

Minutes of the Manawa School District Board of Education Meeting March 21, 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 February 21, 2011, Board Meeting and Payment of Bills (\$625,272.35), Cash Receipts (\$1,444,170.16) and Financial Report. Mr. Braun also reports an official retirement notification has been received from Julaine Botting, which will appear on the April agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: President Nolan reminded the public of the rules for public input. Community members spoke to the Board regarding the recent incident at the LWHS involving a rifle barrel: those that spoke included Mary Griffin, Town of Little Wolf; Eric Boutwell, LWHS Student; Brenda Thyssen, New London; Tammy Mitchell, Manawa; Tammy Drath, Manawa; Eugene Mattke, Manawa; Jeanne Gehrke, Manawa; Joe Starr, Town of Little Wolf.

Correspondence: Thank you notes shared from Chris Hanson and from the family of Don Carew for sympathies and plants sent by district.

Move by Kons/Artz to approve open enrollment applications for 2011/2012 School Year. Motion carried.

Move by Sturm/Kons to approve Youth Options and KSCADE Courses for Fall 2011/2012. Motion Carried.

Move by Kreklow/Zielke to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with a Memorandum of Understanding with MEA Regarding Notice of Retirement Deadline Change from March 15 to April 15 due to the current uncertainty in Madison. Motion carried.

Administrator Braun presented a projected deficit of \$870,146 for the 2011/2012 school year due to funding changes, along with a summary of proposed expense cuts totaling \$935,374, leaving the district with a net gain of \$65,228. Of note: The Literacy Coach position will be eliminated and the current teacher in that position will backfill for a retirement. Mr. Braun also presented teacher/student ratios with and without the SAGE program and asks the Board to review as this will be an agenda item in April's meeting. Business Manager Brian Adesso presented 3 options for Administration changes with regard to filling our Elementary Principal, as well as the Special Education Director. Proposed staff reductions include: Title *****1 Teacher, Special Ed Teacher, .375 Social Studies position, SAGE Positions and Elementary Special Education Director. At this time, Collective Bargaining savings cannot be considered until the State resolves that situation. For 2012/2013, Mr. Adesso anticipates approximately another \$700,000 budget shortfall.

Spring coaching assignments presented: Jackie Hanson-Varsity Softball, Joe Isham-JV Softball, Jill Seka-Head Track, Dawn Millard & Nate Ziemer-Jr. High Track, Tim Schuelke – Co-Ed Golf, Carey Celske-Varsity Baseball, Jeremy Dunnihoo-JV Baseball.

With resignation of Betsy Huegel, the District will be posting the position to replace.

Kindergarten registration update: Currently at 28 for 4K and 55 for 5K for 2011/2012 school year.

First reading of Policy 345.3 – Graduation Requirements. Social Studies credits will be split into four offerings, compared to three current. Second change reduces graduation requires with regard to Electives, reducing requirement to 25 overall credits (11 elective) for Class of 2013 and 24 total credits (10 elective) for Class of 2014.

Friday Night Lights highlights included: recent accomplishments by Mrs. Huettener and Mr. Roenz as well as congratulations to students who participated in Forensics and Music Festival. A full report was shared in the Board Packet.

Principal's Reports: Mr. White has been completing classroom walk throughs and making notes in his GoogleDocs tracking. He also presented a detailed overview of the proposed Lunch2Learn program which will give the students more opportunity to interact with the teachers they need to interact with for additional coursework assistance. All study halls would take place concurrently during the 5th period. He feels this will increase test scores, give teachers/students more face time, address lunch issues and bussing issues. E.S. Principal reported on Jump Rope for Heart raised \$3,606 at MES, \$10,304.50 collected (profit \$4,121.40 to be distributed evenly among classes). PTO will be sponsoring family moving night at 6:30pm in the Gymnasium on Friday, March 25, 2011.

Next Meeting Dates: April 6, 2011 at 2:00 pm Canvass Referendum & Board Election Returns at 2pm and April 25, 2011 at 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting & Board Reorganization in the MES Library.

Move by Sturm/Kons to Adjourn and Reconvene in Closed Session at 7:35 pm Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g) Wis. Stats., for the Purpose of: (1)Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility 1) Employee Investigation and Hearing with Legal Council and 2) Administrator Contracts for 2011/2012. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote.

Move by Sturm/Artz at 11:29 pm to adjourn. Motion carried by roll call vote.