

MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.  
High School Library

- Open Meeting The meeting was held in the library of the Manteno High School and was called to order by President Stauffenberg at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call The following members answered to roll call: G. Dodge, P. Mallaney, M. Nelson, and M. Stauffenberg. Absent: S. Martin, G. Preston and J. Toepper – three (3).
- Also present: Supt. Russert, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, J. Ruland, A. Furbee, T. Steele, D. Christ, C. Allers, K. Meyer, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – eleven (11).
- Visitors: B. Byrnes (Daily Journal) and L. Dill (Russell Publications) approx. five others.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approve Additional Agenda Items Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to approve the following additional items to the agenda:
- IV. Consent Agenda
- E. Resignations
- Victoria Byerley, Technology Intern effective immediately
- Jacklyn Dulkowski, Elementary MAP teacher and HS girls' asst. softball coach effective at the end of the 09-10 school year.
- H. Employments
- Tim Johnson, ~~Substitute~~ Summer Technology Intern (June 1<sup>st</sup>) \$8.25 per hour and move to Technology Intern effective August 1, 2010
- Extended School Year Positions:
- Hans Hiemenz, PS and ES Severe/Profound room, one on one assistant
- Tricia Krejca, MS Severe/Profound room, one on one assistant
- Rebecca Ganger, General Education MS level summer school, one on one assistant
- Lisa LaFevre, HS Severe/Profound room, teacher assistant
- Mary Edwards, HS Severe/Profound room, one on one assistant
- Kelly Wadley, HS Driver's Ed. co-teacher
- Amanda Kemnetz, OTR Direct Services via IEP's when Stacy Larson is not
- \*Approval for Superintendent to hire extended school year teachers and paraprofessionals as needed
- Gary Scurlock, Substitute bus driver
- Ayes: Mallaney, Nelson, Dodge and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Public Hearings & Petitions PTO – Roger Schnitzler reported on behalf of Mike Casagrande. The PTO awarded two \$500 senior scholarships, one to Sarah McDaniel and the other to Melissa Selk.
- Andy Furbee reported that this was the first year to have a Special Olympics team.

The team won a total of 11 gold medals and five silver medals. Many staff members participated in the coaching the team. Public comments – none.

Report of  
Committees

**Building Committee** – Supt. Russert reported the Middle School kiln is being reevaluated. The vent is not venting an adequate amount of air. The first construction meeting is coming up next week regarding the gym air handlers. Documents for the repair of the eight HVAC units for the High School have gone out. Midwest Landscaping gave a quote of \$1,032 for the planting of two trees by the ball fields. Summer projects were discussed. Neil Piggush from Tyson Engineering presented a plan for site work at the new property. He stated that once changes have been made and approved, Tyson will submit the documents to FEMA for approval. It normally takes FEMA about eight months to approve.

**Finance Committee** – Chairman Mallaney reported the committee met this evening and reviewed the finance packet. The District Office payoff request (approved at last month's meeting) was discussed. The tax bills are late and are being watched closely. The Supt. made a presentation last week to the Illinois State Board of Education regarding orphanage grant funding. The Supt. made the appeal that ISBE raise the priority level of the orphanage grant funds, since those funds are actually the General State Aid for those students who are wards of the State. The State has been behind in all of its payments, but categorical grants have been the area hit hardest. Categorical grants are funding used for special purposes, such as transportation, special education or other services. The transportation fund has only received one of four payments for this fiscal year. The District will eventually receive the payments, but it will not be until the next fiscal year.

**Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee** – Joshua Ruland, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, discussed the results of programs that had been put in place to help students succeed in school. At the Elementary School, 238 students had received an additional 30 minutes of reading instruction three to four times per week. The students' scores at the Elementary level have continued to increase. Mr. Ruland also discussed efforts that had been made to reduce student behavior problems with RtI and the Check and Connect programs. In one year's time, in-school suspensions had decreased from 52 to 11 and out of school suspensions from 22.5 to 10.5. The Curriculum Committee also discussed goals, such as writing curriculum that covered objectives for K-12 graders and grading and report guidelines to improve accuracy.

**Technology Committee** – Tom Steele, Director of Technology reported the committee met for the last time for the year. The tech refresh was discussed, going along as planned. Delivery of first systems is expected on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Tech Dept. is coordinating efforts with the Maintenance Dept. so everyone can stay on schedule. Dan and Tom put together a document representing the guidelines for non-district computing devices on network. Several committee members expressed concern about the requirement that computers had to run district-provided anti-malware and other software. The committee reviewed and finalized the staff survey for the technology planning process. Josh Ruland will present the survey to the CIA committee for additional input. Four

junior High School intern candidates were submitted by the HS Staff. Ellie Mikrut and Tim Johnson were awarded the internship positions. Tom reviewed the summer projects. A request was made to move up the staff buy program.

Consent  
Agenda

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to approve the following consent agenda items:

**Minutes**

1. Regular Board Meeting- April 27, 2010
2. Executive Session – April 27, 2010

**Financial Reports**

1. Summary of Cash/Investment/Fund Balances
2. M-T-D/Y-T-D Revenue/Expenditure Reports
3. Food Service Report
4. Payroll Extras and Imprest Fund
5. Activity Reports
6. Payroll and Accounts Payable
7. Investment Account Reports
8. Additional Accounts Payable
9. Tentative Budget Amendment

**Declare Surplus Comp. Network Equip.**

Cisco Cat. 4006 chassis, power supply/ blds.

SonicWall Pro 3060, SonicWall Pro 5060

**Board Policies** - Second reading & adoption – Policy 5:125 and 6:185

**FMLA Request**

Cheri Beasley, Elementary Teacher, from May 10<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Resignations**

Kyle Haworth, High School Biology Teacher, end of the 09-10 school year

Katie Price, Bus Aid, effective May 21, 2010

Terina Taylor, District Substitute Caller/Coordinator, end of the 09-10 school year

Kristin Agee, High School Math Contest Sponsor, end of the 09-10 school year

Laura Schade, Girls Varsity Head Track Coach, end of the 09-10 school year

Victoria Byerley, Technology Intern effective immediately

Jacklyn Dulkowski, Elementary MAP teacher and HS girls' asst. softball coach

effective at the end of the 09-10 school year.

**Reduction in Work**

Barbara Rozniak, Bus Driver, reduce from two to one route driver, end of 09-10

**Retirements**

Mike Snyder, High School Band/Music Teacher at the end of the 13-14 School year

**Employment**

\* Cory Blanchette, High School Special Education Teacher for 10-11 school year

\* Amy Reed, School Psychologist 10-11 school year

\* Lindsay Beechy, Middle School Guidance Counselor 10-11 school year

Terina Taylor, Special Education Teacher (replacing J. Chapman) 10-11 school year

Julie Quinn, Middle School 2010 Summer School Language Arts Instructor

Nancy Kauffman, District Office Administrative Assistant to start July 12, 2010

Elizabeth Mikrut, Substitute Summer Technology Intern (June 1<sup>st</sup>) \$8.25 per hour and then move to Technology Intern effective August 1, 2010  
Lori Weeden, High School Summer 2010 School Driver's Education  
Kecia Leonard, Sub Food Service/Sub Custodial  
Jennifer Carroll, District Substitute Coordinator  
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**Extracurricular Assignments 2010-2011**

**Athletics Management**

Middle School Athletic Director-VanSwol, Tim

**High School Boy Athletics**

Varsity Baseball-Pignatiello, Brett  
Assistant Baseball-Monk, Zach & TBA  
Varsity Football-Haines, R.J.  
Assistant Football 1-Bailey, Derek  
Assistant Football 2-Beckner, Matt  
Assistant Football 3-Longtin, John  
Assistant Football 4-Blanchette, Cory  
Assistant Football 5-Langusch, Mark  
Varsity Basketball-Wenzel, Doug  
Freshman Basketball-Monk, Zach  
Golf-Pignatiello, Brett  
Track-Pennington, Lee & TBA, Co-Head  
Wrestling-Blanchette, Cory  
Assistant Wrestling-Boudreau, Tim  
Soccer-Emerson, Jake  
Assistant Soccer-Dowdy, Zach & TBA

