

**Madison Metropolitan School District
Madison, Wisconsin**

Daniel A. Nerad, Superintendent

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes for Regular Meeting
September 21, 2009**

**DOYLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
545 W. Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin**

I CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Arlene Silveira at 6:20 p.m. The mission statement was recited by Ms. Passman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maya Cole, Ed Hughes, Lucy Mathiak, Beth Moss, Marj Passman, Arlene Silveira, Johnny Winston, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Sarah Maslin

STAFF PRESENT: Sue Abplanalp, John Harper, Steve Hartley, Erik Kass, Kurt Kiefer, Bob Nadler, Pam Nash, Dan Nerad, Ken Syke, Lisa Wachtel, Nancy Yoder, Ann Wilson-Recording Secretary

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Attorney Dan Mallin

Board of Education members recognized and congratulated the team involved in writing the third grade textbook, Madison – City of Four Lakes, Our History and Our Home and the Madison West High School Rocket Club that won the national championship in the Team American Rocketry Challenge (copies of the resolutions are attached to the original of these minutes).

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Arlene Silveira and seconded by Marj Passman to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting dated August 17, 2009. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

III PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

IV BOARD PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

A copy of the report is attached to the original of these minutes relative to the following topics: congratulations to Marquette teacher Maureen McGilligan-Benton on being named Wisconsin Teacher of the Year; thanks to a fund-raising group for sponsoring events at schools; National Day of Remembrance to be marked with ceremonies at high schools; West Homecoming activities and dedication of renovated entrance.

V SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Kurt Kiefer and Dr. Mike Christian from the UW-Madison Center for Educational Research shared results of a survey commissioned by the Department of Public Instruction in which the Madison Metropolitan School District and Milwaukee Public Schools were participants. One purpose of the study was to determine if the MMSD would see value in a state-wide Value Added model. Mr. Kiefer shared plans for continued staff development and additional presentations to the Board of Education--Appendix LLL-3-13.

Discussion: How Value Added assessment fits in with No Child Left Behind and its value to schools identified as SIFI. Charter and magnet school and small school affects on variance. Concern about basing assessment on one measurement, the WKCE. The WKCE will be replaced in two years with another assessment that measures standards. Need further conversation regarding AYP, how "outliers" are measured, and variability.

Superintendent Dan Nerad sought input for items included in the Plan to Align the Work of the Board of Education with the District's Mission and Research regarding Effective School Boards (Appendix LLL-3-22). The Plan is to schedule four engagement sessions that would be connected with the Strategic Plan and would promote the benefits students receive from a challenging, respectful, inclusive education. Another recommendation is to hold six Regular meetings at school sites during the school year and to include a tour of the site. The last recommendation is to schedule a State of the District presentation for November 2009 based on the Annual Report.

Discussion: Need engagement opportunity at meetings so that participants feel they are heard. Look at different ways to reach target populations. Logistical problems with meeting at a school location – time to get there, hard to hear. Should not schedule other meetings on these dates (no executive sessions) if a tour will precede the meeting. Reduce the number of meetings to perhaps two per semester. Review ideas discussed by the Communications Committee. Identify the topic in advance; district communication plan would be a good topic. Board meeting schedules are already very full. If done, should be evaluated (engagement sessions and meetings in schools). Strategize ways to get meaningful input. Learned more from being a liaison to schools than from meeting there; low attendance; much work for little result; did not receive the hoped-for community outreach. Different meeting purpose may be more beneficial like a data retreat – more audience participation. Meetings in schools were valuable from a student learning perspective – advertise to students and school community. Continue meeting in schools – ask about effectiveness at a community engagement session. Important to go to community – need groundwork, coordination. Support tour, SIP plan discussion, less meetings. Community meetings may be more valuable than Regular meetings. Concern about distractions during difficult discussion (e.g., budget). Support a State of the District presentation. Invite stakeholders and make it a formal event. Communicate format in advance.

Superintendent Nerad indicated he will incorporate feedback and present a clear plan that addresses the need to communicate with the community and continue learning about our schools.

VI STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ON ITEMS THAT PROCEEDED THROUGH COMMITTEES

A Student Achievement and Performance Monitoring

- 1 It was moved by Maya Cole and seconded by Marj Passman to approve the minutes for the July 13 and August 10, 2009 committee meetings. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

2 Report from Meeting dated September 14, 2009

Maya Cole noted the Superintendent provided a written summary of the activities that have taken place on dual language immersion planning and implementation (Appendix LLL-3-7). Superintendent Nerad noted he will bring forward recommendations for additional schools to participate in the dual language program as planning continues. The committee also received an update on Class-and-a-Half.

It was moved by Maya Cole and seconded by Marj Passman to adopt the revisions to Board Policy 4501 relative to Student Representation on the Board and Student Senate as identified in revised Appendix LLL-3-6 dated September 21, 2009. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Johnny Winston, Jr. and seconded by Maya Cole to direct the administration to develop options or programs that may include granting of credit for students who participate in Student Senate. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion: Students have discussed credit but need time for more discussion and input before making recommendations. Need curricular/administration involvement in developing options – need to have a curriculum/program component in addition to attendance at meetings. Students referred to Action Research Program options.

