

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

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2020

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zilisch

1. Board President RJ Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A roll call of members was taken; six members were present and one was absent.
2. President Rogers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments: None

REPORTS:

1. **Student Reports – None**
2. **Final Survey Presentation with School Perceptions –** Sue Peterson of School Perceptions, LLC and Craig Uhlenbrauk of Miron Construction joined the meeting via a phone call to discuss the facilities survey. Peterson told the Board the survey was eight pages, and community members have two ways to submit their opinions and comments: by mail or online. Those who have additional adults living in their households can request an additional code from the District Office. Originally the survey was going to be sent out so the community would have it by April 15, however with the COVID-19, Uhlenbrauck suggested delaying the survey by two weeks. The administration will meet with School Perceptions to talk about the deployment of the survey and to discuss if it needs to be pushed back further because of the COVID-19 virus.
3. **Auditor Report with BakerTilly –** Paul Franz, a partner with BakerTilly, appeared by video chat and went over the District's 2018-2019 audit report. The District was issued an unmodified opinion. Franz said the staff was a pleasure to work with.
4. **Board Committee Reports -** Presented by Betty Kryka (Policy and Personnel), Darrell Hines (Property & Transportation), and Lynn Erickson (Finance).
5. **Superintendent's Report –** Joel Heesch gave the Board an update regarding the COVID-19 virus and what the District is doing during the mandated closure. He informed them that teachers and staff were working on transition to e-learning after spring break to begin on March 30. He also said the District was working on how to provide food to students during the closure.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes of the February 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Payment of the Monthly Vouchers with the total expenditures totaling \$591,103.11 and revenue totaling \$2,037,446.99.

Pending Action Items

1. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a Donorschoose.org's donation of \$2,908.99. Motion carried 6/0.
2. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept donations towards the SE-YA Trip, with \$1,000 from Jeff Scully, \$1,500 from Friends of the Library, \$200 from MBE, and \$75 from Bridget Christenson. Motion carried 6/0.
3. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a \$3,000 grant for Yvonne Butterfield's research class. Motion carried 6/0.
4. Motion by Erickson/Coughlin to accept a \$500 grant from the Wisconsin State Golf Association for the Mauston High School Golf Team. Motion carried 6/0.
5. Superintendent Heesch acknowledged other donations that were less than \$300: 30 pairs of wigwam socks donated by Russ LaMarche for Lyndon Station Elementary; 25 hats donated by Holiday Wholesale for Lyndon Station Elementary; four large bags of cough drops, four movies along with several other miscellaneous items for Lyndon Station Elementary's treasure chest for the PBIS celebrations from Mike and Beverly Smith; Card Stock paper and miscellaneous items for the Lyndon Station Elementary makerspace from Sharon Fuller; and the Bank of Mauston donated mileage in the amount of \$57.83 for a class to attend a focus trip.
6. Motion by Erickson/Kryka to approve the proposed CESA #5 Contract for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6/0.
7. Motion by Coughlin/Morris to approve a five year, \$280,000 short-term Technology Loan as presented. After a discussion, motion carried 6/0.
8. The Board reviewed a final draft of the Mauston School District Facilities Survey. President Rogers asked for any last comments or corrections, and noted that the survey would be delayed from its original deployment and will be sent to the printers with the survey hitting the community's mailboxes the week of April 28, and the deadline for filling out the survey would be in May. Motion by Coughlin/Morris to approve the draft #24 for printing and distribution. Motion carried 6/0.

9. Motion by Kryka/Erickson to adjourn into an executive/closed session in compliance with State Statute 120.13 and 19.85(1)(c) and (f) for the purpose of conducting student expulsion hearings, with the consideration of reinstatement, and to consider possible non-renewal of teacher contracts. A roll call vote was taken. Six ayes, zero noes. Motion carried.
10. Meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 7:57 p.m.
11. Meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 8:47 p.m.
12. Motion by Kryka/Erickson to issue a Preliminary Notice of Consideration of Nonrenewal for Layoff Purposes to Megan Horkan, in the event that no faculty member volunteers to be laid off. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Motion by Kryka/Erickson to issue a Preliminary Notice of Consideration of Nonrenewal for Layoff Purposes to Nicholae Seth-Briggs, in the event that no faculty member volunteers to be laid off. Motion carried 5/0
14. Motion by Morris/Erickson to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Recorded by:

Jennifer Hagemann, Board Secretary

Michael Coughlin, Board Clerk