**High School Girls Athletics**

Varsity Basketball-O'Reilly, Jenny  
Assistant Varsity Basketball 1-Hawkins, Jim  
Assistant Varsity Basketball 2-Yunker, Amy  
Varsity Softball-Carlile, Josh  
Soccer-Emerson, Jake  
Assistant Soccer-Robertson, Burgandy  
Varsity Volleyball-Davis, Cheryl  
Assistant Volleyball-Bechard, Colleen

Freshman Volleyball-Trumble, Kristie  
Cheerleading (Fall Football)-Ravens, Jen  
Cheerleading (Winter Basketball)-Ravens, Jen  
Cheerleading (Competition)-Ravens, Jen

**Middle School Boys Athletics**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball-Dowdy, Zach  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball-Langusch, Mark  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball-Monk, Zach  
Head Track-Trumble, Kristie  
Assistant Track-Dowdy, Zach  
Wrestling-Hiemenz, Hans

**Middle School Girls Athletics**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball-Rewerts, Diane  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball-Davis, Cheryl  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball-Trumble, Kristie  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball-Younger, Amy  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball-Carlile, Josh  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball-Lambert, T.J.  
Head Track-Kuchar, Candice  
Assistant Track-Bechard, Colleen  
Cheerleading-50% Frerichs, Kristin and 50% Riegle, Jennifer

**Music/Drama**

HS Show Choir-Krause, Cassandra  
HS Show Choir Accompanist-Parkison, Karen  
MS Show Choir-Krause, Cassandra  
MS Show Choir Accompanist-Snyder, Mike  
HS Band/Concert/Contest/Basketball Pep-Snyder, Mike  
HS Wind Ensemble/Concert/Contest/Football Pep-Snyder, Mike  
HS Chorus Concert Contest-Snyder, Mike  
HS Vocal Ensemble/Concert/Contest-Snyder, Mike  
MS Band Concert/Contest I-Snyder, Mike  
MS Band Concert/Contest II-Donovan, Veronica  
MS Band concert/Contest III-Donovan, Veronica  
Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert-Donovan, Veronica  
MS Chorus Concert/Contest I-Krause, Cassandra  
MS Chorus Concert/Contest II-Snyder, Mike  
MS Chorus Concert/Contest III-Krause, Cassandra  
HS Play Director-TBA  
Chorus Accompanist (hourly)-Baldwin, Terri and Parkison, Karen

**High School Activities**

Freshman Sponsor I-Japp, Alexandra  
Freshman Sponsor II-Younger, Amy  
Sophomore Sponsor I-Agee, Kristen  
Sophomore Sponsor II-Meier, Casey  
Junior Sponsor I-Ertel, Donna  
Junior Sponsor II-Wilson, Pat  
Senior Sponsor I-Frame, Kim  
Senior Sponsor II-Butterfield, Theresa

Environmental Science Club-Seckinger, Kristal  
National Honors Society-Ertel, Donna  
Student Council-Zhorne, Brent  
Academic Team-Frame, Kim  
Academic JV-Japp, Alexandra  
M Club-Crosby, Kevin  
Math Contest-Hanningan, Katie  
Key Club-Short, Kelly  
WYSE-Butterfield, Theresa

**Middle School Activities**

Student Council-Whitten, Nichole  
Speech-Beedle, Mary Kay  
Math Contest-Rewerts, Jerry  
Academic Team-Quinn, Julie  
Spelling Contest-Johnson, Carolyn

**Yearbook**

HS Yearbook-Frame, Kim  
MS Yearbook-Atzhorn, Shay  
ES Yearbook-Gerard, Sherron & Lukas, Lindsay (Co-Sponsors)  
PS Yearbook-Dudley, Vicki

**MHS Summer School Registration Fees and Forms**

Registration fees for English classes are the same as last year which is \$130.00 being held June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am till noon. Driver Education is \$220.00 for the summer with the classroom portion from June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 10:30am. The driving portion will be scheduled with the individual students.

