

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting – December 20, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Nolan at 6:30pm in the MES Library. Present from the Board: Artz, Kreklow, Sturm, Nolan, Kons, Zielke. Absent: Welch.
President Nolan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Move by Kons/Sturm to approve the Consent to Agenda Items as presented in the Board packets. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Christmas card received from bus drivers, thank you for funeral flowers from family of Phyllis Smith (mother of Dennis Smith) and Food Pantry thanking district for 325 items donated. District is sending a thank you at the request of Mr. Peterson to Hobart Welding Company for donation of shop supplies. A donation of \$614 was received from Manawa FFA, \$117 from United Way of New London and red oak and red pine valued at \$1,605 from Zabel Saw Mill for use in Woods classes. A letter will be sent to the MEA on behalf of the BOA regarding their cooperation, commitment and concern from them during the recent ratification of the MEA contract.

Mileage reimbursement will be increased to \$0.51/mile per IRS regulation as of Jan. 1, 2011. Sturm Foundation funds were used to purchase a number of items for our fine arts programs. Auditor's report was received and no issues were identified that would require immediate assistance.

STEP program report prepared by Mrs. Lord reviewed, noting assistance the volunteers have been providing.

Move by Sturm/Kons to approve the Joint Agreement Between Manawa and Weyauwega-Fremont School District as to Business Manager's Position 66.0301 Agreement. Motion carried 6-0. Welch absent. Agreement states that the two districts will share the Business Manager's salary and benefit costs as follows: Manawa 50% and Weyauwega 50% with Manawa designated as the fiscal agent for purposes of the Agreement.

Move by Kons/Sturm to adopt Resolution for Shared services with the Weyauwega-Fremont School District. Motion carried.

Information was presented regarding current status of State Trust Fund Payoff. \$400,000 has been budgeted in the 2010/2011 school year for this purpose. At present, \$614,968 is still owed at a rate of 5.25%.

District Administrator Braun presented a report on the state of the HVAC System and the air handler units on the Junior/Senior High School building. Presently one of the two units on the Gymnasium is fully operational. Various bids were presented for review with a variety of options (maintenance vs replacement, etc). Mr. Braun will continue to investigate our options. Staff Development Report: December 8 In-Service focused on Common Core Standards with staff being split into two groups focusing on content relevant to teachers' curriculum (Math and Math Practices). Next Common Core focus will be English and Language Arts. WASB

Resolutions for January Discussion were distributed. Dan Nolen and Duane Braun have confirmed they will be attending the WASB Convention in January with Paul Sturm tentatively attending.

Move by Kreklow/Artz to approve Policy 523.11 Bus Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing. Motion Carried.

Move by Kreklow/Zielke to approve Policy 523.11-Rule Bus Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing Procedures. Motion carried.

Move by Kons/Kreklow to approve Policy 523.11-Exhibit Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Bus Driver Alcohol. Motion carried.

All WKCE test score sheets have been boxed up and sent on for evaluation.

Mr. Braun presented minutes from the December Technology Committee Meeting. District is currently not ready for One-to-One Initiative yet, but is looking into school-wide and district-wide wireless internet access. Tom Squires from Manawa Telephone Company was present for this discussion. District has also met with other providers on same topic. The topic of using a VOIP System to replace existing phone system was discussed. Deadline for filing E-Rate application is the end of February. E-Rate reduces the District's cost for these services. Mr. Braun updated the Board on his efforts in looking for options for the old Elementary School. A written opinion from Grubb & Ellis was shared with the Board.

A report was shared regarding the state of the Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium Floor. Problems have been identified with the finish peeling and estimates for repair have been acquired.

MacNeil Environmental Report was shared with the Board. This is an Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Management Program. Report has been shared with the staff so changes can be made to ensure that our schools are the safest they can be. Principal White shared his Friday Night Lights report. Highlights: Food Pantry competition between the grades, resulting in nearly 600 items at the Jr/Sr High School. Board President Nolan spoke to Mrs. Cordes' employability skills class about the world of work on November 19th.

Mrs. Reynolds invited the Board to partake in the Elementary Holiday Concerts. WKCE test materials have been shipped. Mr. White also discussed recent Holiday Concerts at the High School building. He also applauded his staff for their extra effort in working with students who may be struggling with coursework, both in class and during study halls. District Administrator Braun reports that one staff member has requested extended medical leave.

Next meeting date: January 17, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting at Elementary School Library

Move by Sturm/Kons at 8:04 pm to Adjourn and Reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c),(f) Wis. Stats., for the Purposes of: 1) Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility (Administrator Evaluations) and 2) Staff Changes for 2011-2012 and 3) Discussion Concerning Support Staff Layoffs and 4) MEA Negotiations. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote. Welch absent.

Move by Kons/Kreklow to adjourn and reconvene in open session at 9:49 pm. Motion carried. Welch absent.

Move by Sturm/Kreklow to approve the layoff of two (2) support staff members. Motion carried. Layoff notice will be delivered by District Administrator Braun 15 work days prior to effective date.

Move by Kons/Sturm to adjourn at 9:51 pm. Motion carried.

Corinne Zielke, Clerk