



MINUTES

Board of Education REGULAR Meeting September 26, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Burke, Michael Flores, James Howard, Ed Hughes, Dean Loumos, TJ Mertz, Anna Moffit

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STUDENT REP. PRESENT: Ameya Sanyal

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Barry, Jen Cheatham, Beth Clarke, Alex Fralin, Nancy Hanks, Deidre Hargrove-Krieghoff, John Harper, Karen Kepler, Lisa Kvistad, Nichelle Nichols, Dylan Pauly, Kelly Ruppel, Bill Smojver, Andrew Statz, Rachel Strauch-Nelson, Steve Youngbauer, Luis Yudice, Barbara Osborn-Recording Secretary

Board action in italics ([all materials provided via BoardDocs paperless system](#))

ACTION:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President James Howard at 6:02 p.m.

- ✓ Mr. Howard recited the Vision Statement.

2. Public Appearances

(A copy of the registration slips can be found in BoardDocs attached to this meeting.)

There were 11 public speakers; one in support of raising expectations for our kids and opposed to benchmarking our students against other students world-wide and stretching out goals for 20 years rather than 2-5 years to bridge the gaps; six in support of the Isthmus Montessori charter proposal as a unique and successful collaboration; one in support of updating district response to an active shooter events in order to be in alignment with best practices and the U.S. Dept. of Education (distributed written information); one organization opposed to the ERO contract and promising to work with the district over the life of the contract to remove EROs from schools; one expressed difficulty with finding board meeting information and proposed using robo calls to parents and assigning board members to answer questions; one opposed to police in schools.

There were two written registrations; two in support of the Isthmus Montessori charter proposal and one added a comment about supporting her colleague who initiated the first Hmong American Day in Madison.

ACTION:

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Ed Hughes to approve the minutes from the Regular meetings dated July 25 and August 29, 2016. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Board President's Announcements and Reports

News from around the District was read into the record expanding on the following items:

- WASB declares School Board Appreciation Week
- Memorial student receives perfect score on Advanced Placement exams
- MSCR celebrates 90 years of programming
- Hmong story cloth display

5. Superintendent's Announcements and Reports

Topic: School Support System

Presenters: Alex Fralin, Chief of Schools-Secondary; Nancy Hanks, Chief of Schools-Elementary

(Documents provided via BoardDocs: presentation)

Board member questions/comments:

- ✚ How Intensive Support Schools are categorized. Status is constantly assessed and they do change.
- ✚ Legibility of School Improvement Plans (SIPs) when turned into pdf files.
- ✚ SIP process—flexibility within parameters, inclusion of school-driven things that emerge in terms of issues, problems, goals and strategies. How the partnership between Central Office and the schools build consensus around the priorities and use multiple cycles of feedback to ensure that the right things are happening for the students.
- ✚ Room for ideas that might not fit categories.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1: It was moved by James Howard and seconded by TJ Mertz to adopt and approve all of the motions set forth in Section 6 of the electronic agenda prepared for the September 26, 2016, Regular School Board meeting exactly as said motions are written. By voting affirmatively on this motion a Board Member expresses his or her affirmative vote on each of the motions consolidated hereby, subject to any express separations that have been made by any member of the School Board.

TJ Mertz requested separation of item 6.3.

Mary Burke recused herself from item 6.10.

On the motion to approve all the consent items under this agenda, with the exception of items 6.3 and 6.10, student advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

6.2 Requests for Diplomas

6.3 Interim Bills

6.4 School Construction Fund Bills

6.5 Curricular Learning Materials

6.6 Operation Fresh Start

6.7 Contract for Services and Memorandum of Agreement – Madison College Gateway to College program

6.8 2016-17 Contract for Services for Omega Schools

6.9 Carnegie Learning Mathematics Professional Development (Content Coaching)

6.10 AVID Middle School Evaluation

6.11 UW-Madison School of Social Work Contract

6.12 Mindfulness Training and Consultation for Mindfulness in MMSD Trainer of Trainers Program

6.13 Data Share Agreement with the University of Wisconsin - Madison

6.14 RFP 3346 Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

6.15 2017 High School Graduation Fees and Expenses

6.16 2016-17 Standard Ice Time with Madison Ice, Inc.

6.17 Badger Rock Lease Agreement Extension

6.18 Donation--AVID Program, AVID Path Training and King's Journey

6.19 Donation--Digital sign at Kennedy

6.20 Donation: Parent Liaison at Allis Elementary

6.21 Grants and Donations under \$10,000.00

6.22 September Human Resources Transactions and Reports

7. Other Items of Business Proposed to be considered under this Consent Agenda

There were no other items for this meeting.

8. Any Individual Items Identified under Section 6 of the Electronic Agenda that were Separated from the Motion Consolidating the Consent Agenda Items

Item 6.3—School Construction Fund Bills:

Mr. Mertz commented that the check register included a check to the National Association of Charter School Authorizers. He requested that the membership be terminated. Staff will determine the authorization of the original registration and terminate the membership.

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Mary Burke that the Board of Education authorize the payment of School Construction Fund Bills covering the period August 16 through September 13, 2016 in the total amount of \$610,238.33. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.10—AVID Middle School Evaluation:

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Ed Hughes that the Board of Education approve an expenditure to WCER as the fiscal agent for the HOPE Lab for the provision of the AVID 2015-16 middle school evaluation at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 with funding from the 2016/17 AVID operating budget.

Mr. Mertz commented on things he thought had changed and his mixed feelings about standardized test scores.

On the motion, Student advisory vote was aye, motion carried unanimously (6-0) with Mary Burke recused.

9. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Instruction Work Group meeting held on September 12:

ACTION:

9.1—Technology Plan

(Documents provided via BoardDocs: presentation, Ignite Plan, report on Lessons Learned from Early Implementation, digital literacy data by grade, demographic group and school)

Report from Chairperson TJ Mertz:

- Received an update on the Plan now dubbed “Ignite.”
- Plan will be submitted to DPI as is required every three years.
- There were no further questions or comments prior to the vote.

It was moved by TJ Mertz and seconded by Dean Loumos that the Board of Education approve the Ignite Information and Technology Plan dated September 2016 as set forth in the materials prepared for the September 26, 2016, Regular meeting to take effect immediately. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Report: 9.2—Special Education Plan

(Documents provided via BoardDocs: briefing sheet, 2016-2019 draft Special Education Plan)

Report continued from Chairperson TJ Mertz:

- Received a preview of the Plan work.
- Next Work Group meeting will be final session on the Special Education Plan before the Board votes at the end of October.

Information: 9.3--Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Instruction Work Group Meeting

- Next meeting—October 10
- Topics—In addition to the Special Education Plan, the Work Group will also be looking at the district’s At Risk Plan and will get an update on the ELL Plan.

10. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Operations Work Group meeting held on September 19, 2016:

ACTION:

10.1—Tax Incremental District (TID) #25 and #41

(Documents provided via BoardDocs: Recommendation memo, Joint Review Board Report: TID #41-TID #40 Donor Plan, Joint Review Board Report: TID #25 Project Plan Amendment 2016)

Report from Chairperson Ed Hughes:

- Received an update on actions or directions that the Board needed to provide to TJ Mertz as the Board Representative to the Joint Review Board on TID #25 and #41. Questions raised on TID 25 expenditures were explained by the City and it is expected that the problems will not continue in the future with regard to the process for making changes to TIDs.

It was moved by Ed Hughes and seconded by James Howard that the Board of Education direct TJ Mertz as the Board Representative to the Joint Review Board to support the amendment to Tax Incremental District (TID) #41 as a donor TID for TID #40.

Mr. Mertz commented that he was satisfied with the TIF procedures and that the district is not taking a financial hit because of the issue with TID 25; he still questioned why this took so long to come before the Joint Review Board. Mr. Hughes noted that the Board of Estimates was meeting tonight with 4-5 items on its agenda and asked if those come before the Joint Review Board. Mr. Mertz indicated it was only rarely and that there was more than one interpretation of what must come forward. He explained further. Mr. Flores also expressed his concern and asked that there be more transparency around all future TIF/TID expenditures by the City.

On the motion, Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Michael Flores abstaining.

It was moved by Ed Hughes and seconded by Dean Loumos that the Board of Education direct TJ Mertz as the Board Representative to the Joint Review Board to support the amendment to TID #25. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 5-1-1 with James Howard voting no and Michael Flores abstaining.

ACTION:

10.2—Isthmus Montessori Academy (IMA) Initial Charter Proposal

(Documents provided via BoardDocs: IMA Proposal, background/recommendation memo from Charter School Review Team, Reviewers' Evaluation Form, Key Budget Factors)

Report from Chairperson Ed Hughes:

- The action item before the Board at this time was whether to request that the IMA people bring forward a more detailed proposal by November 1, 2016

It was moved by Ed Hughes and seconded by Michael Flores that the Board of Education, in response to an initial proposal from Isthmus Montessori Academy, formally request a more detailed proposal based on feedback received during the Operations Work Group meeting on September 19, 2016. Such detailed proposal would need to be submitted by November 1, 2016.

Discussion on the motion:

- » Each of the board members spoke to their rationale. Generally there were still concerns in many different areas including financial impact.

On the motion, student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 4-3 with Dean Loumos, TJ Mertz, and Anna Moffit voting no.

Information: 10.3--Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Operations Work Group Meeting

- Next meeting date—October 17, 2016
- Topics—Getting back to 2016/17 budget.

11. Other Reports to the Board

Report: 11.1--City of Madison Education Committee—no meeting held since last Regular meeting—no report

Report: 11.2--Student Senate—Report on meeting held on September 14, 2016

Report from Student Representative Ameya Sanyal:

- Starting off with pretty strong membership; excited to see it continue to grow. Working with groups at the schools.
- Continuing with initiatives from last year and changing from discussion to action.

12. Other Business

ACTION: 12.1—Change to 2016/17 Regular Meeting Schedule

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Michael Flores that the Board of Education move the October Regular meeting from October 31 to October 24, 2016. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

ACTION: 12.2—Education Resource Officer Contract

(Documents provided via BoardDocs: background/recommendation memo, redline version of ERO contract for school years 2016/17 through 2018/2019)

Board discussion chaired by President Howard:

- How this issue came to be on the agenda at this time given recent board action on September 21 to approve entering into a three-year Agreement.
- Term v. content issue, concern with financing, addressing disproportionate issues.
- Clarified difference between the two contracts around timing of termination notification dates.
- Trying to preserve the opportunity to create something through a partnership process that is better for students, staff and community.
- Need for further clarification about how things get on agendas via policy.
- Full support for having EROs in the schools but working on best practices that contribute to the safety of all students.
- Current proposal does not allow any changes for two full years.
- Majority preference for the contract that was agreed on 9/21/16.
- City came back with new language which they had been unwilling to do up to that point. That movement may have been seen because of the Board's vote.
- Superintendent recommended accepting the City's new language.

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Michael Flores that the Board of Education approve the revised Agreement with the City of Madison for the provision of Education Resource Officers covering MMSD school years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 as set forth in the documents prepared for the

September 26, 2016, Regular Meeting. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion failed 3-4 with Mary Burke, James Howard, Dean Loumos and Anna Moffit voting no.

Information: 12.3—Old and New Business

There was no old or new business at this meeting.

13. Adjournment

ACTION: *It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Mary Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.*

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