**Y-Kids Lease Agreement**

**Manteno School District Special Olympics** - Athletes to compete in the State Of Illinois Special Olympic Summer Games on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at ISU. All meals and sleeping accommodations are provided at no cost to the athletes or district. The eight eligible athletes will be transported in the District's white bus.

Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Unit Office  
Report

Supt. Russert reported on the following items:

**Good News**

1. Fieldtrips-Student letter (Leah Selk) sent to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, regarding the importance of field trips in the lives of students and asking that Quinn ensure that school districts receive the funding necessary for these trips.
2. State Qualifiers - High School State Track participant: Kristine Demonbreun will participate at the State Track meet for the 1600 meter .  
Middle School State Track participants: Kaitlyn Creek-High Jump, Jordan Irvin-Shot Put, Natalie Hatalla, Jasmine Davis, Paige Trimbur, Hannah Ondrey, & Kelly Palicky (alt.)- 4X200M Relay
3. Manteno Middle School participated in the State Science Fair competition on Friday and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Participants were Matt Kleszynski, Jocelyn LeSage and Brock Crews. They received two silvers and one

bronze award. Students projects were: "Which Computer Programming Language is the Fastest? Which Pop is Most Acidic? and, "Which Shot Arch is the Most Effective?" Congratulations to the participants for representing Manteno well.

4. We had ten students combined from the MES, MMS and MHS participate in the Special Olympics Illinois 2010 Spring Games on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Overall, the team brought home eleven gold medals and five silver medals. Eight athletes qualified to attend and participate in the Special Olympics Summer Games held at ISU on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to compete against athletes from the entire state of Illinois.

5. On April 22, 2010, the 5th grade classes participated in Earth Day activities outside at the Middle School. Mr. Schnitzler donated hostas for the students to help plant around the pillars outside of the entrance of the Middle School. While some students were planting, others wrote Earth Day messages with colorful chalk on the sidewalks of the school. Other students and teachers walked around the Middle School and cleaned up litter. The students were amazed at the amount of litter that was collected just around our school. Whether the students planted, cleaned up, or wrote messages, they realized that they can make a difference and help protect our Earth.

6. MHS art students had over 300 pieces of art displayed at the Manteno Public Library Art Show on May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. The art students also won five ribbons at the I-8 Conference Art Show.

7. Upcoming Events

Baccalaureate is Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Senior Awards follow at 7:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at MHS

High School Graduation Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at MHS

Report Card pickup is Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Rounding up Kindergartners, we have handed out 132 packets with 125 returned. The number of packets returned is about 10 higher than last year at this time.

The Manteno Education Foundation annual golf outing will be held June 7, 2010.

#### Old Business

Approve  
Int. Agmt.  
2002 School  
Const. Grant

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Mallaney to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the District and the Capital Development Board as presented. Ayes: Nelson, Mallaney, Dodge, and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

#### New Business

Display Dist.  
Amended  
Budget

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to place the District's tentative amended budget on display as presented. Ayes: Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reschedule  
June Board  
Meeting

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to approve rescheduling the June Board meeting date from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

IHSA Post  
Season Cross  
Country

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to approve Sidney Couch to participate in the IHSA post season Cross-Country tournament at the family's expense for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. Voice vote: All ayes – four (4). Nays – none (0).

Motion carried.

- Anticipated Future Items
1. Amended budget hearing.
  2. Approve amended budget.
  3. Property and casualty insurance renewal.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of student discipline and employment compensation . Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open Session ended at 6:57 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to return to Open Session at 7:28 p.m. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays - none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Expulsion Of Student "J"

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to accept the recommendation of the administration for the expulsion of Student "J" beginning on June 4, 2010 and for the entire 10-11 school year. Ayes: Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Amend Board Policy

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Mallaney to amend Board policy to grant non-certified employees with 15 years of District service the ability to accumulate up to 240 sick days (which equals one year). Ayes: Dodge, Mallaney, and Stauffenberg – three (3). Nays – none – (0). Abstain: Nelson – one (1). Motion carried.

Meeting Adjournment

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All ayes – four (4). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

*Mark Stauffenberg\**

*Patrick Mallaney\**

Mark Stauffenberg  
Board President

Patrick Mallaney  
Board Secretary

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\*Signatures on file at the District Office