

Minutes of the Manawa School District Board of Education Meeting April 25, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Nolan at 6:30pm in the MES Library. Present from the Board: Zielke, Artz, Nolan, Sturm, Strebe, Karski. Absent: Kreklow.

Move by Sturm/Artz to nominate Dan Nolan for Board President. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Karski to nominate Kurt Kreklow as Board Vice President. Motion carried.

Move by Zielke/Artz to nominate Paul Sturm as Board Treasurer. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to nominate Corinne Zielke as Board Clerk. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Karski to nominate Paul Sturm for the AFSCME negotiation committee. Motion carried.

David Strebe appointed by President Nolan as CESA 6 Delegate for 2011-2012 school year.

Board vacancies on Transportation Committee, Athletic Complex Committee, Finance Committee and WASBE Delegate were not filled at this time, pending more information.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to approve the Consent to Agenda items: Minutes of the March 21 and April 6, 2011 Board Meetings, Payment of Bills (\$661,472.80), Cash Receipts (\$1,503,287.77), Retirement notices from Julaine Botting (HS Secretary) and Teri Rae Suehs (Elementary Teacher), Resignation of Troy White (HS Principal) and Donations from Monsanto Fund, Sell Chiropractic, Ervin D. Lemke, PTO and MES Box Tops & Milk Caps programs. Motion carried.

Paul Kons, Town of St. Lawrence, addressed the Board thanking everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education for the past six years.

Marie Gorman, Town of Little Wolf, addressed the Board, urging them to retain the SAGE Program currently in place at MES.

Tori Wepner, Township of Lebanon, addressed the Board, also in support of retaining the SAGE Program in the 2011/2012 school year.

Families of Dorothy Bauer and Henry Lehman expressed their thanks for condolences during the passing of their family member.

Water quality report shared with the Board shows all water to be in compliance with WI Department of Natural Resources Guidelines.

Ross Fuller, Commercial Real Estate Advisor with Grubb & Ellis Pfefferle, provided the Board with recommendations for the former Elementary School Building located on the corner of 4th Street and Beech Street. His recommendation is to list the building for sale, followed by listing it at auction and if no activity, demolish the building. Administrator Braun also reports that he is investigating costs to demolish the building, but did not share specific dollar amounts with the Board.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to address the status of the former Elementary Building as an action item at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Dates for the Board retreat TBD. All Board Members are asked to send proposed dates as well as topics they would like on the agenda to Duane Braun.

Co-curricular coaches for 2011-2012 presented to the Board for review. The Board will consider approval at the May meeting.

After some discussion, a decision regarding the action item for Administrative Re-organization was moved down on the Agenda, pending the arrival of Financial Director Brian Adesso.

Principal White presented the Board with a recap of the April 13, 2011 In-service. Topics included: WKCE Overview, Strategies for Reading Strategies, Common Core Standards Discussions pertaining to Math, English and Language Arts at the various grade levels. Additional data was presented for testing using the STAR testing software. A sample report was shared with the Board. Current plan for testing beginning 2011-2012: K-7 STAR testing, 8-9 Explore Testing, 10 ACT.

WKCE Testing Results showed that every test, with the exception of 10th Grade, met the District's Goal for AYP growth. Grades 3-9 exceeded State Average for Proficiency in Reading. Math scores showed growth from 2009 however, our district was behind the state average in grades 4, 5, 6. Language Arts results were above state average for grades 4 and 10 and below state average for 8th grade. Science and Social studies results were above the state average for all grades tested.

Current enrollment for 4K is at 28, yet we expect 35 due to phone calls. 5K registration is currently at 55.

Move by Karski/Artz to approve to the use of MES for Hunter's Education by the DNR on August 1-6, 2011. Motion carried.

Technology Committee minutes were reviewed, noting that VOIP and One to One Initiative have been placed on hold due to lack of funding with the new State Budget. Committee also reviewed and updated Electronic Communication Device Policy, Electronic Communication Device Agreement, Computer Acceptable Use and Computer Use Guidelines/Parent Permission Policies. Mr. Braun also reports that since the

meeting, he secured an estimate for \$7,500 from Manawa Telephone Company to move the switching devices from the old Elementary to the High School building.

Move by Nolan/Sturm to discontinue the SAGE Program beginning with the 2011-2012 School Year. Motion Carried.

