

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

DATE: Monday, May 20, 2013

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cauley, Buss, Rogers, McIntire, Kryka, Fox, Zilisch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Board President Jim Cauley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; six members were present. Mr. Zilisch joined meeting at 7:10 a.m.)
2. Mr. Cauley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. The Chairperson called for public comments. Ken VanDoren addressed the board regarding his concerns about the state mandated core curriculum.

Student Reports

4. **MHS FFA:** FFA officers for the 2013-2014 school year were introduced and spoke to the board about year end activities, including an upcoming FFA trip to St. Louis, MO.
5. **MHS Band Trip Report:** Roger Spindler shared highlights from the Mauston High School Band's recent trip to New Orleans, LA. He shared a photograph and congratulated the band members and chaperones on a successful and safe trip.
6. **Student Achievement Update:** Lynette Livingston presented a summary report on district-wide assessments, including the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations, along with other standardized testing initiatives (PALs, MAP, etc.) [Ref. Exhibits #1-2, District Files].
7. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Christine M. Weymouth reported on the district's plan to participate in the CESA 6 Educator Effectiveness Model for teacher evaluation. Thirty-four teachers will pilot the project for the 2013-2014 school year. Administrators and staff will take place in essential training during the summer months. Dates were set for upcoming meetings: Property & Transportation Committee – May 28, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.; and the Regular June Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, due to members of the administration attending an out of town training conference on June 17-18.

Consent Agenda:

8. Motion by Zilisch/Buss to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0, whereby the following items were approved:

- a. Minutes of the Monday, April 15, 2013 Regular School Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of the Monday, May 8, 2013 Regular School Board Meeting
- c. A parent Transportation Contract for the remainder of the current school year.
- d. Renewal of the Mauston High School WIAA Membership for 2013-2014.
- e. New Student Activity Accounts for Mauston High School.
- f. Youth Options agreements for students to participate in courses at other institutions.
- g. Payment of vouchers for May, 2013 totaling \$993,688.17.

Pending Action:

- 9. Motion by Buss/Kryka to accept the resignation of Oakley Moser, Mauston High Teacher math instructor, who is resigning after two years in the district. The board members expressed appreciation for Mr. Moser's service to the district. Motion carried 7/0.
- 10. Motion by Buss/Rogers to accept the resignation of Sarah Kaus, grade eight science teacher, who resigned after serving six years in the district. The board members expressed appreciation for Ms. Kaus' service to the district. Motion carried 7/0.
- 11. The Board conducted the first reading of Rule 671.2R – Expense Reimbursement, including changes proposed by the Policy and Personnel Committee.
- 12. Motion by Buss/Rogers to waive the third reading of policies from the Section 300: Instruction, as reviewed by the Policy and Personnel Committee, and to approve the policies as presented. Motion carried 7/0, whereby the following policies were approved:
 - a. 320 – General Organizational Plan
 - b. 321 – School Calendar/Year
 - c. 321R – Weather/Emergency School Closings for 4K and Early Childhood (Rule) (Deleted)
 - d. 322 – School Day
 - e. 323 – Ceremonies and Observances
 - f. 323.1 – Special Observance Days
 - g. 323.2 – Holidays and Patriotic Observances
- 13. Motion by Neal McIntire/Brian Fox to accept the donations listed below to the School District of Mauston, with sincere appreciation. Following discussion, the motion carried, and the following gifts were recognized and received with thanks:
 - a. A \$500 Grant was received from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance. This grant was received, in part, thanks to the efforts of Jim and Debbie Bires of Northside Mobil, 705 N. Union Street, Mauston, WI. The money will be awarded as a scholarship to a Class of 2013 senior that is furthering his or her education in a math or science field of study.
 - b. A donation of two metal lathe machines from Stroh Precision Die Casting, valued at approximately \$10,000. These machines will be a valuable addition to the Tech Ed program at Mauston High School. Engine lathes turn metal into any circular formed products. One will be placed at Olson Middle School and one will be at the high school. They will be delivered later next week.

- c. A cash donation of \$300 has been received from an anonymous donor, which will be used for repair of the choir piano. The donation was given in honor of Judge Paul Curran and Gail Carlson.
 - d. The donation of a golf club set to be donated for student use, valued at approximately \$500, received from Carol Turner in memory of her husband, Harland Turner.
14. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to approve the 2013-2014 PK-5 Student Handbook for West Side Elementary School, Lyndon Station Elementary School and Grayside Elementary School, as presented by Principal Scott Tower, with edits noted. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0. (Ref. Exhibit #3/District File).
 15. Motion by Buss/McIntire to approve the 2013-2014 Olson Middle School (6-8) Handbook for Olson Middle School, as presented by Principal Melissa Murray, with edits noted (including page 9 and insertion of a new drop-off map). Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0. (Ref. Exhibit #4/District File).
 16. Motion by Buss/Fox to approve the 2013-2014 Mauston High School Student Handbook, as presented by Principal Jim Dillin, with edits noted (including the addition of information about approved student drop-off and pick-up locations). Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0. (Ref. Exhibit #5/District File).
 17. There was consensus to review the *iLEAD Charter School Student Handbook* in June, with the addition of information added about student drop-off and pick-up locations. The iLEAD Governance Council will also review the iLEAD handbook at its year-end meeting on June 3rd.
 18. Motion by McIntire/Buss to approve the Open Enrollment Applications (Group A), for resident students who applied to attend school in other districts for the 2013-2014 school year. (Ref. Exhibit #6/File), as presented. Motion carried 7/0.
 19. Motion by Buss/Zilisch to approve the Open Enrollment Applications (Group B), for non-resident students who applied to attend school in Mauston for the 2013-2014 school year. (Ref. Exhibit #6/File), as presented. Motion carried 7/0.
 20. Motion by Buss/Kryka to approve the Open Enrollment Applications (Group C), for grade eight open enrollment (non-resident) students who submitted reapplications, to continue as open enrollment students at Mauston High School for the 2013-2014 school year (Ref. Exhibit #6/File), as presented. Motion carried 7/0.
 21. Motion by McIntire/Fox to grant the Superintendent authority to review the applications for special education students, and any corresponding special education tuition estimates received from other districts, and to approve or deny the applications based on the estimated costs to the district for providing special education services to said students. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
 22. Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood reviewed a proposal for staff health insurance changes for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion by Fox/McIntire to implement the WEA Base Design Plan, effective July 1, 2013 (Ref. Exhibit #7/File), as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.

23. The Board discussed allowable uses for school forest land/property (Ref. Memo from Julie Lankey-Smallwood). No action was taken.
24. The Board discussed the process for appointing a new member to fill the vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Neal McIntire (effective June 18, 2013). There was consensus to advertise for interested citizens to submit letters of interest for this position. A special board meeting will be held to review candidate letters, and appoint an individual to serve until the April 2014 Spring School Board Election. No formal action was taken.
25. Superintendent Weymouth discussed the ongoing process of reviewing and updating the School District Employee Handbook (2011). Members of the Policy and Personnel Committee have met with district office staff and administration to review proposed revisions. The revisions will be brought to the full board later this summer for discussion, review and approval by the full board. No formal action was taken.
26. Motion by Fox/Zilisch to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Recorded by:
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary