

Minutes of the February 18, 2013 Manawa Board of Education Meeting

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

Second grade students from Mrs. Sanderfoot's class led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Second grade students presented their projects from Mrs. Sanderfoot's "Create an Animal Challenge." These were 3-Dimensional animal models paired with write-ups that included the pros and cons of each animal. The animals were made up combinations of existing animals. Presenters included: Justin Buschke, Brent Pynenberg, Keither Jepson, Meg Westphal, Bailey Amador and Angelina DePaoli. Kelsey Rosin's project was on display but she was unable to attend.

Mr. Dombrowski shared a report from Mr. Koehler to update the Board on the progress being made in the Technology Education Department since the upgrades that were made to the classroom last summer. The report included the number of students enrolled in the various courses, a summary of the courses offered as well as some general comments from Mr. Koehler regarding the upgrades.

Mrs. Trepasso and Mrs. Eklund presented the Board with information/itinerary pertaining to a future Band/Choir trip in the spring of 2014.

Board member Sturm arrived at the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Mrs. Marquardt gave a Power Point presentation and shared commentary on what has been taught in the classroom to date and what is coming in the future. Classes include: Accounting 1 (31 students), Marketing (24 students), Intro to Business (12 students), Publications (17 students), and 7th/8th grade computers. Interesting note: Students should be typing 5 words per minute per grade level (i.e., 7th grade x 5 wpm = 35 wpm). She also shared feedback received from student surveys conducted at the end of the first block. 76% of HS students stated they will be able to use what they learned in the future and 83% of Junior High. A new student organization, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), has 5 students in membership. They took 1st place in Emerging Business Issues, 2nd place in Accounting1 and 4th place in Job Interview. Mrs. Marquardt is proposing Business Management and Business Law be added for 2014-2015 school year.

The Board moved into the Hallway for a Board photograph for the Yearbook at 7:07 pm.

Clerk Zielke Verified proper Publication of Meeting notices.

Move by Strebe/Flynn to approve Consent to Agenda Items as follows:

- Minutes from January 21, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and January 28, 2013 Special Board Meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Total Expenditures of \$282,022.07 and Cash Receipts of \$1,359,888.93 for January.
- Donations: Wis. Farm Bureau - \$100 grant to Mrs. Field to purchase bread machine and books about wheat. Sell Chiropractic - \$50 to FFA for Think Pink Project. Echo Ridge Ag Services, LLC - \$2,000 to Agriculture Program.
- Resignation from Board Member Randy Rosin

Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments: Michelle Kaczorowski shared a list of tentative fundraisers from the Manawa Athletic Booster Club. Future events include: Alumni Basketball tournament, calendar sales, 50/50 raffles, spaghetti dinner, alumni volleyball tournament, HOF recognition dinner/event. Other possibilities: Penny War, track signage.

Correspondence:

- Thank you received from Nancy Zabler for a plant sent at the passing of her mother, Doris Walker.
- Letter from State Superintendent Tony Evers to Mrs. Sandy Cordes commending her for her work in improving the achievement of Wisconsin's students and helping to better prepare them for ongoing education, careers and effective citizenship as member of the standards writing team.

Administrators Report: Mr. Dombrowski shared the current enrollment numbers. The 3rd Friday count from September was 755, 761 enrolled as of the January count; an overall increase of 6 students.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee: The committee reviewed 3 possible distance learning programs, with APEX and PLATO being the two looked at most closely. Mrs. Mary Eck thoroughly reviewed both programs and asked the committee to stay with PLATO for the next school year and to renew that contract for \$6000 (10 licenses @ \$600 each). Committee recommends that the district renew a 1 year contract with PLATO. Mrs. Yeska proposed a new program for tracking student progress, AIMSWeb, which is used by several districts throughout the state. The committee recommends that the district purchase this program for a total expense of \$6,900, which includes 2-day onsite training.

Finance Committee: Representatives from Weyauwega-Fremont School District attended the Finance Committee meeting to discuss with the Manawa representatives the current shared resource of a Business Manager (Mr. Adesso currently). Discussed more specifically was the wage arrangement for this position, as well as an annual evaluation by each district of said employee, as well as an evaluation of the continuation of the shared position. With regard to the wage discussion, both districts will come up with a dollar amount for compensation and an average will be taken. A very preliminary annual expenditure budget for the next school year was \$7,808,373. Three revenue projections for the next school year using the Baird Budget Model showed \$7,658,340, \$7,581,840 and \$7,543,590. This will most likely change when the state funding is finalized.

Transition Committee: Handbook revisions discussed included small grammar changes to the current employee handbook. There were also some changes made to the Long Term Disability coverage. The draft is now with the district's attorney for review. The Teacher Wage/Incentive Model was discussed. The committee reviewed models from Ripon, Hartford and Neenah to draw ideas from. A draft of the Plan was included in the Board Packet (available on the District Website in the 2/18/13 Board Meeting).

Policy/Personnel Committee: Policy 324.4 Parent Involvement Policy recommended by Committee for 1st Reading is included in the Board Packet. Snow days were again discussed with regard to how unused snow days were handled. WASB Policy review for 100 & 200 series was tabled until May (post-election) for the next board to review. Open Enrollment Policies 423 and 423-Rule are recommended for 1st Reading with a change on page 2, item B2, that the Board would "give preference to" rather than "will accept." Lastly, the Administrative Benefits Policy 222, one change (B2), should state Earned But Unused Vacation will not be Paid Out."

Old Business:

Move by Sturm/Artz to Approve special education open enrollment slots for 2013-2014 as follows: EC 4 openings AM, 6 in PM class; CD Primary (8 total), Grades 3-6 (total of 13), K-2 (total of 12), Jr. High 15, and Sr. High 16. Motion carried 6-0.

Move by Strebe/Flynn to Approve 2nd Reading of Control & Treatment of Head Lice/Nits Policy 451.31 Rule. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

- a. 1st Reading Parent Involvement Policy 324.4 (Informational Only)
- b. 1st Reading Open Enrollment Policies 423 and 423-Rule (Informational Only)
- c. 1st Reading of Administrative Benefits Policy 222. (Informational Only)
- d. **Move by** Flynn/Sturm to Approve the Band and Chorus trip for HS Students in 2013-2014 to New York City. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. **Move by** Sturm/Artz to Approve CESA #5 Service Contract for 2013-2014 – Charter School. Motion carried 6-0.
- f. **Move by** Sturm/Flynn to Approve Open Enrollment for Exception to Enroll in Manawa. Motion carried 6-0.
- g. **Move by** Strebe/Artz to Approve Youth Options for Fall 2013-2014. Motion carried 6-0.
- h. Procedures to Fill Board Vacancy for Ogdensburg/St. Lawrence (informational only).

Next Meeting Dates:

March 18, 2013 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Board Room

Move by Strebe/Flynn at 7:50 pm to Adjourn and Reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c)(f) and 118.22, Wis. Stats., for the Purposes of: Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility 1) Preliminary Teacher Non-Renewal Notice.

Move by Strebe/Zielke to reconvene in open session at 8:42 pm. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

No action taken to Approve Preliminary Teacher Non-Renewal Notice.

Board moved into a Finance Workshop led by Business Manager Brian Adesso. Topic Discussed: Effects of Affordable Care Act on the School District of Manawa.

Move by Flynn/Artz to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Corinne Zielke, Board Clerk