

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the district administration office. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Vice-President Lia Klumpyan. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Friday, December 7, 2018.

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

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Mission Statement.

Four fourth grade students from MAES presented the poems they wrote as part of their current Expeditionary Learning unit.

A MHS Student Council officer updated the board on upcoming events being held. This Friday a group of sophomores and seniors will be ringing bells to help the Salvation Army. They will enjoy a pizza lunch afterward. A Candy Cane Message fundraiser will be held next week and will promote positive, upbeat messages given by students to others. Winter Carnival will be held after Christmas with events during the week, but they are not planning for a Winter Carnival Dance.

Mrs. Sternberg and two music students updated the board on their recent Band/Chorus Trip to Chicago. The students spent time at Navy Pier and attended the Broadway production, Hamilton. They also performed at the Field Museum. The experience was fun and rewarding. The group is thankful for the opportunity to attend.

Amber McDougal and Jeni Luzinski updated the board on the recent Mental Health Screening of our 4K-11th grade students. Screening tools and results for each building were shared. In addition, they reviewed how those needing support are provided resources and services.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the following consent agenda items:

- November 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- General checks
- Receipts for November
- Activity Fund balances
- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Minutes
- Chuck Woelfel as Volunteer High School Boys Basketball Coach
- Katelyn Schmidt as Volunteer High School Girls Basketball Coach
- Connie Stieber as Volunteer Musical Assistant
- Mandy Wright as Assistant MVA Forensics Advisor

Gwen Altmann as MAES Yearbook Advisor

Jenifer Smith as High School Forensics Advisor

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

Mandy Wright gave an update on the crowdfunding pilot by MVA. Approximately 20 donors responded and the amount requested was received. Because additional funds were donated, the MVA was able to also fund food for their expedition trip as well as the total bus expense. The board gave direction to Mr. Parks to move forward with developing a policy on crowdfunding for future needs to be brought back to a later meeting.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the Semester 1 Distance Education pay as presented. Yes –Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Parks reviewed the 2017-18 District Audit with the board. Overall, the district was reported to be in good financial standing.

Mrs. Budny reported on recent MVA Charter School happenings. The board will meet next week for their monthly meeting. The board was active in the past Celebration of Learning that was held. The board also provided the Taco Bar fundraiser at the Celebration. CESA is offering a Professional Development day for Charter School Board members and many are planning to attend.

Mr. Beranek distributed the 2017-18 School Report Card and explained the results along with new areas on the report.

Mr. Parks gave an update on the Wellness Policy Committee. Due to an on-site review of the Food Service, the committee will soon be getting together to review, evaluate and possibly update the current policy.

All board members will be attending the WASB State School Board Convention in January this school year. Board members were requested to check their schedules for making carpooling arrangements.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to approve T. Draeger for a food service, breakfast ticket taking position. Yes –Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to increase the part-time custodian/cleaner position posting to a full-time, school year position in an effort to attract more applicants. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to appoint Brian Gumtz and Rick Parks as the Referendum Building Project Fiscal Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to approve building project bids for soil testing and site survey/civil engineering to Nummelin (\$1,860) and Rettler Corp (\$18,928) respectively, as recommended. Yes – Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Board members planning to attend the Medford Legislative Meeting should contact Mr. Parks for registration purposes.

Mr. Beranek gave an update on the SLATE Conference. Elementary, MVA, and High School teachers attended and brought back many new ideas. The teachers will offer sessions at an upcoming district inservice for other teachers to attend and learn.

Mr. Parks requested that the board schedule a special meeting on December 20, 2018, for Act 143 items that will need to be addressed. This year's Christmas card from the board will feature student artwork. MAES/MVA participated in the Kids Vote and the outcome was very similar to the district's election results. Mr. Parks attended Tony Ever's listening session today regarding the state budget.

Mr. Beranek updated the board on the recent lockdown assembly and practice drill held at the high school this past week. A report and the Emergency Response Handbook will need to be submitted to the Department of Justice prior to January 1st. WISEdata Course Completion updates are complete and ready for the next year scheduling. The first staff School Improvement Team meeting was held after school today. The agenda included inservice plans, student data and the 2019-2020 school calendar.

Mrs. Budny also updated the board on the MAES/MVA lockdown assemblies and practice drills. Assemblies were held with different grade levels to better meet age appropriateness. The past Holiday concerts were well received by parents. The "Buddy Bench", donated by Scherrer Construction, was presented to the students at a school assembly today. The bench will be moved outside and is a place for kids to sit and make all feel welcome. Postcards featuring student artwork are being sent home by teachers complimenting students on their achievements. Shari Parks was recently requested to be a member of the Wisconsin Kindergarten Association board for the next year.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.


Jodi DeBroux, Clerk