

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, in the district administration office. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by President Brian Gumtz. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members Gumtz, Klumpyan, Seubert, and Knoeck, and administrative staff Rick Parks, Sarah Budny, and Dave Beranek. Jodi DeBroux was absent.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, November 8, 2018.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Vision Statement.

Two FFA students spoke about their experience at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis. The students traveled with other area schools and attended leadership sessions, participated in activities, and toured a large farm on the way to the convention. Students found the trip very rewarding and look forward to attending again in the future.

Three MVA students updated the board on activities they are working on with their current expedition. They also presented a slide show on their experience at Forest Springs, which took place instead of the Apostle Islands due to weather conditions. Advanced Math Courses, through Wisconsin Virtual School, are available this year for students who wish to take advanced courses. This is an extra course for them to complete during their free time or at home.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve the following consent agenda items:

October 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

General checks

Receipts for October

Activity Fund balances

MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Minutes

Notice to the Board regarding upcoming School Board Election and Annual Notice of the School Board Election to be published this month

Employee 403(b) Savings Plan Brochure

Jeni Luzinski as MVA Student Council Advisor

Katie Yadro as Musical Advisor

Sue Matthiae as Winter Colorguard Coach

Keith Varden as Volunteer Grade 6 Girls Basketball Coach

Yes –Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Miller updated the board on the success of the past fall sports season and participation numbers.

Pam Hurtis, Cassie Leiby, and Sarah Riesgraf spoke regarding their recent EL Professional Development Conference, Management in the Active Classroom. At the training they learned about strategies to handle challenging students in the classroom. The information they brought will be used and shared with colleagues. The conference was very rewarding and the teachers were thankful they had the opportunity to attend.

Gwen Altmann, District Librarian, informed the board of the author, Thomas Barnett, who recently visited both schools. He spoke to all levels regarding writing and illustrating. Additionally, the book fair is underway this week, with the fair only being held in the evening so not to disrupt the school day.

Lisa Voisin from R.W. Baird spoke to the board about the next steps for the financing planning for the upcoming building project. She reviewed projected schedules, rates and procedures to optimize the financial decisions for our district.

Mr. Parks reviewed with the board the District's tax levy, state equalization aid, and budget history from the past years through the present 2018-19 school year.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to approve Support Staff retirement benefits to include prorating the initial deposit the first year, vesting at 5 years instead of 10, include investment gains/losses, and prorate deposit for staff who leave and return but not missing more than 4 months. Move a current employee to \$15.00 per hour to align with new hires and competing companies, and approve a Parent Transportation contract as recommended. Yes –Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to approve 2019-20 budget revisions due to the referendum passage as presented and recommended. Yes – Klumpyan, Gumtz, Knoeck, and Seubert. Motion carried. 4-0.

Administration reviewed the recent lockdown that occurred due to an incident that took place in another part of the county. The lockdown procedures implemented in both buildings went well and learned from the event. Suggestions for plan modification will be taken to the Safety Committee at a future meeting.

Mr. Parks updated the board on the Safety Grant progress. On-line ALICE training as been completed by staff. The high school front door controlled access is currently being installed as well as the wiring for exit doors and cameras in both buildings. Key Fobs and hand held radios have also been ordered.

The board reviewed two draft calendars for the 2019-20 school year. The board will wait until the construction timeline discussions and staff input on potential date conflicts is received to approve a calendar.

Mrs. Budny gave an MVA update. The MVA Board is planning for babysitting services and concessions at the upcoming Small Shop Saturday. Lynelle Love shared student data with the board and answered questions. Teachers have been tracking behavior using “Solos”, which promotes positive behavior and work habits and to be more accountable. The Celebration of Learning will be held December 6th at 6:00 PM at the high school.

Mr. Parks shared referendum election results with the board and confirmed all levy certifications were delivered by the state required date.

Mr. Beranek reviewed course changes and new courses for the MHS 2019-2020 Course Offering Handbook. Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the changes and additions as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The board confirmed the setting of a November 20, 2018, planning team meeting with Plunkett, Raysich Architects, and Scherrer Construction to review project planning procedures and timelines.

Mr. Parks informed the board, Marathon High School currently offers 7 dual credit courses with NTC and complimented the staff for their work in coordinating these courses with NTC.

Holly Days will be held December 15th at the Retreat Center. The high school music groups are planning to participate and Mr. Parks is working with the Army National Guard Band to try and have the Brass Quintet perform prior to the event in the high school auditorium.

Attendance at the WASB State School Board Convention was discussed. Board members should confirm with Mr. Parks if they plan to attend so that registrations can be completed.

Mr. Parks reviewed memo from legal counsel, Dean Dietrich, regarding the General Construction Contract with Sherrer Construction. The first 14 pages of the contract were reviewed as acceptable to legal counsel. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve the general construction contract, first 14 pages. Yes – Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. No – Knoeck. Motion carried 3-1.

Mr. Parks informed the board of DPI reporting changes and correction of errors found following the uploading of data to the DPI. There are also upcoming onsite review/audit this year for the school lunch program and CRDC data collection.

Mr. Parks updated the board on current District Counseling Services Memorandums that benefit some of our students and families. Compass Counseling and Charis Counseling both provide services within our buildings.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to approve adding MVA Yearbook and MAES Yearbook to the Co-curricular pay schedule. Yes –Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. Motion carried 4-0.

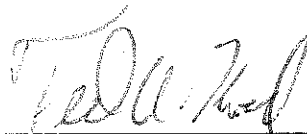
Mr. Parks gave an update on the job search for a long-term night custodian. As of today, there is not a replacement. One district owned house will be rented beginning this weekend, and a reminder to the board the School Perception Survey is due by December. The 2017-18 School Report Card have been released and will be on the December agenda. The district did very well with all schools receiving an exceed expectations or better. American Education Week is this week and lunch will be provided for staff on Thursday. Excavation bids for work by the track will go out soon, and Mr. Parks will be President of WSMA beginning in December.

Mr. Beranek shared an article published in the WIAA Bulletin commending our football team and coaching staff. High school conferences were held on Tuesday.

Mrs. Budny updated the board on new support staff hires, sharing that both are working out well. Student Led Conferences are being held this week as they are nearing the end of trimester 1. Mental Health screenings are taking place this week. Upcoming concerts include grades 4K-2 on December 3rd, Grades 3-5 November 26th, and MVA and MHS on November 29th.

Mr. Knoeck complimented the administration on the work they did for the success of the referendum.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Klumpyan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



Ted Knoeck, Acting Clerk