

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

**DATE:** Monday, July 15, 2019

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Mauston School District Office Board Room  
510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI 53948

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hines, Coughlin, Erickson, Morris, and Rogers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kryka and Zilisch

1. Board President RJ Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call of members was taken; five members were present and two were absent.
2. President Rogers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments: None

**REPORTS:**

1. **Board Committee Reports** - Presented by Lynn Erickson (Policy & Personnel and Finance).
2. **WASB or CESA Conferences Attended** – Board President RJ Rogers attended the 2019 Equity Symposium & Summer Leadership Institute in Appleton July 12 and 13. She said the Friday workshop focused on what boards need to know to reach all children with equity topics such as social-emotional learning, equity-based decision making, discipline disparities, and strategic planning. On Saturday, Rogers attended sessions on superintendent evaluations and conflict management.
3. **Athletic and Activities Update** – Athletic Director Randy Gyllin shared with the Board several new things that were happening in the Athletic Department. Athletic registration is online this year through rSchool Today, which will help the District keep accurate records of student-athletes. Gyllin said the next step to the athletic registration would be to pay athletic fees online.

Gyllin told the Board there would be a reimplementation of roster cuts for the volleyball season this year. With 50+ girls trying out for volleyball, there are issues with staffing and the safety of the players. He also said volleyball is the only sport with limited rotations during competitions, so there is a lack of playing time, which is another reason for the reimplementation. Those who do not make the team would be encouraged to try a different fall sport, such as cross country and girls tennis. Also, those athletes would be encouraged to try-out the following year, if they choose not to explore another fall season sport.

Gyllin updated the Board that the Mauston High School Girls Soccer Team will have be involved in a conference starting in 2021. The conference will be known as the MidWest Wisconsin Girls Soccer Conference and will include Adams-Friendship, Altoona, Amherst, Arcadia, Assumption, Mauston, Melrose-Mindoro/G-E-T, Regis/McDonell Catholic and Wautoma. The team will be able to work towards a conference title and individual accomplishments.

4. **Mental Health Update** – Director of Student Services Mary O'Brien reported to the Board with Mental Health Grant, and the District's partners, Pine Valley, there would be two therapists onsite this year, and possibly another therapist in January, with the final goal of having the therapists onsite five days a week. The grant will also help train District staff in trauma informed care, mental health, and social-emotional learning. The District will also be part of a cohort through CESA 6 and 7 called "Allies in Mental Health". There would be additional therapy rooms set up at each school to ensure the privacy of the students. The grant will also pay for substitute teachers when the trainings happen, and after two years, the staff that was trained will be able to train other staff members.
5. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Heesch thanked the District team and the Board for helping with the transition of superintendents and giving him this opportunity. He then gave an update on the Miron Construction and Plunkett Architects Facilities Study. Principals met with representatives on June 25 and 26 for the Education Equity Assessment of the interior and exterior of their buildings. On July 17 and 18, Miron and PRA will do their Existing Facility Assessment with Rick Noe on all District facilities. On September 16 at the Regular Board meeting, Miron and Plunkett will come and present the current facility study to the Board. Superintendent Heesch said he would check with the date, but in late October, there will be a Board workshop to determine the next steps based on the study, which is when School Perceptions would help with the design and implementation of the community survey.

Superintendent Heesch said Mauston City Administrator Randy Reeg sent numbers on the pulverizing and reconstructing of the tennis courts at Lion Park. The Park & Recreation Committee intends to request a capital project for 2021 with the total expenditure to be \$114,796, and the city is asking the District to commit to paying half of the cost for the 2020-2021 budget cycle. Superintendent Heesch said he would meet with Reeg to get more information; he wanted to share with the Board what he had received.

Superintendent Heesch and Board President Rogers presented to the Board a letter from retiree Mark Dahlke, which thanked the Board for its support of its staff and students.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5/0 whereby the following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the June 21, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Payment of the Monthly Vouchers

## **Old Business**

1. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to bring back to the table the Seclusion and Restraint report. Motion carried 5/0. Director O'Brien presented the annual report, in which she said that the numbers are up from last year, with the District having 27 incidents, all at the elementary level and none in the secondary level.

## **Pending Action Items**

1. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a \$1,046.76 donation from DonorsChoose.org. Motion carried 5/0.
2. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a \$404.74 donation from the Golden Eagles Athletic Booster Club/Friends of the Pool. Motion carried 5/0.
3. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept an arts and crafts donation from JOANN's Fabric through the Kids in Need grant worth \$347.90. Motion carried 5/0.
4. Superintendent Heesch acknowledged other donations to the District less than \$300. Culver's donated \$127 to the Mauston FFA through their "Thank a Farmer" program.
5. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve the employment contract for Carol Swan to be one of the School Nurses for the School District for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 5/0.
6. At 8:08pm, Superintendent Heesch left the Board Room to avoid conflict of interest.

Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve the teaching contract for Joel Heesch Jr. to be a Special Education Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Following more information from Director O'Brien, motion carried 5/0.

At 8:11pm, Superintendent Heesch came back into the room.

7. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve the teaching contract for Maria Griffin to be an English Teacher at Mauston High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 5/0.

8. The Board held the first reading of proposed changes to Policy 5460 – Graduation Requirements.
9. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to have the second reading of and approve Policy 3432 and Policy 4432 – Sick Leave. Motion carried 5/0.
10. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve a 2.5% increase in the JEVCO Transportation Contract for the 2019-2020 school year, and the 2020-2021 school year, as well as extend that contract by one year. Following a discussion, motion carried 5/0.
11. Motion by Coughlin/Erickson to keep the pool open for the 2019-2020 school year during the winter. Following a discussion, the motion carried 5/0.
12. Motion by Coughlin/Erickson to authorize the Superintendent to approve teacher contracts in late July and August 2019. Motion carried 5/0.
13. Director of Teaching and Learning Lynda Oleinik presented the Academic Standards that the District for the 2019-2020 School Year. Following the presentation, motion was made by Coughlin/Hines to approve the list and description of the student academic standards in the areas of mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history that shall be in effect for the 2019-2020 school year as presented and to direct the administration to incorporate the Board-approved list and description of the student academic standards that shall be in effect for the school year into a notice for parents and guardians provided by the administration in a manner that is consistent with state requirements. Motion carried 5/0.
14. Motion by Morris/Hines to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Recorded by:

Jennifer Hagemann, Board Secretary