

## **MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Board of Education**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Board Room**

**February 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Jon Bunch at 6:15 p.m. as duly posted under State Statutes §19.84(1)(2)(c).

### **Roll Call of the Board**

Board of Education Present: Jon Bunch, Cecil Chadwick, Bonnie Clayton, Debbie Frigo, John Lutz, and Michelle Voigts

Board of Education Absent: Sandra Litang-Canon

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Frigo and seconded by Voigts. Carried 6-0.

### **Proof of Giving Public Notice**

A motion that public notice was provided to The Courier on February 24, 2017 was made by Lutz and seconded by Clayton. Carried 6-0.

Sandra Litang-Canon arrived at 6:18 p.m.

### **Recognition of Visitors**

**Public Comment** - none

### **Discussion and potential action regarding a resolution on the school start date**

Motion by Lutz, seconded by Clayton, to approve a board Resolution on School Start Date Repeal Carried 7-0.

### **Presentation and discussion regarding district options for replacing the Director of Pupil Services and Special Education.**

The role of *Director of Pupil Services and Special Education* is currently performed by the District Administrator. Options to replace the position upon the planned retirement of the District Administrator in June, 2018 were discussed.

No action sought

John Lutz left at 6:35 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Lutz and seconded by Voigts. Carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Clayton, Clerk



## Resolution on School Start Date Repeal

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 118.045 Commencement of school term, the state of Wisconsin provides that public school districts cannot start school prior to September 1; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow for additional days of instruction prior to local, state, and national assessments; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Marshall Public Schools to better align its school calendar with the co-curricular schedule for students that begins in early August; and

WHEREAS, local control over the start date will allow the Marshall Public Schools to align its calendar with post-secondary institutions to better meet the needs of our students; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Marshall Public Schools to better align its calendar with area private schools thereby reducing transportation costs borne by the District; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Marshall Public Schools to include inclement weather make-up days within the school year calendar thereby reducing the probability of extending the school year; and

WHEREAS, local control over the school start date will allow the Marshall Public Schools adequate time to transition from the close of the regular school year to the beginning of its summer learning program; and

WHEREAS, charter and voucher schools have the flexibility to start school prior to September 1 without jeopardizing receipt of public funding from the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS tourism has changed to where most tourists leave Wisconsin because regionally, in other states, public schools begin in early to mid-August; and

WHEREAS the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is recommending in his 2017-19 Biennial Budget to allow the Milwaukee Public School District to be provided an exception to this provision is the state law *to allow the district to maximize learning opportunities*; therefore, this opportunity should be granted for all schools districts in the State of Wisconsin; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marshall Public Schools will be better able to educate its school children because of this flexibility as greater outcomes are anticipated academically as well as reduced absenteeism and for the safety of our students.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the Marshall Public Schools Board of Education recommends to the State Legislature and Governor that Wis. Stat. sec. 118.045 Commencement of school term be repealed and that local control return to boards of education to determine school start dates.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017

Approved:

  
Jon Bunch, President  
Marshall Public Schools  
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Attest:

  
Bonnie Clayton, Clerk  
Marshall Public Schools  
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