

Manteno Board of Education Regular Meeting
Held January 24, 2006 – 6:30 PM
Manteno High School

- Regular 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 S. Martin M. Nelson A. Strawson J. Toepper
M. Stauffenberg (7) – seven

Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, S. Horsch, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, M. Shaffer, T. Steele, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – (11)

Visitors: K. Frame, L. Byerly, D. Nelson, R. Wolff (Herald) and others – approximately 4 visitors.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Additional Agenda Items Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge, to add the following agenda items:
Consent Agenda Item – Additional Resignation
New Business Item “F” – Request for overnight stay by Manteno High School basketball team.
Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Public Hearings/ Petitions/ Comments **PTO** – President Lana Byerley reported the next meeting will be held March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Library to discuss 06-07 allocations in the amount of \$9,000. Market Day pick up is February 10th. The PTO is still collecting Campbell’s Soup labels and box top labels. The library automation system has been ordered. A PTO membership drive will take place at student registration in the Spring.
- Report of Committees **Building Committee** – Chairperson Sam Martin reported the committee agreed to proceed with the purchase of a Middle School kitchen steam table. Bob Huff is working on the storage closet space in the new gym facility. Discussion followed regarding the purchase of handicap accessible ramps for the temporary learning cottages. Quotes have been received to rebuild the ramps which came with the mobiles, as well as new aluminum ramps.
- Approve Purchase of Ramps for Mobiles Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase of aluminum handicap accessible ramps for the Primary and Middle School mobile classrooms at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Finance Committee – Member Nelson requested the figures for moving the Chebanse mobile classrooms. There are four 48 x 72 units for \$20.00 and not in bad shape. These mobiles will be a little more expensive to move and to reassemble. Many pillars would have to be removed. The earliest move date will be in April. It was recommended to call and reserve the mobile classrooms and continue to research the moving costs, and bring back a recommendation to the

Buildings and Grounds and Finance Committees next month. The Committee approved the purchase of a new steam table at the Middle School.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Tom Steele reported the Committee is working on a disaster recovery plan. Many items are conditional upon the success of the referendum. It was discussed to discontinue the Homework Hotline, and the committee is currently looking at alternatives. The Middle School Technology Club met with 43 students attending the first meeting. There are still content filter issues, but the majority requested to keep the ad filter in place. The E-Rate application for 2006-2007 now allows schools to cover e-mail services, not a server. The District needs to add an additional server to relieve the space problems on CUSD5-S1.

Consent
Agenda

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Minutes of the:
 - Special Town Hall Meeting of December 15, 2005
 - Public Hearing for 2005 Tax Levy of December 20, 2005
 - Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2005
 - Executive Session of December 20, 2005
 - Special Board Meeting of December 30, 2005
 - Executive Session of December 30, 2005
 - Board Retreat of January 7, 2006
 - Special Board Meeting of January 10, 2006
- Financial Reports
- Payroll and Accounts Payables
- Resolution regarding the Oktoberfest Committee
- Resignations:
 - Tori Lengel - Middle School Secretary
 - Linda St. John - IOA ED Teacher Aide
 - Suzette Ashby – Food Service Employee
- Employment:
 - Tracy Daviduke – Middle School Health/P.E.
 - Derek Augustynowicz – IOA PE Teacher
 - Ryan Kemp – Varsity Baseball Coach
 - Angie Liszkiewicz – Middle School Secretary
 - Lisa LaFevre – Part-time one-on-one aide (1 hour/day)
 - Tonnia Taylor – Part-time one-on-one aide EC (2.5 hours/day)
 - Loretta Mayes – Substitute Bus Driver (pending IDOT completion)
 - Janet Hart – Substitute Bus Aide
 - Debra Knobbe – Substitute Bus Aide
 - Jennifer Ostrowski – Substitute Custodian
 - Diane Boudreau – Substitute Cook
 - Additional Substitute Teachers approved by the Regional Office of Education
 - Gretchen Foster – Substitute Cook
 - Mary Beth Boudreau – Substitute Bus Aide
- Maternity Leave Request – Rinda Tosi – Kindergarten
- Executive Session Minutes to remain closed from July 1, 2004 through November 22, 2005, along with those previously closed from May 7, 2002 through June 28, 2005.

Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7).
Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Unit Office Report Supt. Dawn Russert reported that a referendum citizen committee named “Citizens for Good Schools and Good Kids” has been formed and is led by Jim Stauffenberg. A website has been established, which is www.goodschoolsgoodkids.org. Manteno student Kailey Snider was recognized in the NW Indiana Times for her role in the Sound of Music. The Knights of Columbus were thanked for their charitable donation of \$1,234 for special education classroom supplies. The PTO was also thanked for the library automation of the Primary, Middle and Elementary schools.

Old Business None

New Business

Approve Semi Annual Food Bids Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to approve the semi-annual food bids from Gordon Food Service and Fox River Foods. Ayes: Mallaney, Nelson, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve MHS Course Catalog Moved by Toepper, seconded by Mallaney to approve the 2006-2007 Manteno High School Course Catalog. Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve 4 Years of English Graduation Requirement Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the four years of English as graduation requirements beginning with the freshman class in 2006. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Pilot HS Ala Carte Breakfast Program Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to approve the pilot ala carte breakfast program for the High School as presented. Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Graduation/Promotion Dates Moved by Dodge, seconded by Toepper that Sunday, May 21, 2006 be set as High School Graduation date, Friday, May 19th, 2006 be set as Indian Oaks Academy Graduation date, and Eighth Grade Promotion be set for Thursday, May 18th, 2006. Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Request for Overnight Stay Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to allow the request for the High School Boy’s Varsity basketball team an overnight stay (to be paid for by the players) in Springfield, Illinois on the date of Friday, February 10th for a varsity basketball game on Saturday, February 11th in Riverton, Illinois at no cost to the District. Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Executive Session Moved by Strawson, seconded by Nelson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel, land acquisition, negotiations, compensation, contractual issues and/or discipline issues according to the Open Meetings Act. Ayes: Strawson, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays: None – (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:03 p.m.

Return to Open Session Moved by Nelson, seconded by Strawson to return to open session at 7:56 p.m. Ayes: Nelson, Strawson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Adjournment Moved by Nelson, seconded by Strawson to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:57 p.m.

Mark Stauffenberg, Board President
MKS/PM/df

Patrick Mallaney, Board Secretary