

Minutes of the Annual School District Meeting – October 24, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm in the MES Commons by School Board President Kurt Kreklow. Attending from the Board of Education: Kreklow, Sturm, Artz, Zielke, Flynn and Strebe. Attending from the Administration: Dombrowski, Braun, Yeska and Adesso. Representing the public: approximately 11 individuals.

President Kreklow appointed Corinne Zielke, Board Clerk, as Secretary of the Annual Meeting.

**Move by** Mitch Patri/Mike Frazier to appoint Kurt Kreklow as Temporary Meeting Chairperson. Motion carried.

**Move by** Kevin Keller/Mike Frazier to suspend reading of 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes from 2010 annual board meeting as attendees were furnished a printed copy at the start of the meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Paul Sturm deferred to the administrative team for delivery of the financial report.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Ed Dombrowski shared the district's vision statement with the Public and introduced our administrative team: Mr. Braun, HS Principal; Ms. Yeska, MES Principal, Brian Adesso, Director of Financial Services; Linda Pierron, Director of Special Education. He shared an overview of RtI as well as the impact of Act 10 in our schools, new listening sessions, Special Education initiatives.

**Elementary Principal Report:** Ms. Megan Yeska spoke of the 2-schools-to-1 school transition and progress the district has made with that, Wolf Pact expectations, Lunch 'n Listen with kindergarteners and STEP volunteers, expansion of Title 1 program to a true school-wide service, STAR testing being utilized as a tool for implementing RtI, common planning time for teachers within same grade levels.

**High School Principal Report:** Mr. Duane Braun opened by sharing a complimentary note from the Brillion Volleyball Coach noting the respectful behavior exhibited by our student fan section. He noted a decrease in the amount of student violations in the district's technology policy. Pre-ACT testing has begun at the High School level and is being considered at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Lunch-2-Learn Program, in which all study halls commence during the 5<sup>th</sup> hour, has been positively received and appears to be positively impacting the volume of non-passing grades.

**Budget Report:** Administrator Ed Dombrowski provided the community with an overview of school budgeting, defining the various Funds that the District manages. All attendees were furnished with a glossary of these Funds (10, 21, 27 38, 39, 49, 50, 80).

**Budget Summary:** The proposed general fund budget for 2011-2012 totals \$8,152,334. This is a decrease of \$598,061 or - 6.83% variance from last year's final budget of \$8,750,395. The budget and salaries all fall within the revenue caps: 74% will be spent on Salaries & Benefits, 8% on Instructional Cost, 18% on Supportive Costs. The tax rate proposed for this year is \$10.75 per \$1,000 of equalized value, which is a decrease of \$0.05 per \$1,000 of equalized value. Other variances include: decrease of \$446,917 to salaries and benefits and \$440,907 special education transfer. Building projects scheduled for this year include \$12,500 for parking lot work at both schools. Fund 38 debt has been paid off 12 years early, saving the district approximately \$239,000 in interest. Fund 39 debt will be paid off by the end of the

2013-2014 budget year. Current referendum of \$195,000 annually expires with 2011-2012 school year. As of June 30, 2011, the district has a fund balance of \$1,808,274, which equates to 21% of our operating budget.

The following resolutions were acted upon:

**Move by** Mitch Patri to approve the tax levy of \$2,619,177 for the purpose of defraying the operation and maintenance of the public schools for the year 2011-2012, \$934,300 for Referendum Debt Retirement and \$40,000 for community Service with a combined total of \$3,593,477. Motion carried.

**Move by** Mike Frazier/Tori Wepner to approve the board member salaries: President \$1500/year, Vice-President \$1500/year, Clerk \$1500/year, Treasurer \$0/year, Directors \$1,200/year and payment of \$50/day when traveling outside the district to attend meetings, workshops, etc., in the performance of his/her duties. Motion carried.

**Move by** Kevin Keller/Mike Frazier to furnish free textbooks for use in the school system and to establish a penalty for unusual and unreasonable wear according to rules that may be established by said Board. (Section 120.10 (15) of Wisconsin State Statutes). Motion carried.

**Move by** Mike Frazier/Tori Wepner to furnish hot lunches and milk to any and all students of said District at such places and times and at such cost as shall be set by said School Board, and the School Board is hereby authorized to pay any deficiency which may result from said lunch program (Section 120.10 (16) Wisconsin Statutes). Motion carried.

**Move by** Mitch Patri/Mike Frazier that the electors of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin sell any property belonging to and not needed by said District for school purposes. Be it further resolved that the conduct of sale at such property be determined by said Board of Education. (Section 120.10 (12) Wisconsin) Motion carried.

**Move by** Duane Braun/Mitch Patri that the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, is directed to provide for the prosecution of defense of any action or proceeding in which the District is interested for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

**Move by** Mary Griffin/Mitch Patri that the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, may provide for accident insurance covering pupils in the District and that the cost and expenditures for said insurance is hereby authorized. (Section 20.13 (2a) Wisconsin Statutes). Motion carried.

**Move by** Mike Frazier/Kevin Keller that the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, move to set the date for the 2012 Annual Meeting to Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Move by Mitch Patri/Duane Braun to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Motion carried.

Corinne Zielke, Recording Secretary of the Meeting