It was moved by Maya Cole and seconded by Beth Moss to approve the Research and Data Sharing Agreement to Conduct Advancement Via Individual Determination/Teens of Promise (AVID/TOPS) Research and to Set Forth Conditions on the Sharing of Data

between the MMSD and the Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Post-Secondary Education as described in Appendix LLL-3-16 dated September 21, 2009.

Discussion: Document (Appendix) should have been revised to reflect that assessment would include an ongoing analysis of placement test scores. Agreement is an initial catalog of thoughts; not absolute. Research partners have this data; district can request that it be included. Board members will have access to reports.

Lucy Mathiak made a friendly amendment that the Data Sharing Agreement include data on placement scores for students who apply to University of Wisconsin System schools. The motion was accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

3 Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Committee Meeting

Ms. Cole noted that upcoming topics for discussion will include school data (School Improvement Plans (SIP)), Fine Arts Task Force update, bullying (timeline and standards), and an update on Andreal Davis' work, particularly at Falk and Mendota. Other board members suggested requirements for graduation in general and specifically in the areas of American Government or the Constitution. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2009.

B Planning and Development

1 It was moved by Ed Hughes and seconded by Arlene Silveira to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2009 and July 21, 2009 committee meetings. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

2 Report from Meeting dated September 14, 2009

Mr. Hughes indicated that additional materials will be provided and the Board will meet to discuss the Strategic Plan on September 29. The committee will receive further updates on student enrollment following the 14th day of school count. Erik Kass provided additional information about planning and work to complete the playground at Leopold School, including making some parts of it accessible, and work being done to complete a financing plan.

3 Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Committee Meeting

Mr. Hughes noted the next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2009. Upcoming topics include the field trip policy, potential school boundary changes, and planning preparedness for the H1N1 flu.

Discussion: Potential school boundary changes would be an excellent topic for community engagement and receiving public input.

C Operational Support

1 It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Marj Passman to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2009 and August 10, 2009 committee meetings. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Business and Finance

Lucy Mathiak indicated she will write a letter regarding the impact of the City's assessment of Walgreen's property on the district. Information about other items of discussion are attached as appendices to this agenda: update on Metro and yellow busing since the beginning of the school year, use of seasonal lawn care help, and refinancing and reorganizing district debt.

No action was taken on Refinancing and Reorganizing District Debt.

Approval of budget amendments related to the MMSD Plan for Use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding (ARRA) as identified in Appendix LLL-3-5 dated September 21, 2009:

- (1) It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Marj Passman that the Board approve all remaining Title I-associated items identified in the plan for expenditures of Title I American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds as identified in Appendix LLL-3-5, dated September 21, 2009, excluding such items as were already approved by the Board on August 17, 2009. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.
- (2) It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Beth Moss that the Board approve all remaining IDEA-associated items identified in the plan for expenditures of IDEA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds as identified in Appendix LLL-3-5, excluding such items as were already approved by the Board on August 17, 2009. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Attorney Mallin noted that these motions permit expenditures but do not amend the MMSD budget accounts to properly recognize the associated ARRA revenues and expenditures.

- (1) It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Maya Cole that the Board amend the 2009-2010 MMSD budget to recognize ARRA–Title I-associated revenues and expenditures as identified in Appendix LLL-3-5, dated September 21, 2009, in the total dollar amount of \$655,817. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.
- (2) It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Beth Moss that the Board amend the 2009-2010 MMSD budget to recognize ARRA-IDEA-associated revenues and expenditures as identified in Appendix LLL-3-5, dated September 21, 2009, in the total dollar amount of \$239,979. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Follow-Up: Occasional reports on what is happening in schools as a result of implementing these funds.

- f) Updated information was provided in a Memorandum to the Board of Education from Daniel Nerad re: Short-Term Borrow Bid Results dated September 21, 2009.

It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Beth Moss to adopt and approve the Resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$68,500,000.00 pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)(1), Wis. Stats." as presented in written form to the School Board on September 21, 2009 as Exhibit A within the document labeled "Wisconsin School District Cash Flow Borrowing...: Borrowing Documents for 2009-2010 School Year Borrowing." Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion: May be related interest revenue budget savings. Reminder that the Board waived conflict of interest for R.W. Baird & Company, which was not the selected vendor.

Human Resources

The Affirmative Action Report was discussed in committee.

It was moved by Lucy Mathiak and seconded by Beth Moss to approve Dive Team Coach Positions in the high schools if student interest supports a team as proposed in Appendix LLL-3-18, dated September 21, 2009. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

3 Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2009. Committee time will primarily be focused on the final budget and tax levy.

VII ITEMS HANDLED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Arlene Silveira and seconded by Beth Moss to approve all of the motions stated in Section VII.A through and including Section VII.D of the agenda prepared for the September 21, 2009 Regular School Board meeting exactly as said motions were printed on the agenda.