No discussion took place relating to 4K program, Phoenix Program, Guidance, Psychologist or Program Aides, as discussion may infringe on privacy of personnel currently in those positions.

Information provided on the Butternut property and rental monies currently being received for this property on an annual basis. Discussion took place regarding possibly listing this property for sale to help offset current budget shortfalls. At this time, the district does not incur expenses relating to this property.

High School Gymnasium floor will be repaired this summer. It will be sanded and repainted. The roof will also be repaired to eliminate future leaks. These repairs will be coordinated with HVAC units being replaced.

Terry Johnson with the Manawa Youth Sports Association brought a proposal to the Board requesting permission to make alterations to the existing pavilion area to allow for additional storage, add an additional playing field directly behind the existing field, and build a batting cage alongside the existing field. All of the expenses related to these improvements would be covered by MYSA.

Move by Strebe/Karski to bring to the May meeting as an Action Item for the Board.

Principal White presented Friday Night Lights, highlighting Jump Rope for Heart, Forensics, Robotics, Art Team and FFA Speaking Contest. Updates on the whereabouts of some past graduates enjoying success beyond LWHS were shared. Junior High students enjoyed Spring Fling week earlier in the month.

Finance Manager Adesso addressed a need for a New Fund Balance Policy by June 30, 2011 relating to GASB 54, which will classify the fund balance from the perspective of the underlying resources within the fund balance.

Move by Nolan/Karski to approve the Administrator's recommendation to post job openings for HS Principal and ES Principal for 2011-2012 School Year. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Zielke to approve the 2011-12 Budget Cut Recommendations including: Salary changes of \$106,805, HVAC item out of 2010-2011 budget \$150,000, Education Jobs Funds \$145,129, State Trust Fund Payment \$64,062, Teacher Retirement \$99,115, Shared Business Manager \$35,000, WRS Employee Contribution \$200,000, Elimination of SAGE Program (\$48,064), Title 1 Teacher \$61,688, Special Ed Director from CESA6 \$3,183, Special Education Teacher (1 FTE) \$62,000, Bus Route Elimination \$20,000, Support Staff \$20,000 for a total savings of \$918,918. When offset by additional

(\$35,760) needed for Elementary Principal, total savings realized of \$883,158. Total deficit stands at \$870,146, leaving a net gain of \$13,012 for 2011-2012 school year with the understanding that the WRS Employee Contribution is still pending approval with the government. Motion carried.

Move by Zielke/Strebe to approve the School Acceptance Form for Joey Borisch to be an Exchange Student at LWHS during the 2011-2012 School Year. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Artz to approve the CESA6 Pupil Services contract for the 2011-2012 School Year in the amount of \$61,057. Motion carried.

Discussion of Fund 80 Expenses included Exercise Classes, STEP Program, Middle School Sports and Police Liaison Officer.

Monthly Reports: HS Principal reported on WKCE insights, current scheduling issues, Senior Awards Banquet on May 15, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the LWHS as well as Spring Concern announcements.

District Administrator's Report: Waupaca Country Charter School open house is taking place in early May. Mr. Braun also shared an article regarding the uncertainty of Wisconsin Act 10.

Next Meeting Dates: May 17, 2011 – 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting
June 21, 2011 – 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting

Move by Strebe/Artz at 9:53 pm to adjourn and reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g) and 118.22, Wis. Stats. For the Purposes of: Discussion the Employment Status and Performance Evaluation of Employees in which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercised Responsibility 1)MEA Negotiations 2) Preliminary Teacher Layoffs for 2011-2012 3) Administrative Contract Renewal for 2011-2012 4) Continuing Employee Status of Professional Staff Member Over Which the Board Exercises Jurisdiction. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote. Absent: Kreklow.

Move by Zielke/Strebe at 12:10 am to reconvene in Open Session. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote. Absent: Kreklow.

Move by Zielke/Karski to approve preliminary layoff notices to Tracey Breaker, Aimee Lusic, Kim Greunke, Val Pari and Becky Stormoen for 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

No action taken on Administrative Contract Renewal for District Administrator Duane Braun for 2011-2012.

Move by Sturm/Artz at 12:12am to adjourn. Motion carried.

Corinne Zielke, Clerk