

Minutes of the Manawa Board of Education Meeting, August 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Kreklow. Present from the Board: Kreklow, Artz, Strebe, Zielke and Karski. Absent: Sturm. Present from the Administration: Mr. Braun, Ms. Yeska, Mr. Adesso and Mr. Dombrowski.

Current Board Vacancy Candidates for the City of Manawa were interviewed to fill the current open seat until the next election in April 2012. Process was openly read for all meeting attendees to hear. First Candidate Stephanie Flynn: 231 Union Street Manawa. Second Candidate Keith Hetzel, 255 Howard Street. By a vote of 3-2, Stephanie Flynn was appointed.

Move by Karski/Artz to approve the Consent Agenda items: Minutes from July 25, 2011 and July 28, 2011 Board Meetings and Minutes of August 2011 Finance Committee Meeting; Expenditures of \$245,879.88; Receipts of \$138,822.74; Donation of \$200 to the Athletic Program from Dr. Steven Goedderz; Resignation from John Barthuly Jr., Social Studies Teacher. Motion carried Sturm Absent.

Keith Hetzel of Manawa addressed the Board with regard to communications he's received recently with regard to Superintendent Dombrowski and his qualifications for the position.

Move by Strebe/Artz to approve one-year District Administrator/Director of Transportation Contract for 2011-2012 school year with a one-year extension option for 2012-2013 school year to Ed Dombrowski in the amount of \$94,000 prorated to start August 15, 2011. Motion carried Sturm Absent.

Move by Karski/Zielke to approve layoff of one Library Aide position for 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried 5-1. Strebe voting nay - Sturm Absent.

Bus inspection has been completed with Officer Murphy from the Department of Transportation. Two minor "dings" reported – hanger bracket on an exhaust system and a bulb on a stop sign were identified as needing repairs.

Move by Karski/Strebe to approve the first reading of the 2011-2012 Employee Handbook as recommended by the Negotiations Committee pursuant to their meeting of August 11, 2011. Motion carried 5-1. Zielke voting nay - Sturm Absent.

Move by Strebe/Kreklow to approve preliminary budget for 2011-2012: Total Revenues \$8,386,320; Total Expenses \$8,385,457. Motion carried - Sturm Absent.

OPEB End-of-Year Review presented by Business Manager Adesso. Currently earning about 19.5% against a target of 6.5%.

Debbie Martin will be filling our part-time position as Speech Pathologist on an hourly agreement until a full-time replacement can be found. No other applications have been received to date for that position.

The District received 22 applications for the Social Studies Teacher vacancy. Interviews will begin this week.

Inservice/Staff Development schedule for back-to-school was presented: New Teacher Orientation August 29, 2011 at Elementary School from 8:00 am to 11 am; Staff Development from 7:30 am to 3:30

pm at Little Wolf Junior/Senior High School; Staff Development from 7:30 am to 11:45 am at Elementary School. District Open House 1 pm to 3:30 pm at both schools.

Kindergarten Registration Update: 4K = 40; 5K = 56.

Facilities Updates: Three projects in progress: AC unit is undergoing repairs at MES. Crack filling to MES and LWHS in process. Air handlers and gym floor project has been completed at LWHS.

Elementary Principal's Report: Ms. Yeska reports she's working to get to know staff and facilitating training for promethean boards, as well as new schedules for the new school year.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Braun reports that teachers are filtering back into the building. Football and volleyball practice has started. Summer cleaning is nearing completion.

District Administrator's Report: Mr. Braun reports he's working on transitioning open items to Mr. Dombrowski. Bus driver's meeting is Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from 9 am. PBIS/RtI meeting took place and district is ready to begin implementing RtI. Mr. Dombrowski has been spending time getting to know the community and is working on planning projects. He reminds everyone that his door is always open.

Board Input: Welcomes were extended to new Board Member Stephanie Flynn as well as our new administrators, Megan Yeska and Ed Dombrowski. Ms. Zielke informed the community that the Board is hearing their concerns with regard to higher than in the past class sizes in the Fourth Grade. Ms. Yeska reported that she's had conversations with the parents and is working on a resolution. Mr. Kreklow is looking forward to moving ahead with the new school year after a long summer and thanks Mr. Braun for his service as District Administrator and wishes him continued success at the High School.

Next Meeting Date: September 19, 2011, 6:30 pm in the Board Room at the Elementary School.

Move by Karski/Zielke at 7:20 pm for the Board of Education to Adjourn and Reconvene in Executive Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c) for the Purposes of: Discussing the Employment Performance and Evaluation of Current and Past Employees Over Which The Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility 1) Consideration of Athletic Contract. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote 6-0. Sturm Absent.

Move by Strebe/Flynn to adjourn and reconvene in open session at 8:13 pm. Motion carried 6-0 by Roll Call Vote. Absent: Sturm.

Move by Artz/Karski to Approve Coaching Appointment for Andrew 2011-2012 school year pending a revised application form. Motion carried - Sturm Absent.

Move by Karski/Strebe to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried - Sturm Absent.

Corinne Zielke, Board Clerk