Item VII-A-1 was separated out by Marj Passman. Lucy Mathiak requested separation of Item VII-C-1-e so that she can be recused from voting because of a conflict of interest based on her employment.

The motion to approve all items under the consent agenda with the exception of items VII-A-1 and VII-C-1-e carried unanimously. Student representative advisory vote was aye.

A Student Achievement and Performance Monitoring

- 1 See Item VII-E.
- 2 It was moved that 59 students be granted diplomas of graduation based on completed requirements.
- 3 It was recommended that a student over the age of 20 be allowed to continue enrollment in the MMSD for purposes of graduation.

B Planning and Development

There were no items for this month.

C Operational Support

1 Business and Finance

- a) It was moved to approve Interim Bills covering the period August 5, 2009 through September 8, 2009 amounting to \$16,067,455.64 - Appendix LLL-3-4.
- b) There were no School Building Fund Bills.
- c) It was moved to authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services to negotiate and, if acceptable final terms consistent with the District's requirements for said services can be negotiated, execute an agreement with Honeywell under which Honeywell would provide Building Automation System Maintenance Districtwide under a multi-year pricing structure of \$381,800 (Year 1), \$389,440 (Year 2) and \$397,230 (Year 3) with funding from the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 General Operating Budgets, respectively.
- (d) It was moved to approve the expenditure of \$21,588.73 for the purpose of renewing the district's 2009-10 on-line subscription to the *World Book Web* resources with funding from the 2009-2010 Library Media Services budget.
- (e) See item VII-E.
- (f) It was moved to approve the bid of \$19,573.86 from Kolpak for a walk-in cooler for Food Services with funding from Department of Public Instruction Grant #09-13-3269-ARRA-FS.
- (g) It was moved to direct the administration to establish a collective e-mail address for Board members by which a person could send a single e-mail message that would be received by all Board members.
- (h) It was moved to extend the appointments of all MMSD Independent Hearing Officers for expulsions who were serving the district as of the end of the 2008-09 school year, with said appointments to continue through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.
- (i) It was moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$65,000 from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy to support the Play and Learn Program-Northport.

- (j) It was moved to accept all grants and other donations received by the MMSD since July 20, 2009 as are listed in Appendix LLL-3-1.

2 Human Resources

- a) It was moved to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Guidelines and Job Description as provided in Appendix LLL-3-12.
- b) It was moved to approve the Human Resources Transactions identified in Appendix LLL-3-3, Items 1 through 226.

D Other Items of Business Proposed to be Considered Under a Consent Agenda.

No items were proposed.

E Any Individual Items Identified within Sections VII.A., VII.B., VII.C., or VII.D., above, that were Separated from the Motion Consolidating the Consent Agenda Items

- VII-A-1 It was moved by Arlene Silveira and seconded by Johnny Winston, Jr. to approve the Evaluation of Learning Materials Committee purchasing adoptions in the amount of \$80,110.77 (Appendix LLL-3-2). Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion: Had anticipated that Singapore Math selections would be included. Superintendent has a meeting scheduled this week with staff and will provide information.

- VII-C-1-e It was moved by Arlene Silveira and seconded by Beth Moss to approve a contract with the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) School of Social Work whereby the UW-Madison will pay the district up to \$29,725 towards the salary of district employee Monica Wightman during the 2009-2010 school year and Ms. Wightman will provide services as a lecturer and field unit supervisor for graduate students in the UW-Madison's "Social Work in Educational Settings" field unit (Appendix LLL-3-8). Student Representative advisory vote was aye. Motion carried unanimously with Lucy Mathiak recused.

VIII OTHER REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A Common Council/Board of Education Liaison Committee

1 Report from Meeting dated August 19, 2009

Ed Hughes reported the committee discussed MMSD survey results on migration in and out of the school district, MMSD building use during and after school hours, heard an update on the MMSD Strategic Plan, heard an update on MMSD and City budgets, and prioritized future agenda items.

2 Report from Meeting dated September 16, 2009

Mr. Hughes reported the committee heard reports on pandemic preparation from both the school district and City health representatives. The Board will receive a report from staff on this topic next month. The committee also heard updates on the MMSD and City 2010 budgets, with lengthy discussion related to the Walgreen's tax refund settlement, and identified future agenda items.

3 Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting date has not been set.

B Student Senate

Sarah Maslin reported the Senate met with advisers to plan for the year. They are hoping for increased involvement and invite students to come to the meetings and learn more about the Student Senate.

2 Date and Possible Agenda Items for Next Committee Meeting

The first meeting for this school year is scheduled for September 29, at 6 p.m., in the Doyle Building.

C Legislative Liaison Report

- 1 It was moved by Maya Cole and seconded by Arlene Silveira to approve the four resolutions identified in Appendix LLL-3-21 and authorize the submission of the resolutions as proposals to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Delegate Assembly in January 2010. Student representative advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion: Appreciation for continuing to bring forward items related to school lunch.

IX OTHER BUSINESS

A Old and New Business

There was no old or new business.

X ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Beth Moss and seconded by Johnny Winston, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Student advisory vote was aye. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Kass
Secretary to the Board of Education

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