

Minutes of the Annual School District Meeting – October 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm in the MES Commons by School Board President Scott Rice. In attendance from the Board of Education: Scott Rice, Helene Pohl, David Strebe, Charles Hebert, Russ Johnson, Russ Hollman. Others in attendance included Dr. Melanie Oppor, Business Manager Angela Hanson, Principal Dan Wolfgram, Curriculum Dir. Carmen O'Brien, Principal Tammy Sjoberg, Joanne Johnson, Stephanie Riske, Sarah Bortle, Adam Michalowski, Jenny Bessette, Jim Quinn, Dawn Bauer, and Paul Hauffe.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to appoint Scott Rice as Secretary of the Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Move by Scott Rice / Jim Quinn to Nominate Paul Sturm as Temporary Chairman of the Meeting. Motion carried.

Move by Jim Quinn / Russ Hollman to accept the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Board Treasurer Paul Sturm read a statement regarding his resignation from the Board, the changes and improvements the district has seen over the past five years as reflected in the school report card, the district has spent within its means, Open Enrollment increases, thanked present and previous board members and staff.

District Administrator Oppor presented the State of the District Report outlining the energy efficiencies and HVAC project, brick work, security cameras, computers, gym sound system replacement, hosted first playoff game last year, the District Report Card Meets Expectations. Three goals for Academic Excellence: raise state, local and classroom scores overall, close the achievement gap between students in sub groups and their peers to include students identified as socio-economically disadvantaged and students identified with disabilities, and improve the student attendance rate. What's new in the district: 4K-12 Literacy Focus, Instructional Coaches for Literacy and Math, new administrators, teachers and support staff. The District's School Report Card "Meets Expectations. Improving communication is a common theme. The District joined Wolf River Career Pathways System with New London, Shiocton, and Weyauwega to provide a Center of Excellence to provide more programming for high school students including business and manufacturing, agriculture and natural resources, construction trades, culinary arts and hospitality, engineering and manufacturing, health science and human services, informational technology, transportation and logistics, which will start the fall of 2015.

Business Manager Hanson presented a PowerPoint comparing the proposed budget for 2014-15 to the 2013-14 budget, increased expenditures during 2013-14 (energy costs, health insurance costs, compensation package to previous district administrator), debt service is paid in full / the district is out of debt. A summary of the 2014-15 budget was highlighted: Revenues: the distribution of equalized values throughout the district, 2014-15 budget highlights including revenues for equalized aid decrease, open enrollment transfer due to the increase of students enrolling out of the district, no cost-sharing with Weyauwega-Fremont School District, revenue limit exemption for Energy Conservation purposes, per student state aid increase by \$75 per student. Expenditure highlights: new staff, a 1.46% increase for support staff and administrators, decrease in Wis. Retirement starting Jan. 1, 2015, self supporting food service program, maintaining existing program budgets, reduction in energy costs and energy conservation projects. A 13-year review of enrollment, and open enrollment was presented. The Community Service Fund for the STEP Program and Middle School Athletics, and the proposed tax levy of \$3,080,060. A history of the district's tax rate (mill rate) was presented, as well as OPEB review (post employment benefits). Other items included in the budget are additional cameras for the security system, evaluation of district technology needs, and focusing on financial efficiencies to maintain the positive financial momentum.

The following resolutions were acted upon:

Move by Jim Quinn / Scott Rice to approve the tax levy of \$3,040,060 for the purpose of defraying the operation and maintenance of the public schools for the year 2014-2015, and \$40,000 for Community Service with a combined total of \$3,080,060. Motion carried.

Move by Russ Johnson / Jim Quinn to approve the Board member salaries: President \$1500/year, Vice-President \$1500/year, Clerk \$1500/year, Treasurer \$0/year, Directors \$1,200/year and payment of \$50/day when traveling outside the district to attend meetings, workshops, etc., in the performance of his/her duties. Motion carried.

Move by Scott Rice / Charles Hebert to furnish free textbooks for use in the school system and to establish a penalty for unusual and unreasonable wear according to rules that may be established by said Board. (Section 120.10 (15) of Wisconsin State Statutes). Motion carried.

Move by Russ Hollman / Scott Rice to furnish hot lunches and milk to any and all students of said District at such places and times and at such cost as shall be set by said School Board, and the School Board is hereby authorized to pay any deficiency which may result from said lunch program (Section 120.10 (16) Wisconsin Statutes). Motion carried.

Move by Jim Quinn / Russ Hollman that the electors of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin sell any property belonging to and not needed by said District for school purposes. Be it further resolved that the conduct of sale of such property be determined by said Board of Education (Section 120.10 (12) Wisconsin). Motion carried.

Move by Scott Rice / Hélène Pohl that the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, is directed to provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the District is interested for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

Move by Jim Quinn / Charles Hebert that the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, may provide for accident insurance covering pupils in the District and that the cost and expenditures for said insurance is hereby authorized (Section 20.13 (2a) Wisconsin Statutes). Motion carried.

Move by Scott Rice / David Strebe that the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, set the date for the 2015 Annual Meeting to Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. or upon conclusion of the regular Board of Education Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015. Motion carried.

Move by Russ Hollman/Carl Artz to adjourn at 9:34 pm. Motion carried.