

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

**DATE:** Monday, July 20, 2015

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buss, Rogers, Fox, Vinopal, Kryka, Holmes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Berkos

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.
4. Mauston High School student Vanessa Lehman was recognized by the Board for her achievements in music. Vanessa was honored this spring with a "Tommy Award" from the Overture Center in Madison, for her role as Pinocchio in "Shrek, The Musical." Board President Carrie Buss presented Vanessa with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education.

**Reports:**

5. **Board Committees:** Board Committee Chairs for Finance, Policy & Personnel, and Property & Transportation reported on June meetings, and referenced items that will come before the full Board on the pending action agenda.
6. **Administrative Reports:** Members of the Leadership Team shared building or department updates. Lynda Oleinik distributed a list to the Board of Instructional Leadership Grant awards that have been awarded for the 2015-2016 school year (Ref. Exhibit #1/District File). Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood reported on the positive outcomes for taxpayers of the district due to the savings that will be earned from the issuance of low- or no interest Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for the district's upcoming referendum projects.
7. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth introduced the Board and members of the public to Lindsay Jacobs, the new Elementary Principal for West Side and Grayside Elementary Schools. Dr. Weymouth also updated the Board on upcoming special events including District Registration (August 6 and August 10), New Teacher Orientation (August 17-18) and a Special School Board Meeting which will be held on August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Training Room.

**Consent Agenda:**

8. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:

- A. Minutes of the June 15, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting;
- B. A new Student Activity Account for Mauston High School;
- C. Payment of monthly vouchers totaling \$1,972,517.73.

**Pending Action:**

- 9. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to accept the resignation of Tara Imhoff, vocal music instructor at Olson Middle School. Mrs. Imhoff has taught in the district for 13 years; she has accepted a full time position in a neighboring district. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 10. Motion by Holmes/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Garrick Garvens as an English/Language Arts teacher at Olson Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 11. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Kyle Ewing at a Health Education teacher at Olson Middle School and Mauston High 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 Stewart Thompson as a Social Studies teacher at Mauston High School 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 Charity Baxter as a Special Education teacher 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 Yvonne Butterfield as a Science teacher at Mauston High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 15. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept donations totaling \$8,925.29 from the Grayside/West Side PTC. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the PTC for its generous donations to West Side Elementary and Grayside Elementary students. Motion carried 6/0.
- 16. Motion by Fox/Berkos to accept the donation of \$3,666.80 from an anonymous donor. The donation will be used to purchase new ninth grade football jerseys. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the anonymous donor for the generous donation. Motion carried 6/0.
- 17. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to accept the donation of \$500 from the Mauston/Camp Douglas Masonic Lodge. The donation is to be used for needs at the elementary schools. Motion carried 6/0.
- 18. The Board conducted the second reading of proposed new Board Policy 345.7 and the corresponding Rule 345.7R – High School Credits Earned by Middle School Students. Motion by Holmes/Kryka to waive the third reading, and approve the policy and rule as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
- 19. Motion by Fox/Vinopal to approve the Resolution to Transfer \$63,119 from Fund 80 to Fund 21, as approved and directed by the Department of Public Instruction (Ref. Exhibit #2/File; and BoardBook page 21-22). Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood explained the process by

which some school districts are being given a one-time opportunity to transfer funds non-levy fund balances into Special Revenue Trust Funds (Fund 21). Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.

20. The Board held a brief discussion about information presented by three companies (TriCor, AFG and Insurance Center) to the Finance Committee at its meeting on July 20, 2015 related to Health Insurance Consulting Services. Significant changes and requirements will be implemented by school districts effective January of 2016; and many school districts are contracting with financial companies to help them meet the upcoming report filing and reporting requirements. Finance Committee Chairperson Brian Fox commented on the large amount of information presented, and stated that the committee wishes to consider the information for at least one more month before bringing any recommendation to the full Board of Education. No Board action was taken.
21. Dr. Weymouth reviewed the proposed *Referendum Improvement Projects Timeline* (Ref. Exhibit 3/District File). She explained that in addition to the roof and bathroom projects scheduled for the summer of 2016, the large HVAC replacement project will also be underway at Olson Middle School, as noted on the proposed timeline. Mrs. Buss and Dr. Weymouth asked the Board members to review the timeline, and to contact Dr. Weymouth or any member of the Property and Transportation Committee if they have questions. No Board action was taken.
22. Motion by Fox/Kryka to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve employment contracts through the remainder of the weeks of summer. This annual permission enables the district to move forward in securing contracts for open staff positions as needed. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
23. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to adjourn; motion carried 6/0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Recorded by:  
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