

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

**DATE:** Monday, July 16, 2012

**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:** None

1. Board President Jim Cauley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; all members were present. Mr. Cauley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The President called for public comments. RJ Rogers commented on the success of the summer lunch program, and thanked the district for participating in it for the good of the children in Mauston.
3. Motion by Buss/McIntire to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 7/0, whereby the following items were approved (Ref. District File):
  - A. Approval of Minutes:
    1. Monday, June 18, 2012 – Regular School Board Meeting;
    2. Tuesday, June 26, 2012 – Special School Board Meeting
  - B. Approved payment of monthly vouchers in the amount of \$1,541,154.45.
4. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to accept the retirement resignation of Marianne Cherny, first grade teacher at West Side Elementary School. Mrs. Cherny has taught in the district since 1987. The board expressed appreciation for her years of service to the district. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
5. Motion by Rogers/Buss to accept the resignation of Susan Queiser, library-media specialist. Mrs. Queiser served the district for one year, and resigned to accept a position closer to her home. Motion carried 7/0.
6. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to accept the administrative recommendation to hire Jessica Partlow as a grade five teacher at Grayside Elementary School. In discussion, Mrs. Rogers clarified that the teacher approved for this position at an earlier meeting did not, in fact, return the contract, and accepted a position with another district. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0 and the contract for Ms. Partlow was approved.
7. Motion by Rogers/Buss to accept the administrative recommendation to hire Alyse Anderson as a special education teacher at Olson Middle School. Motion carried 7/0.

8. Motion by Rogers/Kryka to approve replacing “class rank” with the “laude” system at Mauston High School, beginning with the graduating class of 2015. Mr. Rasmussen presented the rationale for this recommendation, and distributed explanatory materials (Ref. Exhibit #1/District File). Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
9. Motion by McIntire/Fox to accept a gift from the Juneau County Advanced Leadership Program to the summer school activity trip supervised by Olson Middle School teacher Rusty Shankle. Following discussion, the board expressed appreciation for this gift, and the motion carried 7/0.
10. Motion by McIntire/Fox to raise school lunch prices by \$0.25 per meal, and to raise the price of a carton of milk by \$0.05 beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. School district Business Manager Julie Lankey-Smallwood explained the rationale including the need to address increasing food and milk prices. The district encourages families to complete free and reduced meal applications. Again this year, students who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for breakfast. Following further discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
11. Motion by McIntire/Fox to increase an elementary technology teacher from .45% to .60% FTE, Motion withdrawn by McIntire/Fox.
12. Lynette Livingston explained the recommendation for an increase in computer instruction at the elementary level. Upcoming changes in state testing indicate the need for increased computer literacy in grade two. Motion by McIntire/Fox to increase the elementary technology teacher position from .45% to .60% FTE. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
13. District Technology Director Rob Demeuse spoke to the board concerning his request for increased technology assistance (Ref. Exhibit #2/District File). Julie Lankey-Smallwood addressed the issue of funding for added hours in this position. Motion by McIntire/Fox to approve the position of full-time technology assistant for the Mauston School District. Following discussion, the motion carried 6/1. (Opposed/Kryka)
14. Motion by Zilisch/Buss to modify the school calendar for 2012-2013 by changing the first early release day from Wednesday, September 12 to Friday, September 14. Mrs. Livingston explained that the scheduled speaker is not available on September 12. Following discussion, the motion carried 7/0.
15. Mr. Rasmussen updated the Board on the recent designation of Mauston High School as a Title I Focus School. An action plan is being developed to address this matter, and it will be addressed in the coming school year.
16. The board set Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. as the date and time for a special board meeting to review the tentative 2012-2013 school district budget for publication, and the 2011-2012 School District Budget Adjustments for publication.
17. Motion by Zilisch/Fox to adjourn to Executive/Closed Session at 8:00 p.m., pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85 (1)(c), to consider employment of the interim superintendent and to review contracts for district administrators and directors (supervisors). A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 7/0.

18. The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m.
19. Motion by McIntire/Buss to approve a 2% salary increase for all returning administrators and directors for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried 7/0.
20. Motion by McIntire/Fox to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried 7/0 and the meeting adjourned.

Recorded by:  
Melodye Jones, Recording Secretary and  
RJ Rogers, Board Clerk