

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

DATE: Monday, October 16, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buss, Rogers, Holmes, Locken, Erickson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kryka, Berkos

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

Reports:

1. **Student Reports and Presentations:** Mauston High School foreign exchange student Anujin Nandinsetseg played a musical number on her horsehead fiddle. The MHS a cappella group "Out of the Blue" performed a musical number. The Board expressed appreciation for these student performances.
2. **Mauston High School (MHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** Officers Donna Curran, Brook Walling, Kevin Kustief, Dante Spence and Liz Kolb reported on the continuing membership drive for FBLA. Members are also preparing for Regional Competitions in November.
3. **MHS Key Club:** President Elizabeth Kolb reported on the growing membership of Key Club. The club is emphasizing volunteerism this year, with members participating in highway cleanup with the FFA and in a "Color Run" fundraiser with the Mauston High School Choir. Fifty hours of community service are required for membership. The annual food drive will begin on November 15.
4. **Mauston High School FFA:** Dawson Firlus and Gracie Footit reported on FFA activities including a trip to the Madison Dairy Expo and Judging. Several members also attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The annual FFA Fruit Cheese and Sausage Sale is underway, and will conclude on November 1.
5. **Board Committee Reports** were presented as usual, with action items coming up on the full Board Agenda.
6. **Academic Career Planning:** School Counselors April Frelke and Mark Dahlke reported on the District's Academic Career Planning (ACP) Initiative. The ACP emphasizes exposing students to a variety of study and career options from grades 8-12. Students are taught how to use the "Career Cruising" application to research subject interests and related possible careers. A web page on the District site gives a full description of the program.

7. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth briefly discussed the results of the parent survey that was distributed to parents at all schools during District-wide Registration. She indicated that overall, the feedback was both positive and constructive. Dr. Weymouth also noted the accomplishments of MHS graduate Daniel Walsh who was chosen as one of the four finalists at the State FFA Convention in June in the area of Beef Entrepreneurship. Daniel will be interviewed at the national convention, and a winner for the nation will be determined at the end of October.

Consent Agenda:

8. Motion by Holmes/Erickson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0, whereby the following items were approved:
 - a. Minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting;
 - b. A Parent Transportation Contract;
 - c. Two Youth Options Applications;
 - d. Two new Student Activity Accounts; and
 - e. Payment of District Vouchers totaling \$1,377,685.46.

Pending Action:

9. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the resignation of Brandon Page, Mauston High School Special Education teacher. Motion carried 5/0.
10. Motion by Erickson/Rogers to accept with appreciation the donation of \$4,500.00 from the Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club and the Mauston Volleyball Club to Mauston High School for the purchase of new competition volleyball standards for the large gymnasium. Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
11. Motion by Erickson/Locken to accept the cash donation of \$3000.00 from Castle Rock Marine to the Mauston High School Choir. Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
12. Motion by Erickson/Rogers to accept with appreciation the donation of school supplies from St. Vincent DePaul of Mauston to all the schools in the District. The total value of supplies purchased equaled \$1,600.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
13. Motion by Erickson/Buss to accept a cash donation of \$476.00 from Dr. Raquel Yarroch from the Whole Life Chiropractic Center in Necedah, along with a large box of school supplies valued at approximately \$75.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
14. Motion by Erickson/Holmes to accept the donation of items for the Grayside sensory room from "donorschoose.org." The items included lighting, bean bag chairs and exercise balls. Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
15. Motion by Erickson/Holmes to accept the donation from Craig Kobylski for the cost of two fan buses to travel to out of town games. The donation totaled approximately \$500.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
16. Superintendent Christine Weymouth noted two additional donations: Dr. Leigh Hilsinger donated \$100 to Mauston High School to pay for the cost of clear backpacks for students who cannot afford them; and Kudick Chevrolet donated \$200 to the Mauston High School FBLA. The grand total of donations for October was \$11,021.00.

17. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to waive the Third Reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy 345.6 – Graduation Requirements, and approve the revised policy as presented (Ref. BoardBook, page 13). Following discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
18. Superintendent Christine Weymouth reviewed proposed revisions to the Mauston School District Employee Handbook, including paragraph 3.29 - Employee Screenings; paragraph 9.04 – Sick Leave and Long-term Disability; and paragraph 22.02 – Teacher Contract Liquidated Damages (Ref. Exhibit #1/District File). Two additional edits were approved by consensus (Par. 22.02, Item 2: change March 1 to January 1; 22.02 (2)(a): change June 15 to read June 16; and under 22.02 (2) € delete the words “before services under that contract commence” so that the sentence ends after the word “year.”). Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the proposed revisions to the Mauston School District Employee Handbook as presented. Motion carried 5/0.
19. Superintendent Christine Weymouth shared a brief history of teacher compensation in the District, and discussed tentative plans for increasing teacher base wages in the 2017-2018 school year. Also under review are options for adjustments to the post-employment retirement benefits. During the month of November, the School Board Negotiations Committee and administration will meet with representatives from the Mauston Education Association to discuss these proposed changes.
20. Motion by Rogers/Erickson to adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of reviewing specific information related to staff compensation. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5/0. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by:
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary