

Minutes of the Manawa Board of Education Meeting – July 25, 2011

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

Move by Sturm/Strebe to name Kurt Kreklow as Board President. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Artz to name Carl Artz as Board Vice-President. Motion carried.

District Administrator Braun read for the Board the Procedures to Fill the Board Vacancy created by the recent passing of Board member Dan Nolan. This opening will be posted until August 15, 2011 at which time the Board will act on filling this vacancy.

Move by Sturm/Artz to approve the Consent to Agenda items: Minutes from June 21 and July 12, 19 and 20, 2011; Expenditures of \$650,335.61; Revenues of \$281,405.83; Donation of \$1,000 from A. Sturm & Sons Foundation for band, chorus, drama, forensics, arts, and libraries of the district schools; Resignations from Stacey White, Kindergarten teacher and Marion Brown, Aide. Motion carried.

Manawa Police Chief Dave Walker addressed the Board urging them to renew the contract for the Police-School Liaison Officer for 2011-2012 school year.

Brenda Freeman, Assistant District Attorney from Waupaca County, addressed the Board urging them to renew the Police-School Liaison Officer for 2011-2012 school year, citing protections of liability as one reason to continue.

Marie Gorman of Manawa, addressed the Board with regard to the time that school begins and the time that children are arriving at school (7:30am) and waiting for school to begin in the cafeteria until school begins. She also expressed concerns with regard to the tables being cleaned prior to lunch.

Holly Thontlin, 145 Wells Street, Manawa shared concerns she has with the proposed class sizes for the 4th grade for the 2011-2012 school year.

Stephanie Flynn, 231 Union Street Manawa has concerns about the class sizes for the incoming 4th grade class for the 2011-2012 school year and is asking the Board to consider adding an additional classroom teacher.

Thank you was received from the family of Dan Nolan, former Board President, for condolences sent with Dan's passing.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to not approve the Police School Liaison Officer Agreement for 2011-2012. Motion carried 6-0.

As of July 1, 2011, the IRS mileage reimbursement amount takes effect at the reimbursement rate of 55.5 cents per mile.

Once candidate has expressed interest in the current vacancy the District has for a Speech Therapist.

Move by Zielke/Karski to reinstate Becky Stormoen as 4K teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

Current enrollment for 4K: 34 and 5K: 58.

No action taken on the approval of the Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook. This item will be approved at a future meeting date, pending Board-requested changes.

Move by Zielke/Artz to approve the MES Student Handbook for 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

Move by Artz/Karski to approve the co-curricular handbook with edit to page 9, paragraph 1, first bullet point being removed and “theft” added to current second bullet point. Motion carried.

Facilities Updates: MES School Day will begin at 8am and conclude at 3 pm. Jr/Sr HS will begin at 8am and end at 3:05 pm. Options are being investigated with regard to the current “pit” in the band room. Eight MES classrooms currently have promethean boards installed. Administration is proposing installing 10 additional for 2011-2012 (9 for MES and 1 for HS) at a cost of \$18,010.84. High School HVAC and Gym floor repairs have been completed. An interested party visited the old MES building considering a possible lease should they deem it suits their needs. Repairs are being made to the blacktop at the MES building.

Move by Karski/Strebe to approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2011-2012 School Year as follows: 7/25/11, 8/15/11, 9/19/11, 10/24/11, 11/21/11, 12/19/11, 1/16/12, 2/20/12, 3/19/12, 4/23/12, 5/21/12, 6/18/12, 7/16/12. Motion carried.

Principal’s Reports: RtI meeting scheduled for August 2nd – district-wide. Co-curricular coaching assignments were shared with contracts pending the dissemination of the new employee handbook, which is forthcoming.

District Administrator Report: Employee handbook will be completed very soon. Bus maintenance is underway. Summer maintenance is going well. Mr. Braun also commended the Manawa Youth Sports Association and parents for their work on building the additional baseball field across from the Elementary School.

Next Regular Board Meeting August 15, 2011.

Move by Karski/Sturm to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

Corinne Zielke, Clerk