

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Mauston Board of Education

DATE: Monday, June 16, 2025

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: District Office Community Room
510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston, WI 53948

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanne Schumer, Char Gyllin, Tom Morris, Jess Kayhart, and Jerome Leak

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Zilisch, Mike Coughlin

1. Clerk Joanne Schumer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Five members were present, two were absent.
2. Clerk Schumer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. There were no public comments

Reports

1. **Seclusion and Restraint Report** – Director of Student Services Mary O’Brien presented the annual report regarding seclusion and restraint, in which she said the District had an increase of incidents this school year. There were fourteen incidents which involved six special education students at the elementary levels. O’Brien stated seclusion and restraint use is the last resort, but it is needed in order to protect the student and surrounding students and staff.
2. **Board Committee Reports** – Finance (presented by Gyllin), Policy and Personnel (presented by Schumer), and Property and Transportation (presented by Morris).
3. **Leadership Team Reports** – Members of the Leadership Team presented updates on their programs and schools.
4. **Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Joel Heesch reviewed three agenda items: the 2025-2026 Employee Handbook, Increasing the meal prices, and the track renovations. Heesch also mentioned that Brian is working on finalizing numbers on just the mechanic work needed on the Olson Middle School pool. The numbers that were presented at the April 21 Board meeting were for a full renovation of the pool in which the cost would be almost \$750,000. The mechanical repairs would potentially come in around \$250,000. Next, Mr. Heesch stated he would be out of the office June 19 and June 20 for a WASDA Board of Directors Retreat, but he would be available by phone or email. Lastly, Mr. Heesch recognized Lynda Oleinik, Director of Teaching and Learning, for her 12 years of service in the District.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Morris/Kayhart to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5/0, whereby the following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the May 19, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Roland Lehman and Heather Taylor Resignations.
3. Payment of the Monthly Vouchers with the total expenditures totaling \$803,385.72 and revenue totaling \$645,956.22.

Pending Action

1. Motion by Gyllin/Leak to approve donations and gifts in the amount of \$8,800 from the Sharing Supper Group, Randy Fenwick, and Jashua and Andria Moon. Motion carried 5/0.
2. Superintendent Heesch presented donations that were under \$300: Lyndon PTC paid for key chains and graduation medals for each student, sheet cake, and decorations for the gymnasium for the Lyndon Station Elementary graduation ceremony; Lyndon Veterans presented each Lyndon Station Elementary student with a flag for Memorial Day along with cookies and juice boxes; Beverly Smith donated popsicles for the end of the year at Lyndon Station Elementary; Dave and Peggy Miller donated all the water and juice boxes for the Lyndon Station Elementary graduation ceremony; Melissa Vanecek, Kendra Grzenia, and Jessica Meltsen donated their remaining food service balances to the Lunch Donation Account.
3. Motion by Kayhart/Leak to approve the employment contract of Andrea Kulas as an Olson Middle School English Language Arts Teacher. Motion carried 5/0.
4. Motion by Morris/Leak to approve the employment contract of Kayla Wagner as a West Side Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher. Motion carried 5/0.
5. The Board held the second reading on revisions to Policy 5410 - Promotion, Placement, and Retention. Motion by Kayhart/Morris to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried 5/0.
6. The Board held the second reading on new Policy 5411 - Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students. Motion by Leak/Kayhart to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried 5/0.
7. Motion by Morris/Leak to approve the revisions and the final draft of the 2025-2026 Employee Handbook. Motion carried 5/0.
8. Motion by Morris/Gyllin to approve an increase of \$0.10 in the school meal prices as presented. Motion carried 5/0.
9. Motion by Leak/Morris to approve the Property and Transportation and Administration recommendation of the track renovation project. The scope of the project would be resurfacing the track with a 1/2" finished depth latex bound resilient surface

consisting of stranded rubber and latex binder be installed over entire track oval and field event areas, paint all lane lines and event markings on track oval and field event areas per NFHS and WIAA track and field rules, and have ASF, the company, remove existing surface. Mr. Heesch stated that Coach Bill DeVoe was also doing some fundraising for this project and that Mr. DeVoe hopes to raise \$50,000. After additional discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Five yeses, zero noes. Motion carried 5/0.

10. Motion by Morris/Leak to adjourn Executive (Closed) Session in compliance with State Statute (19.85)(1) (c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." [Discussion and Possible Approval Employment Contract for Mauston High School Assistant Principal/Lemonweir Academy Principal Position]. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5/0.

11. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Recording by:
Jennifer Hagemann, Board Secretary