduling for the coming two year calendar cycle.
25. Motion by Berkos/Locken to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.
26. Following adjournment, the Board members, administrators and members of the local media participated in a tour of the newly renovated HVAC system at Olson Middle School. They also visited the newly remodeled restrooms at OMS. Steve McNulty of Olympic Builders and Rick Noe, District Director of Buildings and Grounds conducted the tour.

Recorded by:  
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