

Minutes of the March 16, 2020 School District of Manawa Board of Education Meeting

Call to Order by President Johnson at 7:04 p.m. in the MES Boardroom, 800 Beech Street (we are under a fire watch here at the elementary school due to installation of new fire alarm system which will not be completed until tomorrow).

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - By Clerk Pethke: Scheller, Forbes, Pethke, Pohl present via teleconference, R. Johnson, J. Johnson; Hollman absent.

Verify Publication of Meeting - Dr. Oppor verified

Presentations:

Q12 Survey Strategies - Administrative Team: Receiving acknowledgement for (work) Committee is looking to survey possibly monthly to find out if they were getting more acknowledgements throughout the month. WOW Wednesdays will be focusing on acknowledging staff.

Hoffman Planning & Design, Inc. - Project Update: Mr. McGregor; Administrative addition, middle school classrooms, ceilings, flooring etc. will take shape soon. Fitness center: frost is coming out of the ground - moving along, will enclose it soon. Pour concrete in lower level and pouring slab in the next week is anticipated. Floors at MES will be carpeted; high school floors will be polished, underground plumbing installed, and slab replaced. With school closure getting as proactive as possible on the construction and abatement needed; may look at other areas depending on the duration of the closure. COVID 19: following their policies in place; no new visitors on site; vendors are all aware they are not on site if they are sick. Budget, we are under budget by \$39,000 and used just over 14% of contingency. Solar update; on final draft of the proposal; will get it finalized soon and sent off to Alliant to start negotiation on the project.

Technology Plan & Survey Results - Mr. Cobarrubias: Students who didn't have internet access; last year 18% this year 10%. Technology Plan – when he first started, he completed a plan to update what was in place; technology covers budget planning, support, computers, network operations, WIFI and computer access to internet, administration software, (Skyward), teaching and learning technology integration; has been working on for the last 2 years; adding more depth and detail to the system in place.

Contributions to the District -President Johnson thanked the following for their generosity: TreeHouse Foods, Inc. \$500 for Band Trips

Approved by Consent: Minutes of February 24, and March 9, 2020 Board Meetings, Treasurer's Report - Expenditures (\$231,441.29) and Receipts (\$1,031,715.53), Donations: TreeHouse Foods, Inc. \$500 for Band Trips, approval of the TEACH Information Technology Infrastructure Grants for Educational Technology Program as presented, approval of Hire of Field Prep and Maintenance for Spring Sports as recommended

Any Item Removed from Consent Agenda - No items were removed

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Correspondence: No Correspondence This Month

Board Recognition:

Mason Wiesner, Gr. 11 - for Reaching the Goal of Scoring 1,000 Points by his Junior Year in Boys Basketball; Colten Klemm, Gr. 11 - Wisconsin State Wrestling Meet - 3rd Place in Division 3; Kevin Klemm: Gr. 11 - State Qualifier for the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament; Andrew Elmhorst: Gr. 11 - State Qualifier for the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament;

Spring into Success Regional Inservice Presenters: Danni Brauer, Jackie Sernau, Corrie Ziemer, Janine Connolly. Started in 2019; districts submitted applications and were selected. Relationships between paraprofessionals and teachers. Getting Real with Self Care: Janine Connolly - create self-care plan. Corrie Ziemer - instant activities when students enter classroom shared with other PE staff. Jackie Sernau - Bring Joy into Literacy – a book she read this past summer. Read about Kate Egan working with social-emotional side of students with intentional planning, journal prompts. Janine Connolly was also selected as one of the 15 workshop slots in Madison this summer

District Administrator's Report:

Student Council Representatives: Kyle Kons and Ethan Tellock did not attend this meeting; short update from Student Council; the state conference is cancelled; working on Teacher Appreciation for May. Legislative Update - COVID 19: CESA 6 had a web conference with State Asst. Superintendent Mike Thompson; are asking what we need and how can they help. Impressed with our idea to use the bus delivery system for meals; our staff has been amazing with sharing ideas; google folders shared - creating content and sharing; staff has dug in, worked hard, A waiver was submitted by Business Manager O'Brien for free food for all students and it was approved by the DPI on Sunday. Officially closing after classes tomorrow - no extracurricular and no activities during the closure. Full day of professional development this week; teachers will be working from home but hours are 7:30 to 3:30 with 1 hour lunch break; recording to USB drives for students; younger students could check out additional books from the libraries will be able to swap books; a system will be put in place for school work exchange and meal delivery; a one-hour check in with staff on Wednesday afternoon using google teams. Details of meals being delivered, and bussing have been worked out. Thankful to be in Manawa - what we're able to do a few short days; everyone has been incredible. The monthly enrollment report was included in the packet. The Amish school will be closing on Wednesday.

