

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Mauston Board of Education**

DATE: Monday, October 17, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: iLEAD Charter School
800 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI 53948

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cauley, Buss, Rogers, Kryka, Fox, , McIntire, Zilisch
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Board President Jim Cauley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll call of members was taken; seven members were present.
2. Mr. Cauley declared the board to be in recess, for the purpose of participating in a tour of the iLEAD Charter School.
3. The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m.
4. Motion by Fox/McIntire to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting. Motion carried 6/0; with one abstention (Zilisch/absent). The special board meeting that had been scheduled for October 12, 2011 was cancelled; therefore, no minutes were presented for approval.

Reports:

5. **MHS FFA:** Mitchell Giebel, Erin Hauck and Jim Kallian reported on recent FFA activities at Mauston High School. The annual fruit, cheese and sausage sale is underway. The members participated in other activities including the highway cleanup, the national FFA Convention, and the Section 6 Officers Workshop.
6. **MHS Student Council:** Teague Fenwick reported on the successful homecoming week activities.
7. **Showcase Report:** Melissa Murray and Ron Rasmussen reported on the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey which was completed by students in February of 2011.
8. **Board Committees:** No reports other than what appears on the pending action agenda.
9. **Department/Administrative Reports:** Building and district administrators gave monthly reports and building and highlights. Dr. Smolek reminded the board members that the date of the board retreat will be Saturday, November 5th. He reported that he had held initial meetings with the staff quality improvement committees, both for certified and support staff.

Pending Action:

10. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to waive third reading of Board Policy 527.1 – Employee Grievances, Rule 527.1R(1) – Employee Grievance Procedures (Rule) and Rule 527.1R (2) – Impartial Hearing Officer Selection Procedures (Rule), and approve the policies as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

11. Mr. Rasmussen discussed the proposal to increase the number of mathematics credits required for graduation from Mauston High School from 2.0 to 2.5 credits. There was consensus that more time was needed to discuss this issue.
12. Motion by McIntire/Fox to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$7,600,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, as presented. Lisa Voisin (school district financial advisor from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc., Public Finance Group) reviewed the school district's existing debt service and discussed her recommendation related to approval of a parameters resolution for refinancing school district debt (Ref/Exhibit #1/District File). Following discussion, a roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried 7/0.
13. There was consensus to postpone further discussion and action regarding the proposal to move to the WEA Trust high deductible insurance plan, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
14. The board set the date and time for a special school board meeting to certify the 2012 Tax Levy: Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. The subject of the district's insurance plan will also be posted and discussed at that meeting.
15. Motion by McIntire/Fox to approve a parent transportation contract for a special education student. Motion carried 7/0.
16. Motion by McIntire/Fox to accept with appreciation a gift from the Juneau County Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$2,518.25. The designated use for this gift is for space study or related projects. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
17. Motion by McIntire/Fox to approve the payment of district vouchers in the amount of \$1,947,617.42. Motion carried 7/0.
18. Motion by Rogers/McIntire to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

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

DATE: Monday, October 24, 2011
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
PLACE: District Administrative Office
510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI 53948

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cauley, Buss, Rogers, McIntire, Kryka, Fox, Zilisch
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Board President Jim Cauley called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Roll call was taken; all members were present.
2. School District Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood reviewed the 2011-2012 school district budgets for adoption, with total expenditures/all funds budgeted at \$23,135,160.00. She highlighted the changes that have occurred since the tentative budget for publication was adopted in July. Motion by Buss/Fox to adopt the 2011-2012 district budget as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
3. Motion by McIntire/Rogers to certify the school district property tax levy in the amount of \$8,838,531.00, as presented. The mill rate will be \$12.76 per \$1000 of equalized value. The increase over last year is primarily due to the decrease in property values. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.

4. WEA Trust representative Suzie Kaiser presented information about the school district's overall loss ratio, which is 92.4%. She explained her recommendation for the district to change to a high deductible plan. Motion by Buss/Kryka for the Mauston School District to implement the WEA Trust High Deductible Plan, effective January 1, 2012. The deductibles will be \$2,000 for a single plan and \$4,000 for a family plan; however, the amount paid by employees will not increase, because the district will maintain a health reimbursement account for all covered employees from which \$1,900 for a single plan and \$3,800 for a family plan will be paid to cover the remaining deductible costs. Staff meetings will be held to inform employees about the new procedures for paying medical bills and receiving reimbursements for the higher deductibles. Following further discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
5. Motion by McIntire/Fox to divide the unused deductible dollars annually that 50% of the remaining money goes to the health reimbursement account for the employee and 50% is returned to the district. Once an existing employee reaches five years of service he/she will be fully vested in the plan, as are covered employees who have already served the district for five or more years. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
6. Motion by Buss/McIntire to change the district's insurance plan with WEA from a "pool" rating to "experience rated," effective January 1, 2012. All districts in Wisconsin will be experience rated, effective July 1, 2012. WEA Trust offered the district a 2% deduction in premiums for the second half of the current plan year, upon board approval to change to experience rating as of January, 2012. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
7. Motion by Fox/McIntire to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MAUSTON – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Room, 510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI
MEMBERS PRESENT: Cauley, Rogers, Kryka, Buss, Fox, Zilisch
MEMBERS ABSENT: McIntire

1. Board President Jim Cauley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken; six members were present (McIntire/absent).
2. Motion by Kryka/Buss to adjourn to Closed Session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(f) and (g) for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing according to SS 120.13 (1). Roll call vote/motion carried 6/0.
3. The meeting adjourned to closed/executive session at 7:03 p.m.

Recorded by:
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