

Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Board of Education Meeting

Call to Order: President Rice – 6:30 p.m. – MES Board Room – 800 Beech St. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Attendance – Strebe – here, Pohl – here, Hebert – here, Johnson – here, Hollman – here; Rice – here. All Board Members in attendance.

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Move by Strebe / Johnson to move Board Recognition up from item 13. Motion carried.

Board Recognition: FFA National Convention Participants: Mrs. Sandra Cordes, Lexi Smiles, Andrew Scheller, and Adam Michalowski. 2 Students were present: attended in Louisville KY; thanks the board for allowing them to attend. Enormously beneficial: Andrew and Adam went on stage in front of 20,000 people. Students attended a career fair, able to work in the state booth handing out cheese, traveled with Waupaca, Weyauwega-Fremont and several other chapters.

Filling Board Vacancy: Full District Seat. Policy 133 does not contain legal steps so the following will happen: the Board will ask questions of the 4 candidates; vote, continue until there is a majority vote for a candidate. Policy 133 states the Board can vote by secret ballot and break a tie by lot; neither is legal.

Interviews to Fill Board Vacancy by Board Appointment: There are four candidates: David Augustine, Joanne Johnson, Tom Langman, Jake Timm. Tom Langman withdrew his name since we are represented well. The Board asked the Candidates to introduce themselves and then proceeded with the questions to the three candidates: David Augustine, Joanne Johnson, Jake Timm

Voting: Hollman voted for Johnson; Hebert voted for Johnson; RJohnson voted for Augustine; Strebe voted for Timm; Pohl voted for Johnson; Rice voted for Johnson. Four votes Johnson; 1 vote Augustine; 1 vote for Timm. Joanne Johnson signed the Oath of Office and took her place at the table with the Board.

Election of Vacant Officer positions:

Move by Rice /Hebert to nominate Dave Strebe as Treasurer. **Move by** Hebert to nominate Hollman. Hollman declined. Board elected Strebe as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Move by Rice / Hebert to nominate Joanne Johnson as Clerk of the Board. Motion carried.

Appoint Board Committees and Legislative Contact

Curriculum, Employee Relations, Finance, Negotiations, WASB Legislative Contact

Clerk Johnson will join the Curriculum, Employee Relations and Negotiations Committees. Strebe will join the Finance Committee; WASB Legislative Contact – Rice.

Move by Rice / R. Johnson to fill the positions as listed. Motion carried.

Contributions to the District - Peter & Mary Griffin, \$2,000 towards purchase of a Wrestling Mat, Manawa Youth Wrestling Club, \$4,710 for Wrestling Mat, and Target ©, \$87.68 for PBIS Prizes at Manawa Elementary School. Thank you to those that donated, for their generosity.

Consent Agenda: Move Rice / Hebert that consent agenda is approved by general consent. Approve Minutes from October 20, 2014 Board Meeting and October 20, 2014 School District Annual Meeting, Accept Donations: Peter & Mary Griffin, \$2,000 towards purchase of a Wrestling Mat, Manawa Youth Wrestling Club, \$4,710 towards purchase of a Wrestling Mat, Target ©, \$87.68 for PBIS Prizes at Manawa Elementary School, Request from Manawa Youth Wrestling Club Regarding School Insurance, Approve Hiring / Contracts of: Technology Director Julie Vander Grinten, Special Education Aide, Dana Dean, Andrea

Peterson, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach, Robert Kowalczyk, JV Boys Basketball Coach, Andrew Habeck, Varsity Asst. Boys Basketball Coach, Katelyn Langman, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach, Carey Celske, Head Baseball Coach, Kevin Murphy, JV Baseball Coach.

No Items were Removed from Consent Agenda.

Public Comments: (Register to Speak Prior to Start of Meeting / Guidelines on Reverse)

Kathy Field / Sheri Barber, 1st Grade Teachers reported on Curriculum – activity presented last week. A flight to Africa...presented a poster – international flight to Cape town Africa; an officer came for security purposes, Mayor as co-pilot; inflight ...beverages, passports stamped when we landed; each time the kids visit the countries they will get their passport stamped.

Correspondence: Premiere Community Bank sent a card of thanks and a contribution to the local Food Pantry on the District's behalf. Other cards were received from: Elaine Zuge - thank you for the floral bouquet, thank you from Mr. Jim Quinn – thanks for recognition and gift at the Oct meeting.

District Administrator's Report:

UW-Oshkosh CAP Program recognizing Jim Roenz as adjunct (professor. Board Election Schedule for April 2015 due to appointments: Hebert, Rice, Strebe, RJohnson, Hollman and JJohnson. Paperwork was passed out to current board members. WASB Annual Convention – Jan. 20-23, 2015 – Registration Deadline Dec. 13th. Snowmobile Club Insurance Policy – Winter Wolves Snow Mobile Club...certificate of insurance is on file. They do follow the trail that runs the perimeter of the school grounds.

ES Principal: Highlights for November in the Board Packet included Parent / Teacher Conferences, Book Fair, National Food Day on Oct. 24th, PTO Wolf Walk and NFL challenge with cross curricular involved, Food Pantry collection, Red Ribbon Week dedicated to anti- drugs. Mrs. Riske – one of the main organizers of Wolf Walk recognized.

HS Principal: Highlights for November – focus for Wolf time has changed to academic focus, use Skylert Technology, weight room meeting very successful – following protocols, informal observations on a casual basis completed and formal observations will begin as well.

Business Related Reports: Approve Expenditures & Receipts as Presented. **Move by** Hollman / R. Johnson to approve checks #72284 – 72428 totaling \$283,805.75 and receipts totaling \$83,798.80. Motion carried.

Overview of Proposed Borrowing: Business Manager explained this goes back to September; a line of credit after reviewing cash flow, the Administration would like to propose a line of credit \$750,000 as a back up thru the end of the school year. The district will go thru an attorney and put it out on bid; Mike Morse from 1st State Bank has assisted to date.

As requested, address item 21.c., at this time. In lieu of the \$1.5 million had been proposed but no analysis in Sept. It is available but I feel we don't need that amount; based on the analysis. It's a cost saving measure to borrow less. If something were to happen {major} we could review it at that time.

Move by Hebert / Hollman to approve the Resolution Authorizing A Taxable Tax And Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note For Cash Flow Purposes In An Amount Not To Exceed \$750,000.00. Motion carried.

Snow Removal Update: The District has implemented a new snow removal Contract, held a walk thru with Rod Johnson from NL Asphalt. Expectations were clearly discussed.

Curriculum Director Highlights – Aspire, Chrome books used, Maps, WKCE testing has been completed. All juniors will take ACT on March 3rd & 4th and is free of charge. Applied to take it off site to Masonic Lodge for testing. Smarter balanced assessment for 3-8th graders is now the Badger Exam in March 30 – May 22nd for 9-10th graders. Students will take ACT Aspire in the spring. Students will start keyboarding at third grade level.

Summer School 2014 Report Mr. Keller updated: Over 400 students took part in some form of course from Kindergarten to HS. Has been Coordinator since 1992.

Board Comments:

Pohl updated the Board on the Legislative Advocacy Conference she attended through WASB.

Rice / Pohl – November 6th Listening Sessions – Results from parents included many compliments. Overwhelming majority that were talked to thought it was a great idea that board was available

Committee Reports - Buildings & Grounds Meeting: Discussed a community garden. 4H family interested in the concept. Will be on the agenda for December to approve the concept of the garden. Connie Abert was instrumental.

Long Range Maintenance Planning: Discussed the HS Sink Replacement Project. Working on a five year plan – will meet soon to prioritize. A stove in the FACE room needs repairs. Locker rooms will have bubblers as well. Looked at ES – broken window seals, parking lot issues, fire safety code issues, met with MES Staff today.

Unfinished Business: - None

New Business:

MES Recorder Resale for Music Class – Informational: Principal Sjoberg explained that recorders are offered to students. If student cannot afford, the district will provide one for their use. Not a fee; students don't have to purchase but they can if they chose.

Consider Moving December Board Meeting Date to Dec. 22, 2014 Due to HS Concert Conflict **Move by** Strebe / Hollman to move the December BOE meeting to Dec. 22nd. Motion carried.

Move by RJohnson / Hollman to approve the 2015-16 course study guide as presented. Motion carried.

Next BOE Meeting Dates: December 22, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Board Retreat date - TBD

Move by Strebe/Hollman Adjourn at 8:22 pm. and Reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c)(f)(g), and 118.125 Wis. Stats., to Meet with the District's Legal Counsel to Discuss Strategy as to Litigation Which the District is or is Likely to Become Involved 1) Former Administrator Benefits 2) Addressing a Student Athlete Under the District's Athletic Code. Motion carried.

Move by Hebert/Strebe to reconvene in open session at 10:10 pm. Motion carried.

No actions were taken during closed session.

Move by Hollman/Hebert to adjourn at 10:12 pm. Motion Carried.

Jeanne Frazier, Recording Secretary