

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

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fox

1. Board President Carrie Buss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; six members were present. (Fox/absent).
2. Mrs. Buss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. There were no public comments.

Reports:

1. **Mauston High School FFA:** Amber Bellows reported on a successful start to the year for the Mauston FFA. FFA students are preparing for their upcoming sectional leadership workshops.
2. **MHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** FBLA President Roshani Patel reported on the exciting growth of the Mauston FBLA. They have started the year with 26 members, and are working toward presentations at Fall Leadership Labs. MHS will host the state FBLA convention in 2015.
3. **Board Committees:** Betty Kryka and Lynda Vinopal reported for the Policy & Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee, respectively. Business items will be considered under pending action.

Administrative Reports:

4. **Mauston/Western Technical College Welding Program Update:** MHS Principal Jim Dillin reported on the progress toward a possible Western Technical College welding program to be housed at MHS. WTC received a grant from the state that will make it possible to upgrade our welding lab. Program details are still being developed. Mr. Dillin distributed a sample "Pathway" document to demonstrate how he hopes to proceed in helping students move toward specific career objectives by linking courses to desired employment skills and outcomes (Ref. Exhibit #1/File). Projected costs to the district would mainly be in the electricity used. It is hoped that business partners will assist with costs of gas and materials.
5. **Educator Effectiveness:** Teaching and Learning Director Lynda Oleinik reported on the Educator Effectiveness Project for teaching staff. She distributed a "CESA 6

Effectiveness Project Three-Year Path” document which summarizes the implementation plan for teachers in the school district as they move through the cycle of goal setting, documentation, and evaluations.

6. **Superintendent’s Report:** Dr. Christine Weymouth reported on a smooth start to the 2014-2015 school year. She noted that three of our schools have been named “Schools of Recognition” by the WI Department of Public Instruction: Lyndon Station Elementary School, Grayside Elementary School and Olson Middle School. Dr. Weymouth also updated the Board on the progress toward distribution of the Mauston Community Survey to the public. Paper surveys will be mailed to all homes in the district; and email notifications will be sent to parents who have supplied email addresses to the district, as well as to all staff.

Consent Agenda:

7. Motion by Berkos/Vinopal to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:
 - a. Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the August 27, 2014 Special School Board Meeting
 - c. Parent Transportation Contracts for Special Education Students
 - d. Payment of Monthly Vouchers totaling \$357,870.53.

Pending Action:

8. Motion by Kryka/Rogers to approve the resignation of Carney Lentz, English teacher at Mauston High School. The Board expressed appreciation for Mr. Lentz’s eight years of service to the district. The motion carried 6/0.
9. Motion by Kryka/Rogers to approve the resignation of Mary Fitzwater, Library-Media Specialist. Ms. Fitzwater served the district for one year, and has accepted a position with the LaCrosse School District. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
10. Motion by Kryka/Berkos to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Mary Bohringer as a .5 FTE Library Media and Technology Specialist for the 2014-2015 school year. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
11. Motion by Kryka/Rogers to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Valerie Kosek as a 4K teacher at West Side Elementary School (1.0 FTE). Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
12. Motion by Kryka/Holmes to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Karla Saylor as a Spanish/AP English teacher at Mauston High School. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
13. Motion by Kryka/Holmes to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Ed Powless as an English teacher at Mauston High School. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.

14. Motion by Kryka/Vinopal to waive the third reading of Board Policy 342 – Special Education Programs, and approve the revised policy as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
15. Motion by Kryka/Holmes to waive the third reading of Board Policy 342.1 – Special Education, and approve the revised policy as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
16. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to accept the proposal from Westland Insurance to provide liability insurance to the School District of Mauston, at a cost of \$112,000. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood explained the bid notice process, and stated that Westland is the only company that submitted a bid to provide these services. She also noted that the district has been well satisfied with Westland's services in the past three years. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
17. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to approve the 2014-2015 Board Meeting Schedule as presented (Ref. Exhibit #3/District File). Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
18. The Board reviewed a final draft of the Mauston School District Community Survey. Superintendent Weymouth asked for any last comments or corrections, and noted that the survey would be sent to the printers on Tuesday, September 16. There was consensus to move forward with Draft #20 for printing and distribution.
19. Motion by Vinopal/Rogers to accept the donation of a 40 cubic foot freezer from Leer Manufacturing of New Lisbon, valued at \$2,551.00. The Board expressed sincere appreciation for this generous donation. Motion carried 6/0.
20. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to accept the donation of WalMart gift cards from the Grayside and West Side PTC group for teachers at West Side and Grayside Elementary Schools. The value of the cards donated for school supplies totaled \$5,200.00. The Board expressed appreciation for this donation. Motion carried 6/0.
21. Motion by Vinopal/Berkos to accept the donation of the cost of a Chartered Bus (\$750.00) to transport the Mauston High School football team to Wisconsin Heights for the varsity game on Friday September 12, from an anonymous donor. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/0.
22. Motion by Vinopal/Holmes to accept a donation from the Mauston Lions Club in the amount of \$1,100.00 to be used toward the purchase of football equipment for the MHS Athletic Program. Following discussion and appreciation expressed by the Board, the motion carried 6/0.
23. Motion by Rogers/Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Recorded by:
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary