

Minutes of a September 22, 2021 School District of Manawa Board of Education Meeting
as Corrected

Call to Order – President Johnson – **7:01 p.m.** – MES Boardroom, 800 Beech St./ Hybrid Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Reierson, Griffin, Jepson, R. Johnson, J. Johnson, Hollman present. Pethke absent.

Verify Publication of Meeting - Dr. Oppor verified.

Moved by Jepson / Griffin to move Student Council speaker prior to Presentations. Student Council Representative - Emma Riske spoke of activities that will take place during homecoming next week.

Presentations: 2021 Summer School Report - Ms. Mary Eck and Mrs. Michelle Johnson - There were many class offerings and swim lessons. Health Class at the high school had good attendance and students enjoyed in-person classes. New courses brought in new opportunities for students which brings in revenue for the district as well.

Key Performance Indicator Update - Operation Efficiencies - KPI II.E. 20-Year Facilities Planbeing; KPI II.F. Technology Plan; Safe & Orderly Environment, School Safety Plan.

Announcements: Contributions to the District: Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Inc. \$150 donation to the Manawa FFA, Zoetis \$142.90 donation to the Manawa FFA, Manawa Lions Club \$200 Donation for Stuff the Bus Project, First State Bank donation of District Staff Inservice Gift Bag - bottled water, candy, and pen, and Take Charge Nutrition donation of discount cards to District Staff Inservice Gift Bag

Other Contributions: None

Approved by Consent: Minutes of August 16, 2021 Board Meeting, August 30, 2021 Special Board Meeting, Donations: Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Inc. \$150 donation to the Manawa FFA, Zoetis \$142.90 donation to the Manawa FFA, Manawa Lions Club \$200 Donation for Stuff the Bus Project, First State Bank donation of District Staff Inservice Gift Bag - bottled water, candy, and pen, and Take Charge Nutrition donation of discount cards to District Staff Inservice Gift Bag, Approval of SY21-22 Non-Athletic Co-Curricular Advisors as Presented.

Any Item Removed from Consent Agenda:

Griffin requested the minutes from the September 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting be removed. Point of clarification from Griffin in regards to the September 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting Newspaper reported Griffin voted for masking mandate which was incorrect in their article. He voted against the mask mandate and the minutes are correct. Moved by Griffin/Hollman to

Approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Reierson requested the Treasurer's Report be removed for clarification on some expenses.

Jepson asked questions on the legal services and monthly billings.

Griffin previously asked for a history of 4 years of legal fees. The history will be brought to the October Finance Committee Meeting.

Moved by R Johnson / Jepson to approve the Treasurer's Report - Expenditures \$373,624.91 & Receipts \$1,169,824.78. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Public Comments- Wendy Velie, 502 E 4th Street, Manawa, spoke against masking policy and social health. She cited health issues due to mask wearing. Mask wearing should not be mandated.

Taren Redmann, E5796 Sturm Lake Road, Manawa, spoke against mask wearing.

Stacey Trinrud, E5977 River Street, Manawa, spoke against mask wearing and health concerns of wearing masks. Masks are optional at New London, Wautoma, and Iola-Scandinavia School Districts.

Adrianna Trinrud, E5977 River Street, Manawa, is speaking for most of the kids in school. Kids are not wearing masks properly. Masks do not work.

Christal Buch, N8006 Ferg Road, Manawa, said masking should be optional. Parents should decide and not the school board.

Craig Fietzer, E8272 County Road N, Manawa, believes masks should be optional.

Brittany Riesenberg, E6379 Esther Drive, Manawa, is against the masking mandate and freedom of choice. The children should not have this burden to carry.

Marcy Wentworth, E6670 Symco Road, Manawa, spoke against mask wearing and spoke of past studies of people wearing masks and getting sick.

Michelle Krisher, N5518 County Road K, Ogdensburg, said they should not be putting fear into the children.

Jeanne Gehrke, E4958 North Rail Road, Manawa, asked for specific numbers on positive tests and why are vaccinated children allowed to come to school? She does not support masking unless it is optional.

