

Minutes of a October 25, 2021 School District of Manawa Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board of Education President, Joanne Johnson - Little Wolf High School Commons with hybrid components. Board members in attendance: Griffin, Jepson, R. Johnson, J. Johnson, Reiersen, and Hollman. Pethke absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were 18 in attendance including the Board members that were present along with virtual attendees. Appointment of Secretary of Annual Meeting - Motion by Hollman / K. Jepson to appoint Stephanie Flynn as the secretary. No other nominations were mentioned. Motion carried.

Election of Chairperson of the Meeting. Motion by Hollman / K. Jepson to appoint J. Johnson as chairperson of the meeting. No other nominations were mentioned. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Ground Rules on page 7 of the Annual Packet read by Chairperson J. Johnson. Motion by Reiersen / Griffin to Approve the Ground Rules as presented. Motion carried.

District Administrator's Report – State of the District – Dr. Melanie Oppor spoke of Personnel and the Mission; Schools have 240 students at elementary, 117 students at the middle school, and 221 students at LWHS; The theme for this year's inservice was "What is Your Why?" - This asked staff to think of what motivates and inspires them to work at SDM; Friend in Education recipient was 2021 Bruce Scheller; Heart of Gold 2021 recipient was Carrie Koehn; Key Performance Indicators which look at Engagement and Satisfaction, Operation Efficiencies, Learning, and Safe and Orderly Environments; rapid improvement principles; 2021 Spring State Assessments and the plans on how to improve going forward by looking at the data and actions already taken; Building Our Future with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony before the start of the 2021/2022 school year, a time capsule was opened from 1969, MS/HS gym floor was refinished with a new natural look, the new MAC elevated bleacher now can hold 750 guests and handicapped accessible, new blacktop parking at the MS/HS with new handicapped parking and access on the sidewalk; and the public is encouraged to join the Fitness Center.

Reading of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes - Clerk, Russell Hollman. Motion by R. Johnson / Hollman to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Audit Summary – Treasurer, Bobbi Jo Pethke. Mrs. Pethke was absent. Mrs. O'Brien spoke of the audit that is happening now and should be presented to the board around the January meeting.

Presentation of the Budget – Business Manager, Carmen O’Brien - Revenue limit is the maximum amount of money that a school district can have. It is set by the State of Wisconsin State Equalization Aid plus the Property Tax Levy equals the Revenue Limit. The historical property tax levy was detailed and the changes from previous years. The 3-year student FTE average has decreased by 24 students this year, although just for this school year, we are receiving a Declining Enrollment Exemption of \$240,000, and a Hold Harmless Exemption of \$240,000. The property tax valuation increased by an average of 7.22% for the municipalities, and the State of Wisconsin raised the amount it will give schools districts in equalization aid, but did not adjust the revenue limit. It is always good to tax to the allowable limit. Fund 80 ended with a \$4,878 deficit on June 30, 2021. The recommendation is to levy \$50,000 to Fund 80 for the 2021-2022 school year to account for the deficit and increased participation in middle school athletics. Fund 39 - This is the tax outside the revenue limit to fund the construction referendum that was passed in November 2018. The BOE is able to levy the amount necessary to pay the principal and interest for this debt. The BOE may choose to levy more than the payment amount to place into an escrow account that can only be used to pay this debt in the future. Money in the escrow account may be used to mitigate the tax levy in the future and/or it can be used to pay off the debt sooner.

There are three scenarios. Scenario A is to keep the property tax levy at \$2,372,375 and Fund 80 at \$50,000, Fund 39 \$1,009,234, and the Mill Rate at \$8.24. This would cause all the municipalities to decrease their tax to the school district.

Scenario B is to keep the property tax levy at \$2,372,375 and Fund 80 at \$50,000, Fund 39 \$1,109,234, and the Mill Rate at \$8.48. This would cause all the municipalities to decrease their tax to the school district except Mukwa.

Scenario C is to keep the property tax levy at \$2,372,375 and Fund 80 at \$50,000, Fund 39 \$1,209,234 and the Mill Rate at \$8.72. This would cause all the municipalities to decrease their tax to the school district except for Mukwa, Lebanon, and Union.

The three choices to levy upon the taxable properties of the School District of Manawa is Scenario A \$3,431,609 –or– Scenario B \$3,531,609 –or– Scenario C \$3,631,609.

Hearing on the Budget

Stacey Trinrud, E5977 River Street, Manawa. Scenario A at \$3,431,609 would be ideal for families with the increased cost of living. Trying to put extra money away is hard for people this year.

Wendy Velie, 502 East 4th Street, Manawa agrees with Scenario A at \$3,431,609.

Resolutions:

SY2022#01 Tax Levy

Motion by Trinrud / Velie to Approve Resolution SY2022#01 Tax Levy and levy upon the taxable property of the School District of Manawa, the sum of \$3,431,609 for defraying the operation and maintenance of the public schools for the school year 2021-22. Motion carried.

SY2022#02 School Board Member's Salary

Motion by O'Brien / Trinrud to Approve Resolution SY2022#02 School Board Member's Salary and the following yearly salaries be adopted for the members of the Board of Education: President \$1500, Vice President \$1500, Clerk \$1500, Treasurer \$1500, and Directors \$1200, and Board members shall be paid \$50 per day when traveling outside the district to attend meetings, workshops, etc., in the performance of his/her duties. No payment shall be made unless authorized by the Annual or Special Common School District meeting, all being in accordance with provisions of Section 120.10 (3), Wisconsin Statutes. Motion carried.

SY2022#03 Free Textbooks

Motion by Reiersen / R. Johnson to Approve Resolution SY2022#03 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 Statutes). Motion carried.

SY2022#04 Hot Lunch and Milk Program

Motion by K. Jepson / Griffin to Approve Resolution SY2022#04 Hot Lunch and Milk Program 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.

SY2022#05 Legal Proceedings

Motion by R. Johnson / Griffin to Approve Resolution SY2022#05 Legal Proceedings is directed to provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in the District's interest for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

SY2022#06 Accident Insurance

Motion by Reiersen / K. Jepson to Approve Resolution SY2022#06 Accident Insurance to 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.

SY2022#07 Lease of Real Property

Motion by R. Johnson / G. Jepson to Approve Resolution SY2022#07 Lease of Real Property is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and reach agreement on a lease for use of the property, located at 407 South Bridge Street, Manawa, Wisconsin, by the District, pursuant to such terms and conditions as determined to be reasonable and appropriate by the School Board. Motion carried.

SY2022#08 Dates of 2021-22 Board of Education Meetings

Motion by O'Brien / Trinrud to Approve Resolution SY2022#08 Dates of 2021-22 Board of Education Meeting Dates as follows: July 19, 2021, August 16, 2021, September 22, 2021, October 18, 2021, October 25, 2021, November 15, 2021, December 20, 2021, January 17, 2022, February 28, 2022, March 21, 2022, April 25, 2022, May 16, 2022, and June 20, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

SY2022#09 Date of 2022 Annual Meeting

Motion by K. Jepson / Reiersen to Approve Resolution SY2022#09 Date of 2022 Annual Meeting to set the date for the 2022 Annual Meeting to Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business Legally Considered at the Annual Meeting - None

Motion by Griffin / K. Jepson to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Stephanie Flynn, Recording Secretary