School Operations Reports ES and HS Principals were included in the packet: accolades to the fine arts: art and the music staff and forensic team fulfilled their programs; band concert was recorded; Mrs. Zabler ran her entire festival from HS last Friday.

Business Related Reports: Municipal Tax Collection and the Kobussen Transportation Report were included in the packet. Currently creating a plan to combine food delivery and class work into bus routes during the closure.

Director's Reports:

Curriculum / Special Education Director: ACT will be held tomorrow - some students with accommodations might not finish but we are hoping they do. Working with DPI for rest of the

spring and learning while they are home. SE Services – we are learning we still need to provide services for students, but it won't look the same; if parents ask about this please direct them to SE Director / building principals. Compensatory services: a student's IEP is written annually; lay out specifically what services they get, pull out classes, speech, OT/PT or accommodations / modifications in the general education curriculum; compensatory means we would give those services or like services at a different time (when they return) making up for services not received when they are not in the building. Highlights was included in the packet. Technology Director Highlights – updated the Board on virtual learning services provided to students while at home.

#### Board Comments:

Treasurer Pohl's report from Legislative Breakfast and those legislator's that attended including Joan Ballweg – supporting suicide prevention bills; Luther Olsen - opposition to virtual school students joining athletic teams; Mark Born - compromise on retirement bill and moratorium on energy efficiency projects; Jeremy Thiesfeldt – pilot project on dyslexia involving computer home-based programs and addressed pushing the retirement age. Healthcare costs, Coronavirus, surplus funds, etc. were also discussed.

President Johnson read a statement: on behalf of the Board of Education of the School District of Manawa she thanked Dr. Oppor and the Administrative team for their preparedness and forethought in their preparations for Covid-19. All staff members were briefed on Friday; administrators and teachers worked on the weekend; I spoke with staff from three surrounding districts and they were not as organized. She thanked all staff from food service, custodial, clerical, paraprofessionals and professional staff as well for their dedication and flexibility during this time. Thank you to parents as well. Again, thank you to our administrators, staff and community for what you do for our schools and students.

Committee Reports: Minutes for the Finance Committee and Policy & Human Resource Meetings were included in the packet.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business This Month

#### New Business:

Motion by Scheller / Pethke to approve the Preliminary Summer School Booklet for 2020 as Presented. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Motion by R. Johnson / Forbes to approve the Start College Now (Youth Options) for Fall 2020 as Presented. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

1st Reading of NEOLA Policy Updates Vol. 29, No. 1 Excluding Policies 2370, 3122.01, 4122.01, 7540, 7540.02, 7540.04 and 7544 for discussion and scheduled for approval at the April 27, 2020 BOE Meeting.

Motion by Forbes / R. Johnson to approve the SY2021 First Round Staff and Program Changes as Presented. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Motion by Scheller / Pethke to approve the SY1920 Budget Revision as Presented. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Motion by R. Johnson / Pohl to approve the CESA 6 WI OPEB Trust Investment Selection as Presented. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Motion by Forbes / Scheller to approve the SY20-21 Board Meeting Dates as Presented. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Next Meeting Dates:

Mar. 17, 2020 – Ad-Hoc Recognition Comm. Mtg – 5:00 p.m. – MES Board Rm

Mar. 18, 2020 – Spec BOE Mtg – Expulsion – 5:00 p.m. – MES Board Rm

April 7, 2020 – Curriculum Comm Mtg – 4:30 p.m. – MES Board Rm

April 7, 2020 – Policy & HR Committee Mtg – 5:30 p.m. – MES Board Rm

April 8, 2020 – Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg - 5:30 p.m. – MES Board Rm

April 9, 2020 - Canvass Election Returns – 10:00 a.m. MES Board Rm

April 27, 2020 – Regular BOE Mtg – 7:00 p.m. – MES Board Rm

Motion by Scheller / R. Johnson to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. and Move into Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of 19.85(1)(c) and (f) and 120.13(l)(b)(c) Wis. Statutes, for the Purposes of: Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility 1) Administrator Evaluation and 2) Expulsion. Motion carried by roll call vote – Hollman absent.

Motion by Scheller / Forbes to adjourn and reconvene at 9:14 p.m. in open session. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Motion by Scheller / Forbes to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried - Hollman absent.

Jeanne Frazier, Recorder