Correspondence: No Correspondence this month.

Board Recognition: No Recognitions this month.

District Administrator's Report: Legislative Update - Dr. Underly released an editorial this week. It is very informative. Monthly Enrollment Update - 3rd Friday count will be included at the October Board meeting. COVID-19 Update. WASB Fall Regional Meeting - October 7, 2021 Bridgewood Resort, Neenah. 2022 State Education Convention - January 19-21, 2022 Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee.

School Operations Reports: ES Principal/Director of Special Education: Highlights - Included in Board Packet, and MS / HS Principal: Highlights - Included in Board Packet

Business Related Reports: Highlights - Included in Board Packet, and Kobussen Transportation Report.

Director's Reports: District Reading Specialist Highlights - Included in Board Packet, and Technology Director Highlights - Included in Board Packet

Board Comments: Griffin thanked the public that was present in hearing their options.

R. Johnson thanked the public who are coming forward and speaking. Reiersen feels having parent input for their children and appreciates the emails and those who are speaking out.

Jepson thanked those who have spoken and knows it is an emotional topic. The board is trying to make the best decisions for the staff, the community and students. Hollman said it's important for constituents to contact and communicate their concerns and feelings with the board.

Committee Reports: Minutes of a Finance Committee, Buildings & Grounds Committee, and Policy & Human Resources Committee were included in the packet.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Hollman / Reiersen to Approve of PO2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity as Presented. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Reiersen / R. Johnson to Approve of PO5517.01- Bullying as Presented. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Griffin / Jepson to Approve of PO7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety as Presented. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

New Business:

Moved by R. Johnson / Hollman to Approve of the OPEB Investment Selection as Presented. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Jepson / Griffin to Approve the Substitute Teacher Daily Rate Increase as Presented and send to the Committee for further discussion. Hollman suggests \$125 as a daily rate. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by R. Johnson / Griffin to Approve of a One-day Absence Forgiveness for September 3, 2021 for Staff Required to Quarantine Due to Contact Tracing. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Jepson / R. Johnson to Approve of One Additional Personnel Time Off (PTO) Day for All Staff Present at Work on September 3, 2021. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Reiersen / Jepson to Table the NEOLA Vol. 30, No. 2 Administrative Guideline Update and take back to Committee. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

First Reading of NEOLA Vol. 30, No. 2 Policy Updates as Presented. Moved by Reiersen / R. Johnson to Table the First Reading of NEOLA Vol. 30, No. 2 Policy Updates and take back to Committee. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Jepson / Reiersen to Table the Revised AG5421A - Grading and take back to Committee. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Hollman / Griffin to Approve optional masking to start on September 24, 2021. Amended Motion by Hollman / Griffin to Approve the start of optional/voluntary masking on September 23, 2021. Motion carried on a roll call vote - Reiersen aye, Griffin aye, Hollman aye, R. Johnson aye, Jepson nay, and J. Johnson nay. Pethke absent.

Moved by Hollman / Reiersen to cease close contact quarantine protocols. Jepson nay, J. Johnson nay. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Moved by Jepson / Griffin to have students and staff required to quarantine for 10 days with a positive COVID-19 test. Motion carries. Pethke absent.

Consider Approval of the COVID-19 Homecoming Mitigation Plan as Presented. No action taken.

Moved by Reiersen / Hollman to Approve of Membership for a School District of Manawa Ad Hoc Safety Committee with Mr. Wohlt deferring from the committee. Jepson recused herself. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Next Meeting Dates: Curriculum Committee Meeting - TBD, October 5, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m., October 6, 2021 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting - 4:30 p.m., October 7, 2021 Regional WASB Meeting, October 11, 2021 Policy & Human Resources Committee Mtg - 6:00 p.m., October 18, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m., October 25, 2021 Annual District Meeting - 7:00 p.m., October 25, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting - at the Conclusion of the Annual Meeting, January 19-22, 2022 Wisconsin State Education Convention

Moved by Griffin / R. Johnson to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried. Pethke absent.

Stephanie Flynn, Recorder