

West Bend – Mallard Community School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 20, 2017  
West Bend School - Lobby

## Minutes

The public hearing regarding the Mallard building was called to order at 5:30 pm by President John Zaugg. The following were present; Dawn Schmidt, Jillian Hansen, Mike Thatcher, Dave Bruellman, Chris Montag and Nicole Myer.

Visitors: Amanda Schmidt, Audrey Zaugg, Linda Thilges, Onesa McGregor, Paul Lauck, Joe Schuller, Sarah Fehr, Karen Sewell, Lisa Traub, Julie Zaugg, Kay Auten, Rose Knobloch, Trinton Schmidt, Kelly Schmidt, Ted Schmidt, LaRae Montag, LaRae Bachman, Diane Smith, Tanner Bachman, Sue Schneider, Gwen Schupbach, Denise Fehr, Lee Fehr, Todd Thilges, Beth Banwart, Linda Thul, Eli Grimm, Jr., Peggy Kenyon, Joe Kenyon, Jeff Montag, Doris Zaugg, Jennifer Calles-Ramirez, Heidi Knapp, John Fehr, Kent Fehr, Sandy Kohlhaas.

President John Zaugg asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Bruellman moved to approve the motion and Mike Thatcher seconded. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

President John Zaugg welcomed visitors to the meeting. He also stated that the meeting was being recorded by the media.

### Public Hearing Regarding the Mallard Building:

Amanda Schmidt introduced the present board members to the visitors present at the meeting. Amanda Schmidt gave a power point presentation regarding the public hearing on the Mallard building. Some of the highlights were focusing on the students, cuts in teachers and programs, the future and the goals of the Mallard building. At 5:45 pm Amanda Schmidt opened the meeting up for public comments and questions. The following visitors signed up to speak: Kay Auten, Lee Fehr, Peggy Kenyon, Joe Schuller, Lisa Traub, John Fehr.

1. Kay Auten: Kay stated that it is an inevitable situation. Her concerns were if there would be room for the kids to grow. She also asked if the transition from one building to the next would be a good transition for the kids with least disruption. She also asked that if moving the material could be efficient. She wanted to make sure it was all done in the best interest of the kids. She mentioned that we talked about the savings for closing the Mallard building but was wondering about the cost of removing the building. She voiced her concern if there was enough room for everyone to have breakfast at the same time. Her positive comment was that we could possibly gain 40 minutes per day which would could be used for another period of learning for the kids.
2. Lee Fehr: Stated that it was obvious that it will happen closing the Mallard building. He stated that it would cut down on busing expenses.
3. Peggy Kenyon: Peggy asked to have them look at the classrooms they have now and compare to what they will have. Wondering if the high school and middle school choir/band will be flexible for the elementary as far as practicing in the gym where they

will be performing. What message does it send to those students who open enroll if the Mallard building is closed. Wanted to make sure that the building does not become an eye sore to the community.

4. Joe Schuller: He first thanked the board for being a board member. He wanted them to consider the best way to educate the students. He asked why they were only seeing Mallard numbers and wanted to see the West Bend numbers. He questioned if they were targeting Mallard. He also voiced that it sounded like the board was blaming Mallard for all of this. He also wanted to know the intentions of the board regarding the building if closed.
5. Lisa Traub: Wanted to see the cost of bringing everything to West Bend.
6. John Fehr: Stated that it is no one's fault. Most of the students are from West Bend. He stated that it is possible to get great education from one building. He also stated that it may draw more students in knowing all students in one school regarding open enrolling students. He did not think that closing next year would be rushing things.

With no further discussion Amanda closed the public hearing regarding the Mallard building.

At 6:03 pm it was moved by Dave Bruellman to adjourn.

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John Zaugg, President

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Carla Montag/Angie Thilges Secretary