

## Minutes of the Manawa School District Board of Education Meeting February 24, 2011

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

**Move by** Sturm/Kons to approve the Consent to Agenda items: Minutes of the January 17, Board Meeting and Payment of Bills (\$562,900.82), Cash Receipts (\$1,365,173.43) and Financial Report. Motion carried.

Betsy Huegel has provided notification of her intent to retire at the conclusion of the 2010/2011 School year.

**Move by** Welch/Artz to approve Service Contract for CESA5 for 2011/2012 school year.

Business Manager Adesso shared information regarding the payment the District will make on 3/15/11 on the State Trust Fund Loan to reduce District debt in the amount of \$614,967.63.

**Move by** Sturm/Kons to approve the resolution authorizing a loan in the amount of \$85,032.91 for The Purpose of Purchase of HVAC Units on the LWHS. Motion carried 7-0.

School bus overview was provided by Administrator Braun updating the Board on the current buses in service and current mileage for each. Bus #11 is now out of commission with a blown engine.

**Move by** Kons/Sturm to approve the proposed agreement with Cap Services Fresh Start for one Junior and two Seniors to attend the section 118.15 (B) or (C) Program designed to meet the requirements for high school graduation. Motion carried 7-0.

**Move by** Sturm/Kons to approve the Adjustment to Business Manager's Contract for 2010/2011 to include a term of March 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 to \$94,000 salary (prorated for 3/1/2011 thru 6/30/2011) and subject to a single one year extension to cover the 2012/2013 school year. Contract was also updated to reflect shared agreement with Weyauwega-Fremont School District and a termination clause allowing Mr. Adesso to return to current Manawa contract should the joint agreement be terminated. Motion carried 7-0.

**Move by** Kons/Sturm - to approve the Teacher Contracts for 2011/2012 while considering the Memorandum of Understanding with the MEA which current contractual deadlines for preliminary layoff notices shall be – removing Betsy Huegel from the list and including a provisional contract for Tracey Breaker should her current grievance result in a contract being required. Motion carried.

Update regarding current job openings: 3 resumes received for Director of Pupil Services, 34 for Elementary School Principal and 4 applicants with both qualifications for a total of 41 applicants.

**Move by** Kreklow/Artz to approve new HS course descriptions for 2011/2012 school year which include: Psychology, Financial Literacy, Government, Do-it-Yourself Green Living, Web 2.0 & Emerging Technologies, and Personal Fitness 101.

Principal White presented the Board with an update on the February 17th In-Service progress, which included an emphasis on Common Core Standards and mathematics. Future In-Service will focus on English and Language Arts.

**Move by** Sturm/Zielke to approve the continuation of the District's participation in the Wisconsin Community Forest program and the designation of the Manawa School Forest land. Motion carried.

Information was shared with regard to MAPPS testing for K-6 instruction, Explore test for 8-9, followed by Plan testing at grade 10 and finishing with ACT test at grade 11 to allow for tracking student progress throughout the testing process. Administration is still investigating options for 7th grade. All test on the WI Common Core Standards.

Facilities updates included:

- Review of the Safety Meeting Minutes from 2/1/11,
- MacNeil Environmental Report Update, which is an annual inspection,
- Review of Actuators at MES (air controllers) indicated the need to update aging equipment. A quote was presented in the amount of \$10,466 for this job, should the District decide to pursue. Referendum funds would be used to cover this expense.
- Status of closed Elementary School building reviewed: 1) Do nothing 2) List for Sale 3) Tear Down 4) Re-open

Attendance at 2/17 and 2/18 Parent-Teacher Conferences showed 91% overall participation at MES and 25% participation at LWHS.

Friday Night Lights highlights included: Mr. Isham and Mrs. Hanson's Geometry classing concluding a chapter on Properties of Triangles with an activity coordinated by Mrs. Koller in her lab. Great example of CCSS!

**Principal's Reports:** E.S. Principal reported on his observations on the new K-3 Math Expressions curriculum District is using. Purchase of Special Education services from CESA6 has been going well and District is efficiently and effectively moving through current audit of this program. H.S. Principal reported discussion has begun in regard to a possible co-op with our wrestling program, Sandy Cordes is investigating a start up of a school store utilizing funds awarded through American Farmers Grow Communities, 8th Grade Recognition will take place on June 1, 2011 at 2pm.

**Administrator's Report** included comments regarding the status of the gymnasium floor at LWHS following a problem with a leaking roof which caused floor boards to become warped and possible solutions for repairing this. Mr. Braun also spoke to the current events pertaining to school finance and sessions he recently attended at the WASB 2011 Convention in January.

Next Meeting Date: March 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting in the MES Library

**Move by** Sturm/Kons to Adjourn and Reconvene in Closed Session at 8:04pm Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c)(f) Wis. Stats., for the Purpose of: 1)Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility (Personnel Issue, Preliminary Teacher Layoffs for 2011-2012, Administrative Contract Renewals for 2011-2012 and Negotiations). Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote.

**Move by** Kons/Kreklow at 9:48 pm to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Move by** Sturm/Kons to adjourn at 9:48 pm. Motion carried.

Corinne Zielke, Clerk