

Minutes of the School District of Manawa Board of Education Meeting November 15, 2010

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

President Nolan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Move by Kons/Artz to approve the Consent to Agenda Items as presented in the Board packets. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Board received thank you cards from the Ferg family and Kluever family for flowers recently provided for funerals. Mr. Nolan shared a letter from the MEA expressing their desire to work with the Board and offer insight when decisions affecting our district arise.

Mr. Braun shared a copy of the ratified MEA contract for informational purposes only.

Move by Kreklow/Welch to approve Bidding Policy 672.1 with changes to the bidding of oil changes, grease jobs and minor repairs on school buses. Motion carried.

Auditor's report shared with Board for review. Discussion of the Auditor's Report will commence at a future meeting.

District Administrator Braun and Mr. Adesso shared concerns regarding renting the old Elementary building. Local realtor inquired recently about status of the building and zoning associated with the premises. Conditional-use zoning was discussed, however selling the building may present problems due to the zoning and needed repairs. Demolition was also discussed.

Deadline for registration for January WASB Convention is December 10. President Nolan indicated his intention to attend. Zielke and Sturm are tentative attendees.

Teacher seniority list for 2010-2011 shared with Board.

1st Reading of Policy 523.11 Bus Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing was presented. Question was raised as to when this will be implemented. The policy will be brought for approval at the December meeting.

1st Reading of Policy 523.11-Rule Bus Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing Procedures was presented.

1st Reading Policy 523.11-Exhibit Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Bus Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy/Procedures was presented.

Technology report discussed District's need to keep up with fast-moving speed of change with technology. An excerpt from State Supt. Tony Evers' November 11 weekly informational bulletin was shared. Expanded options for School Districts receiving E-Rate monies was shared, including expanded broadband access, community use of a school's E-Rate funded internet access, changes to technology plans and off-site wireless connectivity.

WKCE testing for MES will take place 11/16 thru 11/18. Junior/Senior High has completed testing.

Current enrollment numbers presented, along with projected numbers through 2019. Projection for 2011-2012 is 304 compared to 328 in 2010-2011.

Spring School Board Election Notice: Seats open for April Election include Zone 4 – St. Lawrence/Ogdensburg currently held by Paul Kons and Zone 3 – Helvetia/Union currently held by Todd Welch. Window for filing for office: December 1, 2010 thru January 4, 2011, in the office of the School District Clerk at 800 Beech Street, Manawa.

Friday Night Lights highlights: Think Pink month successes, 8th Grade PE classes working to bring new activities to 3rd graders at MES, successful Veterans Day Program, PLAN test results by Sophomores is in, 19 students currently using Blackboard technology to take online courses. A full report was in the Board Packet and is also shared via email with families wishing to receive it from Principal White.

MES Principal Reynolds added to her written report that average attendance for K-6 Parent/Teacher conferences was 93%. Scholastic Book Sale generated approximately \$3000 in product for our school library.

Junior/Senior High School Principal reported 89 attendees who signed in at Parent-Teacher Conferences and also commented on the Veterans Day Program on November 11th.

Director of Financial Services Adesso shared a letter regarding interpretation of Wisconsin Act 99 relating to the investment by school districts of funds held in trust to provide post-employment benefits. CESA 6 notified us that our EETT proposal for grades 7-8 was approved and we received a grant for 3-day Inservice for 7th and 8th grade staff members to attend discussing Web 2.0 tools. Grant also covers cost of substitute teachers during conference. Discussion regarding tax levy credits and general aid changes being proposed by State Supt. Tony Evers as part of his “Fair Funding for Our Future” was presented. If accepted it would be effective 2012-2013.

Administrator Braun notified the Board that the Weyauwega-Fremont School District contacted our District regarding possible sharing of resources. No further information was available during the meeting.

Board input: Director Artz shared observations regarding traffic coming out of LWHS onto 4th Street.

Next meeting date: December 20, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting – MES Library

Move by Sturm/Kons at 7:55 pm to Adjourn and Reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 19.85(1)(c), and (f) Wis. Stats., for the Purposes of: Discussing the Employment Status and Performance Evaluation of Past & Present Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility for 1) District Administrator’s Evaluation. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote.

Move by Sturm/Welch to adjourn and reconvene in open session at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

Move by Kons/Artz to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.

Corinne Zielke, Clerk