

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

DATE: Monday, August 17, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buss, Rogers, Fox, Berkos, Kryka, Holmes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vinopal

1. Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; six 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. **“2020 Vision District Strategic Plan:** Superintendent Christine M. Weymouth and the District Leadership presented the Core Strategies and “I can...” statements of the proposed strategic plan for the School District of Mauston. The Core Strategies include: Community Partnerships, Investing in Our Schools, Personalized Learning and Growth, and Quality Instruction and Achievement for All.” All components are centered around the desire to help students “Challenge, Learn, Grow and Succeed.”
5. **New Teacher Orientation Day:** Lynda Oleinik, Director of Teaching and Learning, shared information about the schedule of events for this year’s orientation days for new teaching staff.
6. **Board Committees:** Board Committee Chairpersons for Finance, Policy & Personnel, and Property & Transportation reported on August meetings, and referenced items that will come before the full Board on the pending action agenda.
7. **Superintendent’s Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth updated the Board about the “Welcome Back” breakfast and activities for the week of August 24. She noted that September 1 is the first day of school for students.

Consent Agenda:

8. Motion by Berkos/Rogers to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:
 - A. Minutes of the July 20, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting;
 - B. Minutes of the August 3, 2015 Special School Board Meeting
 - C. Payment of monthly vouchers totaling \$1,151,510.08.

Pending Action:

9. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to accept the resignation of Darla Schroeder, Library Media and Technology Specialist. Motion carried 6/0.
10. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to accept the resignation of Dawn Trute, Special Education Teacher at West Side Elementary School. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
11. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Chelsea Evans as an Intervention Teacher at Grayside Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
12. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Daniel Lahr as an Elementary Library Media & Technology Specialist for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
13. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Lina Rudenas as a Special Education Teacher at Mauston High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
14. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Brandon Page as a Special Education Teacher at Mauston High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
15. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept with appreciation the donation of jewelry pieces from Mark Robertson, which were given to the Olson Middle School Art Department, and valued at \$1,375.00. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
16. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept with appreciation the donation of \$16,213.80 from the Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club, which will be used to purchase new flooring for the MHS Strength Center and Multi-Purpose Room. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
17. Lisa Voisin from R.W. Baird, Inc., (financial advisors), presented a summary of the results of the competitive bids for the General Obligation QZAB Bonds and Promissory Notes. She thanked the Bank of Mauston for working with the District to offer an excellent interest rate of 1.4% on the \$845,000 Promissory Note. She reported that Farmers State Bank has won the bid for the \$1.65 million QZAB-Tax Credit Promissory Note, with a purchase price of \$1,672,000. Ms. Voisin also presented a summary financing plan (Ref./District File). Motion by Fox/Berkos to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of a \$1,655,000 General Obligation Promissory Note (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds – Tax Credit), as presented. (Ref. Exhibit #2/District File). Motion carried 6/0.
18. Motion by Fox/Berkos to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of an \$845,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, as presented. (Ref. Exhibit #3/District File). Motion carried 6/0.
19. Motion by Fox/Berkos to approve the Government/Municipal/Public Funds Banking Resolution for the School District of Mauston Fund 44 QZAB Account at the Bank of Mauston, as presented. (Ref. Exhibit #4/District File) Motion carried 6/0.

20. Motion by Fox/Berkos to approve the Government/Municipal/Public Funds Banking Resolution for the School District of Mauston Fund 49 Referendum Loan Balance Account at the Bank of Mauston, as presented. (Ref. Exhibit #5/District File). Motion carried 6/0.
21. Motion by Rogers/Holmes to approve the revisions to the 2015-2016 School District of Mauston Employee Handbook, as presented and reviewed by the Policy & Personnel Committee. Dr. Weymouth briefly reviewed the proposed changes, and noted that updates are consistent with the District's current practices, as well as with Wisconsin Statutes. The Policy & Personnel Committee has held two work sessions over the summer to review the revisions, and recommends approval by the full Board of Education. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
22. Motion by Holmes/Berkos to approve the "2020 Vision" District Strategic Plan, as presented by the District Leadership Team. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
23. Motion by Rogers/Kryka pursuant to Section 120.12 (13)(b) of the State Statutes 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 2015-2016 school year, as said list has been presented in written form as an attachment to Board materials displayed on BoardBook, with a date of August 17, 2015, and with said academic standards constituting the Board-adopted standards that are required under section 118.30 (1g)(a) of the State Statutes (Ref. Exhibit #6/District File). Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
24. Motion by Berkos/Holmes to approve the proposed additions to the District budget for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Weymouth explained the proposed additions to the budget, related to state aids that were restored to school districts in this year's WI State Budget (Ref. Exhibit #7). The proposed additions included staffing in the areas of music, school nursing and library aides. One-time additions included the purchase of Chromebooks for Grayside Elementary School and funds restored to the individual building budgets. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
25. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood summarized the recommendation of the Finance Committee related to the District's plan to contract with an independent consultant to work with the District's Human Resources staff and health insurance provider to meet the reporting requirements of the federal Affordable Health Care Act. The Finance Committee heard presentations from three firms, and recommends approval of the contract with Associated Financial Group. Motion by Fox/Berkos to contract with Associated Financial Group for health insurance consulting services. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
26. Motion by Rogers/Holmes to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Recorded by: Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary