

Minutes of the December 22, 2014 Board of Education Meeting

Call to Order: President Rice – 6:30 p.m. – MES Board Room – 800 Beech St. Manawa.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Roll call by Clerk Johnson: Rice, Strebe, Pohl, R. Johnson, Hollman, J. Johnson present.
Verify Publication of Meeting – Dr. Oppor verified.

Announcements: Contributions to the District: Helene Pohl - \$20 – Class of 2016 – Prom Expenses, Premiere Community Bank – \$4,180 for HS Boys Basketball Warm Ups \$530, Drama Club \$250, FBLA \$900, HS Girls Basketball Uniforms \$1500, HS Baseball \$500, HS Softball \$500; Smith’s Manawa Steak House \$50 to Manawa FFA – Think Pink Program; Manawa FFA Alumni - \$500 – FFA Jackets, Food Science Class Supplies; Manawa Athletic Booster Club \$400 to Wrestling Huddle Program; HS Wrestling Activity Account Fund - \$1342 - for wrestling mat purchase; Manawa Athletic Booster Club - \$1368 - for wrestling mat purchase; Manawa Athletic Booster Club - \$517.50 - Girls Basketball Crossover Program; Marion Body Works - Mike & Holly Gray volunteering to transport scrap metal for the District; Patrick Collins - \$75 donated Official Check from GBB Tournament to the GBB Athletic Activity Account.

Consent Agenda: Move by Pohl / RHollman to approve Minutes of the November 17, and December 12, 2014 Board Meetings; approve Donations as listed, Approve Hiring of: Summer School Co- Coordinators: Shannon Huettner & Kevin Keller, Beau Keegan - MS Wrestling Coach, Robin Dunning - MS Wrestling Coach Daniel Botting, Asst. Wrestling Coach , Spring Co-Curricular Coaches: Head Softball: Todd Zielke, Asst. Softball: Jill Krause Volunteer Softball: Pat O’Brien, Head Track Coach: Jill Seka, Asst. Track: Patrick Collins, Jr HS Track: Cathy McCoy, Jr HS Track: Corrie Ziemer; Accept resignation for Retirement of Cathy Shockley. Motion carried – Hebert absent.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Family of James Flynn- thank you for memorial after the passing of James Flynn.

Board Recognition: Judy Connelly - Statewide Literacy Leader Network – presented with certificate from President Rice. Mrs. Connelly was involved in the start up of the DPI statewide collaboration network designed to sharpen skills, learn from each other. Our CESA6 invited 5 Literacy Leaders chosen from the schools in CESA6.

District Administrator’s Report: Legislative Update – interesting comments – invited to Jan 9th legislative breakfast 8 to 10 am at CESA6 in Oshkosh.

School Operations Reports; ES Principal: Highlights for December and HS Principal: Highlights for December as presented and reported on plumbing updates at the HS. Rest to be completed over the holiday break. RJ – thank you! And HP got a tour today. Principal Sjoberg: a busy month with holiday activities etc. Over last month Kathy Redmann visit and Lori Laehr and Nicole Laehr coaches with literacy, math, etc. Finished up the Book Swap for students Kindergarten - 1st grade received 2 books each.

Business Related Reports: Summary report now includes a summary not just the general fund but includes Fund 27 and Food Service. As of Jan 1, 2015 the IRS transportation reimbursement rate will increase to 57.5.

Move by Pohl / Hollman to approve Expenditures & Receipts as Presented. Motion carried - Hebert absent.

Curriculum Report:

Curriculum Director Highlights – at CESA6 – fantastic. Math coaching / webinar from Houghton Mifflin to continue support our teachers by learning how to implement that program. Updated the Board on Grade 6 Mathematics Grading Practices

Board Comments: Pohl – WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference - Part II, Written report – showed a video – CESA 7 Dennis Koschak re: Common Core. Get all schools / states on the same page with standards – common language and clear expectations at every grade. The Badger Exam, A Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Committee Reports:

Long Range Planning - Strategic planning – updated the board on the upcoming meeting in January 27th. Invitations will go out to the committee and is open to the community.

Negotiations: Treasurer Strebe updated the board. Proposed wage increase is on the agenda under New Business to approve proposal for 2014-15.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Move by Strebe / R. Johnson Teacher Base Wage Salary Schedule Increase by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 1.46% for 2014-2015 School Year. Motion carried – Hebert absent.

Move by R. Johnson / Pohl to approve School/Community Garden Concept as presented. Motion carried – Hebert absent.

Read to Lead: Opportunity to participate in a CESA consortium grant for the fall 2015: we would be a member district that participates with other districts. Our Kindergarten and Literacy coaches would get special training.

Move by Rice / J. Johnson to approve Read to Lead Grant as presented. Motion carried – Hebert absent.

Vice President Pohl volunteered for the Appointment to WASB Convention Delegate Alternate. Consensus of WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions will be included in January agenda prior to WASB Convention.

Review Special Education Resource Adoption: Other districts are using News 2 You system and Symbol Sticks. Covers weather, life skills etc., for MS and HS students. Cost to the District \$599 / section = \$1200 good for one year and includes all products mentioned and N2Y. Because it's an adoption, the Board must go thru a 2 month process: and start the program for 2nd semester; consider approval in January.

Next Meeting Dates:

Jan. 12, 2015 6:00 p.m. Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting

Jan. 14, 2015 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Jan. 19, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Regular Monthly Meeting MES Board Room

Jan. 20-24, 2015 – WASB Annual Convention – Milwaukee

Jan. 27, 2015 6:00-7:30 p.m. Long Range Planning

Jan. 29, 2015 - Special BOE Meeting – Teacher Salary Model – At 4:30 pm

Vice President Strebe thanked Cathy Shockley for her long term service of 27 years to the district.

Move by Strebe / Hollman to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and Reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c)(f) and 118.25 Wis. Statutes, for the Purposes of: Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility 1) Administrator Evaluations 2) Former Administrator Benefits 3) Employment of Certified Staff Member 4) Discussion of Adapted Student Program. Motion carried – Hebert absent.

Move by R. Johnson / Hollman to reconvene at 8:50 p.m. in open session. Motion carried on a voice vote, with all members voting in favor by roll call vote taken: Hollman, R. Johnson, Strebe, Rice, Pohl, and J. Johnson present - Hebert Absent.

Move by Strebe/R. Johnson that the Manawa Board of Education approve a high school student adapted program. Motion carried on a voice vote, with all members voting in favor – Hebert absent.

Move by Hollman/J. Johnson to adjourn. At 8:56 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote, with all members voting in favor – Hebert absent.

Jeanne Frazier, Recording Secretary