

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Mauston Board of Education

DATE: Monday, October 21, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rogers, Zilisch, Coughlin, Schumer, Morris, and Gyllin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kryka

1. Board President RJ Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Six members were present, and one was absent.
2. President Rogers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. There were no public comments.

Reports

1. **Student Reports** – Autumn Miller, Student Council Advisor, gave a recap of homecoming events and reported to the Board the group's upcoming events. The rest were presented in a packet provided to the Board.
2. **Board Committee Reports** – Finance (by Schumer).
3. **Leadership Reports** - Members of the Leadership Team presented updates on their programs and schools.
4. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Joel Heesch reminded the Board that there was a referendum presentation on October 23 at Mauston High School, the last of the referendum large group presentations. He also let them know there were still two more live broadcasts on WRJC about the referendum. Superintendent Heesch then told the Board that he has investigated the dissolution of a district and has contacted an attorney about the potential of drafting such a resolution if the referendum fails in November. It takes one to two years for the process to conclude but it does not mean a district can't turn back on dissolution. That resolution would come before the Board in November. Heesch then said if the referendum failed, another referendum resolution would have to come before the Board in November so it could be on the February ballot. He then mentioned how amazing the staff has been and how hard they've been working. Finally, Heesch mentioned that the MHS Chamber Choir had a concert at St. Patrick's Church that night (October 21) in preparation of performing at the Wisconsin State Music Conference later in the week.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Coughlin/Morris to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0, whereby the following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting September 16, 2024 and Special School Board Meeting September 18, 2024
2. Start College Now/Early College Credit Applications
3. Payment of the Monthly Vouchers with the total expenditures totaling \$942,534.85 and revenue totaling \$2,083,285.24.

Pending Action

1. Motion by Schumer/Zilisch to accept donations from an anonymous donor, Donorschoose.org, Culver's, and J & M Flying Wheels in an amount equal to \$6,560.74. Motion carried 6/0.
2. Mr. Heesch then recognized gifts that were under \$300: Wonderland Reptiles fish tank donation to Walsh-Laehn classroom, estimate \$200.00; Peace Presbyterian Church donated clothing to West Side Elementary; Kwik Trip donated a \$50 gift card to Lemonweir Academy for butter, milk, and eggs to allow students to do some cooking; Steven and Sara Steinbrink donated 25 boxes of Kleenex to Olson Middle School; Dave and Peggy Miller donated \$105.00 for craft supplies for Lyndon Station Family Fun Night; and Beverly Smith donated some art craft supplies approx. \$20.00 to Lyndon Station Elementary.
3. Business Manager Sue Goyette explained to the Board in her report that insurance rates from EMC/Tricore were a little less than last year's. She said that the main change on all property policies this year is the additional of a separate wind/hail deductible. Goyette also said the overall premiums are down from last year, due to a drop in workers' compensation. Motion by Zilisch/Schumer to approve the insurance rates from EMC/Tricore as presented in a total premium of \$253,773.00. Motion carried 6/0.
4. The Board planned a Special Board Meeting on either October 28 or October 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the 2024 Tax Levy Certification. Contact will be made with the Board members to discuss which date would work and when there would be a quorum.
5. Motion by Morris/Zilisch to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Recording by:

Jennifer Hagemann, Board Secretary