MINUTES
Board of Education REGULAR Meeting
July 27, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Burke, Michael Flores, James Howard, Ed Hughes, Dean Loumos,
TJ Mertz, Anna Moffit
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Anthony Chung
STAFF PRESENT: Marggie Banker, Mike Barry, Jen Cheatham, Alex Fralin, Nancy Hanks,
Deirdre Hargrove-Krieghoff, Mike Hertting, Lisa Kvistad, Nichelle Nichols,
Dylan Pauly, Kelly Ruppel, Andrew Statz, Rachel Strauch-Nelson,
Faye Hackbart—Recording Secretary

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

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by President James Howard at 6:07 p.m.

2. Public Appearances

   Norman Davis: As a parent with school children at Elvehjem Elementary and another child who
   went through the district, encouraged the Board to redouble its focus on the achievement of 3rd
   grade reading for African American students. Congratulated the Board and district on progress
   but more work needs to be done. Expressed the need for the Board to adopt a goal committing
   to improve 3rd grade reading scores for African American students.

3. Board President's Announcements and Reports
   News from around the district was read into the record by President Howard. In addition,
   Mr. Howard asked that the community take time to remember MMSD students Michael
   Court and Maxwell Peterson who tragically lost their lives in July.

4. Superintendent's Announcements and Reports
   Presentation of Proposed 2014-15 Annual Report on the Strategic Plan


   Questions/Comments from the Board:
   • Clarifying questions re:
     » English Language Learner (ELL) and other student data metrics are on the website
       under the Strategic Plan’s Annual Report. Good progress made by ELL students over
       the past year.
     » Individual school reports are posted on each school’s website.
     » MAP results for grades 4, 6 and 7 will be available in the near future.
     » Tutoring framework will be on the Instruction Work Group in August.
   • A lot of great news in the report to be celebrated.
   • Hope to see better progress on the basic and above numbers on the MAP; those are the
     students needing support.
   • There is a need to look at cohorts from one year to the next to take into account class
     demographics in assessing progress.

   Follow up:
   • Administration will let the Board know the specific date for release of the MAP results for
     Grades 4, 6 and 7.
5. **Consent Agenda**

5.1: *It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Ed Hughes to adopt and approve all of the motions set forth in Section 6 of the electronic agenda prepared for the July 27, 2015, 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 items 5.6, 5.14, 5.17, 5.19, and 5.31.*

*On the motion to approve all the consent items, with the exception of Items 5.6, 5.14, 5.17, 5.19, and 5.31, student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried unanimously.*

5.2 Requests for Shortened Day Agreements
5.3 Interim Bills
5.4 Curriculum Review of Learning Materials
5.5 Approve Insurance Schedule
5.6 Operation Fresh Start *(see item 7 below)*
5.7 Horizon High School
5.8 Purple Language Services (Interpreter Services for Deaf)
5.9 Common Threads Family Resource Center
5.10 Middle School Math Specialist Program
5.11 Supplemental Math Interventions for K-8 Students
5.12 Madison Out-of-School Time Project 2015-2016
5.13 Services Agreement with Red Caboose Day Care Center
5.14 National Equity Project *(see item 7 below)*
5.15 UW-Madison School of Social Work Contract
5.16 Academic Tutoring Partnerships Evaluation RFP # 3259 – contract amendment
5.17 Data Share Agreement with University of Chicago Consortium (UC) on Chicago School Research (CCSR) for the Becoming Effective Learners Partnership Project 2015-16 *(see item 7 below)*
5.18 Approval for Customization Charges for OAYSS
5.19 Request BOE Approval to Purchase CogAT Screener assessment for 2015-16 from Houghton Miflin Harcourt *(see item 7 below)*
5.20 OdysseyWare Inc. Courseware Contract
5.21 City of Madison, MUFN Fiber User Fees Renewal
5.22 SchoolMessenger Annual Notification Service Fees
5.23 Searchsoft Solutions Annual Support and Maintenance Fees and New Onboarding Standard Module.
5.24 Kronos Time Management System Annual Hosting Services Renewal
5.25 EMC Storage Area Network (SAN) and IBM AS/400 Server Maintenance per RFB 3297
5.26 Renew Cisco SMARTnet hardware maintenance service per RFB 3296
5.27 LMC Furniture - Huegel Elementary School
5.28 Playground Paving Work - Falk Elementary School
5.29 Tennis Court Rehabilitation – La Follette High School
5.30 Parking Lot Paving Work Repair Work - La Follette High School
5.31 Pathways to Prosperity Network Donation *(see item 7 below)*
5.32 Approval of the anonymous donation for Marquette Elementary School pursuant to BOE policy #6177
5.33 Grants and Donations under $10,000
5.34 Human Resources Transactions Report

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

None for this meeting.
7. Any Individual Items Identified under Section 6 of the Electronic Agenda that were Separated from the Motion Consolidating the Consent Agenda Items

Item 5.6 - Operation Fresh Start

- Clarification on perceived $100,000 decrease in funding
- Next steps for going forward with the program

Administration explained that as part of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOA), a per-pupil approach to budgeting was implemented as opposed to a flat, across-the-board payment. This allows the district to track each student's progress. Board members were assured there was no cut-back in the scale or commitment to the program.

