

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, in the district administrator office. The meeting was called to order at 5:18 PM by Vice-President Lia Klumpyan. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members DeBroux, Klumpyan, Seubert, and Knoeck, and administrative staff Parks, Beranek, and Budny. Brian Gumtz arrived at 5:23 PM.

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

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

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Vision Statement.

Three MVA students shared with the board their experience with the new CREW format for this year. CREW is now done in a multi-grade format. Students had a field trip to the Wausau School Forest and participated in an obstacle course, reinforcing teamwork, and a nature walk where they needed to stay together and keep track of each other. The multi-grade experience has helped them to get to know other students in different grades.

MHS Student Council representative gave an update on the upcoming Homecoming events and dress-up days. This year's theme is Board Games. The group also asked for permission to have Powder Puff Football on Wednesday evening. The board gave approval to plan for the event.

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

- August 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- August 8, 2018 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

- August 16, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes

- August 20, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes

- August 30, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes

- September 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes

- General checks in the amount of \$900,382.45

- Receipts for June 2018 totaling \$619,497.32

- Activity Fund balances

- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights

- Jennifer Tryba, Christine Mouw, Janine Van Rixel and Tressa Gitzlaff as Cross Country Volunteers

- Michele Fingerson as 0.5 FTE Student Council Advisor

Yes – DeBroux, Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

MAES teachers Emily Nowak and Monica Natzke reported to the board on their Masters Degree program for attaining Reading Specialist certification. They are in the process of taking the program in and on-line format with others from Janesville. The cohort should complete the program in 2020.

Mrs. Budny updated the board on 2018 summer school participation. A total of 440 students participated in the program. This is equivalent to 37 FTE. The program ran well with the only obstacle being the summer cleaning of classrooms.

Mr. Beranek gave an Open Enrollment update as of September 7th. He noted that the numbers are changing and will continue to change throughout the year due to open enrollment rules and district limits.

Mr. Parks reviewed a possible Wellness Center door access plan for school hours to coincide with our school safety planning. Mr. Parks is looking into options for allowing continued use by the daytime Wellness Center community members and will report back to the board.

Mrs. Budny gave an update on the MVA Charter School. The MVA board did not meet in September, but did meet with the PTO and discussed ways they both can help and support each other.

The summer and MVP volleyball program update from B. Wirkus was tabled.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the 2nd reading of Policy 424.1 Part Time Open Enrollment. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve the 2nd reading of revised Policy 370 Extra Curricular Activity Program. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the 2nd reading of revised Board Rule 534 Substitute Teacher Pay. Motion carried 5-0.

The board had the first reading of Policy 542.1 Support Staff Leaves and Absences with a recommendation to match the personal day language with certified staff.

Mr. Parks informed the board that the district's current legal counsel has taken a position with a new firm. He contacted other firms and shared the information from the received quotes. Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Seubert to continue with Dean Dietrich with the law firm of Dietrich Vanderwaal LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held regarding a submitted request to use the school logo. Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to approve the use of the school logo with a memorandum of understanding regarding the proceeds. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks discussed the possibility of implementing Neola services for board policies in order to stay current with law changes and legal requirements. The board requested investigating if there is another vendor to provide rate information for the same service. A representative will be invited to present and review questions with the board.

A discussion was held regarding removing Policy 345.53 Half-Credit (0.5) Physical Education Exemption due to the change in credit requirements. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to remove the policy for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to approve B. Ohrmundt and R. Mohr for the Aftercare Program. Yes – DeBroux, Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve J. Rhein as a full time, school year aide. Yes – DeBroux, Knoeck, Seubert, Klumpyan and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

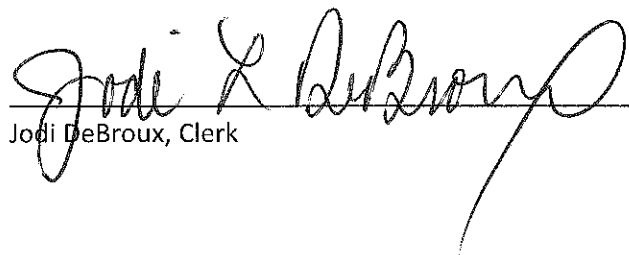
Mr. Parks updated the board on the 2nd Round of the Safety Grant. The grant has been submitted and involves staff/committee trainings and additional door alarms. The grant was submitted for \$40,248.

Mr. Parks shared with the board a complimentary letter that was received by the WIAA from the officials who worked the Marathon vs. Abbotsford football game, and the generous donation from the MAC of \$10,000 to offset the cost of the new scoreboards. Board members planning to attend the WIRSA meeting in October should Mr. Parks know for registration purposes. He was also informed the MVA received recognition as an accredited music program through WSMA.

Mr. Beranek reported the new teachers are doing very well and are the mentor program is being overseen by Emily Zachary. Open Enrollment continues to change daily and the school song banner that was donated by the Class of 2018, has been hung in the main gym.

Mrs Budny reported on the beginning of the year inservice days and the appreciation by the teachers for the work time they were given. Leadership Teams have been developed and teachers are working together with a theme of “2 schools – 1 Building”. She is also in the process of completing the district Title grants.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.


Jodi DeBroux, Clerk