

Manteno CUSD #5
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, January 23, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.
Manteno High School Library

- Call to Order 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 S. Martin A. Strawson
M. Stauffenberg J. Toepper – six (6)
- Absent: M. Nelson (arrived at 6:56 p.m.) – one (1).
- Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, T. Steele, J. DePoister and recording secretary D. Fortin – nine (9).
- Visitors – K. Jurgenson, K. Frame, D. Nelson, J. Palicki, A. McSparin (Herald), R. Skidmore, L. Promis-Schouten, J. Canna, K. Sargant, B. Huff, B. Fisher, Dr. Jerry Weber, D. Frey, M. Toepper, Dr. Judy Marwick, P. Martin – approximately 16 visitors.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Additional Agenda Moved by Dodge, seconded by Mallaney to add the following agenda item under New Business – “D” – Wireless Connectivity Equipment. Ayes: Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Kankakee Community College Agreement A cooperative effort was made a reality when a joint agreement was signed by both Manteno CUSD #5 Board members and KCC dignitaries agreeing to rent classroom space in its new building to Kankakee Community College. The college also will offer classes for current high school students to earn college credit during the school day. For adults in Manteno, this brings college courses to a convenient location and consequently saves them travel time and gas money. The number of classes and classrooms rented each semester will vary based on the needs of KCC and Manteno High School.
- Public Hearings PTO President Rae Skidmore reported the following:
- Campbell soup labels will be accepting only bar codes as of Feb. 15th.
 - The December Fun Shop made \$1,100

- January 29th will be the Fingerprinting program at the Primary & Elementary Schools
- The Fall candle fundraiser made a total of \$18,543.05. Purchases made from the fundraiser proceeds included items such as a poster maker, \$1,500 for a Springfield Trip, \$945 for an audio meter, new library books for \$2,023.05
- PTO positions need to be filled this Spring. A letter will be sent out to every student in March. If no volunteers step forward, the PTO will be disbanded.

There were no other public comments.

Report of Board Committees **Building Committee** – Chairman Sam Martin reported that the recent rains were tough on the school construction projects. The minutes were briefly reviewed. There were no further questions.

Finance Committee – Chairman Pat Mallaney reported the committee suggested talking to the tenant to let the tenant know we will be rewriting the lease at a later date and to write the lease stating there will be adjustments on the acreage at some point. Discussion continues with the Village in the field sharing concepts. Dawn gave an overview of the TIF extension. The finance packet was reviewed. There were no further questions.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Tom Steele reported several items were covered at the January meeting. The Skyward gradebook tracking took place in November and December. Every teacher has started using this technology to some degree. There will be one more day of training tomorrow. The LCD projectors have been installed and the screens hung at the Elementary School.

The technology planning starts in January even though our current plan does not expire until June, 2007, the next plan should be approved by November, 2007. The Elementary network switches were replaced over Christmas break. Four new application servers were purchased and recently installed. We have received and signed the contracts for the Comcast high-bandwidth Internet connection. The E-rate application for 2007-2008 has been filed. No decision has been made regarding replacement for FrontPage. The use of floppy disks was discouraged. Specifications for new computers were discussed as well as the Primary School wireless issues.

Consent Agenda Moved by Toepper, seconded by Martin to accept the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes of the Special Board meeting of December 12, 2006
- Minutes of the Executive Session of the meeting of December 12, 2006
- Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 19, 2006
- Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 19, 2006
- Minutes of the Board Retreat of January 13, 2007

- Financial Reports
- Resignations – None
- Employments
 - Patricia Crabtree – Part time food service worker (3 hr/day)
 - Chuck Parsons, IEP Coordinator (for Indian Oaks) 50 contract days
- Maternity Leave Request – None
- Adoption of the Executive Session Minutes Resolution
- Declaration of Surplus (Primary School piano)
- Manteno Varsity Basketball Overnight Trip (2/9/07 to Riverton at no cost to the District)

Ayes: Toepper, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6).
Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Member Nelson entered at 6:56 p.m.