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by TJ Mertz that the Board of Education approve entering into a service contract with Operation Fresh Start (OFS) for the provision of diploma and/or work skills instruction during the 2015-16 school year in an amount up to $270,000.00 using Fund 10 dollars allocated to the 2015-16 Department of Student Services and Alternative Education budget. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 6-0 with Dean Loumos abstaining.

5.14 - National Equity Project

- Concern that there was no Request for Proposal (RFP) for this service indicating it was a unique service.

Administration explained consideration was given to doing an RFP but a vendor was required that can provide professional development about equity at every level of the district. Only two vendors nationally would be able to provide this service and, after consideration, the National Equity Project was chosen.

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Ed Hughes that the Board of Education enter into a contract with the National Equity Project in the amount of $124,200, plus actual travel expenses estimated at $22,300, to deliver customized coaching and professional learning to address current and future issues around equity. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 6-1 with TJ Mertz voting no.

5.17 - Data Share Agreement with University of Chicago Consortium (UC) on Chicago School Research (CCSR) for the Becoming Effective Learners Partnership Project 2015-16

- Clarification on whether students would be able to opt-out of the survey and if parental permission needs to be granted

Administration explained that a deployment model has not been established and whether it is an opt-in survey will be determined at a future date.

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Anna Moffit that the Board of Education sign and commit to the Data Share Agreement between MMSD and University of Chicago (UC) Consortium on Chicago School Research (CCSR) for the 2015-16 school year. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 6-0 with TJ Mertz abstaining.

5.19 - Purchase of CogAT Screener assessment for 2015-16 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

- Concern that CogAT increases the disparities in identification of advanced learners

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Mary Burke that the Board of Education approve the expenditure of $49,000 for the purchase of the CogAT Screener assessment from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for grades 2 and 5 from the Office of Assessment Administration.
5.31- Pathways to Prosperity Network Donation

- Concern about commitments by other anchor partners to this partnership

Administration explained there are firm commitments to the partnership but there are some logistical challenges to the time frame when payments are received. Those will be addressed early this fall to alleviate this problem in the future.

It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Dean Loumos that the Board of Education accept the donation in the amount of $50,000 from the MG&E Foundation to finalize MMSD’s membership in the Pathways to Prosperity Network for the 2014-15 academic year. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion carried 6-0 with Ed Hughes abstaining.

8. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Instruction Work Group:

Report: Report from Chairperson TJ Mertz for meeting held July 13, 2015

8.1--Annual Review of FORWARD Madison
- Presentation on continuing partnership with UW-Madison for principal mentoring, new teacher induction, and coach mentoring

8.2--Educator Effectiveness
- Presentation on the first year of Educator Effectiveness. Despite problems with TeachScape software, the induction has been remarkably smooth.

Information: 8.3--Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Work Group Meeting
- Next meeting--August 3, 2015
- Topics--Partnership Updates: Tutoring Framework & Evaluation; MOA approvals on Elementary and Middle Schools of Hope, Juventud/Escalera, Youth Apprenticeship and Forward Madison.

9. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Operations Work Group:

Report: Report from Chairperson Ed Hughes for meeting held July 20, 2015

9.1--Student-Based Budgeting
- Discussion on proposal to change the budget process from an allocations-based process to one that takes into account the demographics and characteristics of the students at each school
- Proposal would allow for more autonomy as to how the principal allocates funds to best meet students’ needs
- Discussion will be continued at a future board meeting to be determined

9.2--Construction Update
- Five school construction project RFPs will be issued soon
- Bids came back lower than expected on the bonds for a significant cost savings

9.3--Athletics
- Good opening discussion about the questions board members had about MMSD athletics programs
- Future discussions will be held on how athletics advances the MMSD educational mission and how improvements can be made
- UW-Health assists uninsured students with sports physicals so more students can participate

9.4--TID Update
- Discussed the conversation held with the city about pulling out some of the TID 25 surplus and how that poses some legal challenges
- Board will continue to work on this issue
Information: 9.5--Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Work Group Meeting
• Next meeting date is August 10 to discuss the employee handbook

11. Other Reports to the Board

Report: 11.1--City of Madison Education Committee - no meeting held
Report: 11.2--Student Senate - no meeting held

12. Other Business

None

13. Adjournment

*It was moved by James Howard and seconded by Michael Flores to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.*

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