

Minutes of the Manawa Board of Education Meeting, July 16, 2012

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

Verification of meeting publication confirmed by Clerk Zielke.

Move by Strebe/Karski to Approve Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of June 18 and 22, 2012 Board Meetings, Expenditures of \$711,302.14 and cash receipts of \$1,617,297.39; Resignations from: Ellen Celske, Spanish Teacher and Sandra Porter, Librarian. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.

Public Comments: David Augustine, Town of Manawa, spoke to the Board regarding Civil Rights with regard to coaches in the District. He also spoke of his previous commitments to both the District as well as the City of Manawa. Tom Langman, Town of Manawa, addressed the Board with regard to his football coaching contract being offered as a volunteer contract and his intent at this time is to not continue coaching. He thanked the District for the years of opportunity he has been given and thoroughly enjoyed those years.

Correspondence: A thank-you was received from the family of Irene Simonis for a plant received at her passing.

Administrative Reports:

- ES Principal: Mrs. Megan Yeska shared feedback on a recent survey that was conducted with regard to a possible after-school program. Approximately half of the responses indicated interest at some level. Five MES teachers (Jodi Alix, Ann Romberg, Janet Huebner, Corrie Ziemer, and Lori Miller) will be participating in an Autism Academy this school year. The search for a 50% FTE Curriculum Interventionist is still underway. Application deadline for open Special Education position was July 9th and the interview team has begun the hiring process. Board Members received a copy to of the MES Staff Handbook for 2012-2013 for review.
- HS Principal: Clarification provided by Principal Braun with regard to the number of credits listed in Policy 345.3 Graduation Requirement. Mr. Braun also introduced new faculty who are pending Board Approval for 2012-2013 teaching contracts: Mr. Patrick Collins (Tech Ed.), Mr. Daniel Koehler (HS Math) and Molly Suehs (ES Music Teacher). Interviewing will be underway beginning on 7/18 for the open Spanish teacher position. The LWHS Faculty Handbook was also shared with the Board. Mrs. Flynn inquired as to how the amount of the student fees is determined. The District still has an opening for a HS Physical Education teacher.
- District Administrator: The Administrators did not receive salary increases for this year and Mr. Dombrowski would like the Board to consider equity increases. Mr. Dowbrowski will soon be appointed to the Sturm Memorial Library Board.

Included in the Board Packet are the DPI School Calendar and Transportation Reports for 2011-2012: 180 student days completed with no snow days.

Board Comments: Mr. Paul Sturm shared with the rest of the Board the result of his further research from the June meeting with regard to teacher's insurance benefits and the duration of those benefits when a resignation/retirement occurs prior to August 31st. He also addressed concerns that were raised by Mrs. Huebner with regard to the class sizes of the 4th Grade during the 2011-2012 school year and how the District chose to spend available funds on other District Goals and that it did not include a 3rd teacher for that grade level. He shared his further research with regard to the WKCE testing results vs STAR testing results and the need for our District to make objective database decisions for individual students. His final comment was to address faculty concerns being brought via email to Board Members and expected results. He reminded everyone in attendance the process for bringing concerns to Open Session Board Meetings and/or Committee Meetings. He asked that faculty bring concerns first to the Building Principal. If unsatisfactory result, speak to the District Administrator. The School Board is the final stage of escalation if no resolution has been reached with the District Administrator. He closed with a recommendation that the District create a "Board" email address to publish on the District's website.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Move by** Sturm/Zielke to approve Fund 10 Balance Allocations of \$300,000 into the Committed Accounts, allocating \$23,439 into Insurance Account #937920 and \$276,561 into Capital Expenditures Account #937910, in line with GASB 54. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.

New Business

- a. **Move by** Flynn/Strebe to Approve the MAC Committee's request for a Fireworks demonstration at the conclusion of the September 14th Football Game pending all necessary permits and insurance being secured. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- b. **Move by** Karski/Sturm to Approve 2011-2012 Fund 73 Payment in the Amount of \$447,000. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- c. **Move by** Strebe/Karski to Approve Tech Ed. Teacher contract in the amount of \$31,099 for Daniel Koehler for 2012-2013. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- d. **Move by** Flynn/Zielke to Approve HS Math Teacher Contract in the amount of \$31,099 for Patrick Collins for 2012-2013. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- e. **Move by** Karski/Flynn to Approve Music Teacher Contract in the amount of \$38,000 for Molly Suehs for 2012-2013. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- f. **Move by** Sturm/Strebe to Approve Fall Sports and Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2012-2013. Motion defeated 2-4. Voting nay: Karski, Artz, Flynn and Zielke. Kreklow absent.

- g. Board received 1st Reading of Student Handbooks for 2012-2013 for MES and LWHS.
 - i. Board asked Administration to post these materials to the district website rather than emailing in the future to ensure all Board Members are able to review prior to the meeting.
- h. Board received 1st Reading of Athletic Handbook for 2012-2013.
- i. **Move by** Karski/Sturm to Approve Student Fees for 2012-2013 as noted in the Board Packet (listed in the Board Packet). Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- j. **Move by** Karski/Flynn to table approval of CESA #6 Agreement for 2012-2013. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- k. **Move by** Zielke/Sturm to Approve 66.0301 Agreement with Shiocton School District for Shared Psychologist for 2012-2013. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- l. **Move by** Karski/Sturm to Approve Appointment for Mike Breen, Psychologist for 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.
- m. **No action taken** District Office Clerk Hourly Increase \$1.00/hour. For discussion only. Referred to Policy & Personnel Committee.
- n. **No action taken** on approval of the hiring of a Librarian through CESA #6 for 18 hours/month for 2012-2013. Referred to Policy & Personnel Committee.
- o. **Move by** Sturm/Karski to untable the approval of the CESA #6 contract. Motion carried 6-0.
- p. **Move by** Karski/Sturm to Approve CESA #6 contract with the exclusion of the Media Services portion. Motion carried 5-1. Voting Nay Strebe. Kreklow absent.

Move by Strebe/Flynn to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion carried 6-0. Kreklow absent.

Corinne Zielke, Clerk