

Minutes of Manawa Board of Education Meeting – October 24, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Manawa Elementary School Commons by President Kreklow. Present from the Board: Kreklow, Artz, Zielke, Sturm, Flynn, and Strebe. Absent: Karski.

Move by Sturm/Flynn to approve the Consent Agenda items which include: Approval of 9/19/11 Board Meeting Minutes, approval of 10/12/11 and 10/14/11 Committee Meeting Minutes, Payments of \$431,030.02, Receipts of \$1,015,894.57, Anonymous donation of \$478 for a classroom projector for LWJR/SR HS, Resignation from Varsity Softball Coach from Jacklyn Hanson, Resignation from Varsity Wrestling Coach from Mitch Patri and Resignation from Brenda Bushaw as Head Cook. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Zielke/Artz approve appointment of Christine Solheim for the 2011-2012 school year as School Psychologist for the School District of Manawa. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Strebe/Sturm to approve 2011-2012 bus driver appointments of Bernice Beck, Ruth Boerst, James Davies, Judy Douglas, David Marcy, Barb Quinn, James Quinn, Lana Simonis, Randy Steingraber and Sue Suehs at the same rate as past year. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Sturm/Flynn to approve Youth Options Applications for 2nd Semester of 2011-2012 School Year to 3 students taking courses at Midstate or Northeastern Technical College. Motion carried - Karski absent. Classes include: Introduction to Statistics, Introduction to Ethics and Medical Terminology.

Move by Strebe/Artz to approve the early graduation request. Motion carried - Karski absent. Student will have the required number of credits for graduation completed at the end of the first semester of the senior year in January 2012.

Information was presented to the Board by President Kreklow with regard to performance evaluation requirements for District Administrator Dombrowski for the 2011-2012 school year. Two sample evaluations were presented. Several board members favored the evaluation that focused on the ISLLC Standards. Mr. Dombrowski will organize the evaluations into a usable format and provide to Mrs. Frazier who will mail to each Board Member. Completed evaluations should be returned by Board members to President Kreklow prior to the next Board Meeting in November.

Move by Flynn/Sturm to approve the purchase 2 new buses in the amount of \$78,000 each plus \$74.80 title and registration each. It was noted that since the committee meeting, the district was notified that the buses would be 2013 models and not 2012 models as stated in the meeting minutes from the original quote. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to approve the purchase of a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD as district utility vehicle from Little Wolf Auto in the amount of \$9,500. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Staff Reports:

MES Principal Megan Yeska: Oct 19 staff development speakers included Phil Daniels, from an ACT prep company, while MES met with a representative from STAR testing. Staff feedback was very positive. MES staff also had time to work together on RAFA initiatives, develop learning progressions and worked on blending STAR testing, accelerated math/reading. HS staff noted important goals include adding rigor into curriculum and parent involvement in this initiative. WKCE testing for MES will be from November 4-9. Students will be served breakfast on testing days. Teachers have been prepping students with practice testing.

HS Principal Duane Braun: Reviewed minutes of safety meeting. Veteran's Day Program will be on November 9th at the MES building as the HS gym will be undergoing floor renovations (insurance work), which begin on Tuesday, October 25th. During these renovations, the bleachers will be inspected and maintained, walls cleaned and external exit doors replaced.

District Administrator Ed Dombrowski: Third Friday count indicated Manawa School District increased by 10 students from 2010-2011 school year. Additional details were shared regarding the gym floor replacement at LWHS. Spring Election for School Board Seats includes: Zone 2, Little Wolf and Zone 1, City of Manawa.

Board Input: Carl Artz expressed some concerns he has with regard to his views on the community and school district, both on and off the football field. He shared suggestions for improving our football program, homecoming, school newspaper, etc. Anyone wishing to review a copy of the entire statement can request a printed copy from the district office.

Next Meeting Dates:

November 2, 2011 – Buildings and Grounds Committee – 6:30 pm – Board Room

November 9, 2011 – Policy & Personnel Committee – 6:30 pm – Board Room

November 21, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Board Room

November 30, 2011 – Transitional Committee – 6:00 pm – Board Room

Move by Flynn/Sturm at 7:14 pm, to suspend the regular board meeting for the Annual District Meeting which begins at 8:00 pm and to reconvene in open session at the Conclusion of the Annual District Meeting to act on action items from the District Meeting. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Zielke/Flynn to reconvene in open session at 8:51 pm. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Sturm/Strebe to adopt the final budget for 2011-2012 of \$8,152,334. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Move by Sturm/Artz to approve a 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 - Karski absent.

Move by Flynn/Strebe to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried - Karski absent.

Corinne Zielke, Board Clerk