Unit Office Report

Supt. Russert reported on the following:

- Commonwealth Edison reimbursed the District approximately \$1,000 for a rebate for their willingness to turn off lights and air conditioning during high peak terms.
- Mr. Leopold's class will be presenting in Springfield at the Tech 2007 conference.
- The Middle School Science Fair winners
- Mrs. Cronk won a grant to fund a field trip to Chicago Botanical gardens.
- The FFA presentation will be held in February
- Bob Huff and Brandon Fisher gave an update on the construction progress. High School Section A & B walls were closed in. Heaters are running to melt snow off of the roof. Ron's Plumbing and Heating are "done" except for an acid waste tank. Last two light poles will be installed tomorrow. At the Middle School, Monday will bring prep work prior to the concrete pour. Construction meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month 10:00 for the High School project and 11:00 for the Middle School project. Discussion was held regarding the type of heating units to be used at the schools. Bob Huff presented a handout of the air system design load summary for first floor classrooms, as well as a comparison of gas vs. electric heating costs for areas to have proposed electric heat. We are within the budget.
- The Education Foundation golf outing will be held July 19th.
- Member Nelson reported that he has been involved in the Kankakee Area Cooperative decisions to bring costs more in line and down so services can be more available. An adoption was made for drastic cuts.

Old Business

Middle School & High School Bid Packages 1A – Finish Work – There is no action on this item at this time.

Middle School Bid Package 4B – Metal Stairs, Handrails, etc. – There is no action on this item at this time.

Approve MS BP 4D Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to award Middle School Bid Package 4D to Larson Equipment Company for \$127,843.00. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve MS & HS BP 4L Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to award Middle School & High School Bid Package 4L to Tom Toney – Illini Supply for \$241,354.00. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

High School Bid Package 4D – Aluminum Store Fronts – There is no action on this item at this time.

Approve HS BP 4E Moved by Toepper, seconded by Nelson to award High School bid Package 4E to Frank Cooney Company for \$166,821.90. Ayes: Toepper, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve HS BP 4F Moved by Nelson, seconded by Mallaney to award High School Bid Package 4F to Larson Equipment Company for \$177,107.00. Ayes: Nelson, Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

High School Bid Package 14R – Re-bid Terrazzo Flooring – There is no action on this item at this time. Bids were received on January 10, 2007, and are under architectural review.

New Business

Approve KCC Lease Agreement Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Martin to approve the lease agreement between Manteno CUSD #5 and Kankakee Community College. Ayes: Mallaney, Martin, Dodge, Nelson, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Manteno CUSD #5 attorney Jack Canna presented the debt certificates to finance for the new district office and maintenance building located at 84 North Oak Street. The building will be paid off on February 1, 2014.

Approve Debt Cert. Moved by Strawson, seconded by Toepper to approve the issuance of debt certificates as presented. Ayes: Strawson, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin,

- For Oak St. Property Nelson and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Graduation Dates Moved by Strawson, seconded by Nelson that Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. be set as the High School Graduation date and Eighth Grade Promotion be set for Thursday, May 17th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Voice vote – all ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Wireless Connectivity Option #3 Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to approve the wireless connectivity agreement purchase Option #3 from Dura-Tech for \$35,400, unless a local company offers to share a heavy duty tower, where our costs would not be more than \$250 more than Option 3. Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Executive Session Moved by Strawson, seconded by Nelson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a student discipline case [5 ILCS 120/2(c) (9)] and appointment, employment, compensation, performance, dismissal of specific employee(s); hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine validity: [5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)] according to the Open Meetings Acts Ayes: Strawson, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:37 p.m.
- Return to Open Session Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to return to Open Session at 9:05 p.m. Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Student “C” Discipline Recommendation Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to accept the administrations recommendation regarding Student “C’s” discipline. Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Employee “E” Dismissal Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to accept the administrations recommendation regarding Employee “E’s” dismissal. Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Adjournment Moved by Strawson, seconded by Dodge to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – all ayes (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

 Mark Stauffenberg, Board President

 Patrick Mallaney, Secretary

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