

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

DATE: Monday, October 21, 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, Zilisch, and Rogers

MEMBERS ABESENT: Kryka

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

REPORTS:

1. **Student Reports**

- a. **FFA** – Olivia Lulich, Dawson Firlus, Allison Lavold, Rylee Guajardo, Isabell Kemper, and Ethan Lulich gave a recap on September and October events that FFA members participated in: FFA Fun Night, Kudick Appreciation Breakfast, Sectional Leadership Conference, World Dairy Expo, FIRE Conference. Ongoing and upcoming events include: National FFA Convention at the end of October, the ongoing Fruit, Cheese, and Sausage Sale, a roller skating event, and the 212 and 360 Leadership Conferences.
- b. **FBLA** – Ally Fenner, Emma Eilers, and Keli Borum reported to the Board FBLA's October service project would be on Halloween. Instead of trick-or-treating for candy, they would ask for food donations for the Mauston Food Pantry. Members attended the Wisconsin FBLA Fall Leadership Lab at UW-Stout in October, and will be attending the Wisconsin FBLA Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference at UW-Stevens Point in November.
- c. **Student Council** – Mason Luehman presented Homecoming and its activities were well received this year. In early November, Student Council is planning on holding a blood drive.
- d. **Key Club** – A handout was given to the Board of the Key Club Calendar of events. Allison Lavold stated that the group did Activities for Kids at the Yukon Trails Campground in the summer, a Disc Golf Class at the library in June, the Kiwanis Golf Outing in September, Sharing Supper in September, making dog

toys for the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter, and Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup with the FFA. Lavold said the group's annual Food Drive will take place the week of Thanksgiving and the following week.

- e. **FACT** – Mason Luehman reported that 60-70 freshman signed up during Rush Week at the High School, which is an increase from last year. He stated that they are working on an exhibit on tobacco prevention, featuring vapes. On November 1, the group will meet with Sen. Howard Marklein at the Beyond the Daily Grind.
2. **Board Committee Reports** - Presented by Darrell Hines (Property and Transportation) and Lynn Erickson (Finance).
3. **Eagle After School Program (EASP)** – The EASP is in its second year of a five year grant. Carrie Buss and Lynda Oleinik presented to the Board this year the EASP serves 113 students in total from Grayside, West Side, Lyndon Station, and St. Patrick schools. Oleinik said that achievement data shows there was a great deal of growth in Math and Reading on the iReady assessments of students who attend the EASP. Buss thanked Hatch Public Library, Olson Middle School Pool, Christine Center Stage Dance Studio, 4-H and UW-Extension, Ben Johnston, Mauston High School students and Larry Scheckel for their collaboration and help with the EASP.
4. **Leadership Team Reports** – Members of the District Leadership Team shared school updates and initiatives.
5. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Joel Heesch said October 6-12 was Wisconsin School Board Week and he thanked the Board for its countless hours and commitment to the Mauston and Lyndon Station communities and children. Board members received a #OneTeam T-shirt as a token of appreciation.

He reminded the Board that October 28, is a Special Board Meeting for the 2020 Tax Levy Certification and to meet with Miron and PRA to discuss possible options for the District as a follow up on their September report. The meeting will be in the Teaching and Learning room and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
2. 15 Start College Now Credit Program Applications
3. Payment of the Monthly Vouchers with the total expenditures totaling \$1,473,567.11 and revenue totaling \$1,472,328.14.

Pending Action Items

1. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve a donation from Eagle Promotions, who donated 500 hand fans to be distributed throughout the District, the total equaling \$365. Motion carried 6/0.
2. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve a donation of arts and craft supplies, an amount totaling \$326.44, from JOANN's FABRIC. Erickson stated this is through the Kids in Need grant. Motion carried 6/0.
3. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve a \$632.29 donation from Donorschoose.org, for Jen Holberg's project "Lego Hang in the Library: Part 3". The money will be used to purchase a LEGO Star Wars Death Star 75159 Space Station Building Kit with Star Wars Minifigures for Kids and Adults. Motion carried 6/0.
4. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to approve a \$700 donation from Scott and Julie Graewin towards the Grayside Group Therapy Room. Motion carried 6/0.
5. Motion by Erickson/Morris to approve an \$11,900 donation to sustain the Collie/Ruby Jones scholarship from Herb Jones. Motion carried 6/0.
6. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a donation of an AED machine from Jeff and Melanie Gray for the Olson Community Pool. The approximate value was \$1,700. Motion carried 6/0.
7. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a donation from Beverly and Mike Smith, who donated a hat, scarf, mittens, and a pair of socks to every student at Lyndon Station Elementary. It was an approximately \$300 in value. Motion carried 6/0.
8. Superintendent Heesch acknowledged other donations to the District less than \$300. The Mauston/Lyndon Station Community Sharing Supper donated 12 boxes of hand sanitizer to be distributed to West Side, Grayside, and Lyndon Station Elementary Schools.
9. President Rogers took time to read a letter of retirement from Wendy McGuire. McGuire served the District for 27 ½ years as an elementary school secretary. The Board expressed its appreciation of McGuire's work in the District and wished her the best in her retirement.
10. The Board discussed the potential 2020 Tax Levy. Business Manager Sue Goyette explained to the Board that Lisa Voisin from Baird has advised the Administration that the District is in a position to over-levy the debt service payment. It would reduce the debt next year, which would result in interest savings as well as keeps the mill rate at a level that would still be lower to the tax payer. The Board will approve the 2020 Tax Levy at its Special Board Meeting on October 28, 2019.

11. High School Principal Jim Dillin presented to the Board about a possible art trip to Italy in the Summer of 2020. Per Board Policy, the Board must approve any international trip six months prior to the trip. Dillin said High School Art Teacher Ms. Penny Blank was working through the company Explorica, which is used throughout the United States. He said the cost would be about \$3,500 per student and if approved, he and Ms. Blank would have a parent/student meeting to talk about insurance coverage as well as fundraising information. Motion by Zilisch/Morris to approve the Art Trip to Italy in the Summer of 2020. Motion carried 6/0.

At 8:35 p.m. Board Member Hines stepped out of the room to avoid a conflict of interest.

12. Goyette told the Board that she and Superintendent Heesch met with members of the Mauston Education Association to discuss teacher base wage increases for the 2019-2020 school year. They recommended the Board approve a \$500 increase on each teacher's base wage (per 1.0 FTE) and a one-time stipend of \$660.36 (per 1.0 FTE) to continuing teachers get to the 2.44% CPI. Motion by Coughlin/Zilisch to approve a \$500 increase on each continuing teacher's base wage, and a one-time stipend of \$660.36 for continuing teachers. Motion carried 5-0-1, with Hines abstaining.

At 8:43 p.m., Board Member Morris stepped out of the room to avoid a conflict of interest. At 8:43 p.m., Board Member Hines returned to the room. At 8:43 p.m., Board Member Mike Zilisch stepped out of the room to avoid a conflict of interest.

13. Goyette said the CPI of 2.44% was the same for support staff, but there was no stipend. It would be an increase over previous year wage for each individual. Motion by Coughlin/Erickson to approve a 2.44% increase on the base wage for support staff. Motion carried 4-0-2, with Morris and Zilisch abstaining.

At 8:45 p.m. Morris and Zilisch returned to the room.

14. Motion by Hines/Zilisch to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Recorded by:
Jennifer Hagemann, Board Secretary