

MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
High School Library

- Open Meeting The meeting was held in the library of the Manteno High School Library, 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, G. Preston, J. Toepper and M. Stauffenberg – seven (7) Absent – none (0)
- Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, J. Ruland, T. Steele, C. Allers, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – eleven (11).
- Visitors: B. Thompson, D. Chambers, J. Mallaney, J. Emerson, J. Fogel, T. Butterfield, J. Morris, A. Kinster, M. Hill – approximately seven (7) visitors.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Additional Items Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to add the following agenda items:
- C. Resignations
 - Karen Parkison, Paraprofessional – Middle School effective 1/27/09
 - E. Family Medical Leave Request
 - Leobardo Ruiz (custodian) beginning January 23, 2009 for approx. 12 weeks.
 - Carol Underside (food service) beginning January 20, 2009 for approx. 12 weeks.
 - F. Employments
 - David A. DeLahr* - substitute bus driver (*pending successful completion of pre-employment requirements).
 - Board approval for Supt. to hire full time evening custodian*
 - I. Overnight request for the Middle School Wrestling team to stay overnight in Normal, Friday, March 6th.
- Ayes: Mallaney, Nelson, Dodge, Martin, Preston, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays: None – (0). Motion carried.
- Public Hearings/ Petitions/ A PTO representative was unavailable for an update. Chemistry teachers Teresa Butterfield and Julie Morris gave a wonderful presentation regarding a program they are participating in which is funded by the National Science Foundation for “down state” teachers, in which effective use of state of the art technology is used and taught to the teachers to bring back to utilize in their classrooms, which in turn enhances student

learning and understanding. This program represents cutting edge learning and the world's fastest effective modeling. The teachers thanked the board for the technology equipment in their classrooms.

Paul Russert introduced Angie Kinster, a Manteno resident who is also a member of the Illinois State Police, Bill Thompson, High School driving instructor and Dan Chambers a representative from All State Insurance Agency. Manteno High School won a \$1,000 check from All State Ins. Agency for the Safe Driving Grant which helps teen age students learn about safe driving.

There were no further public comments.

Report of **Committees** **Building Committee** – Sam Martin reported on the outline for spring and summer. The maintenance dept. has done a great job keeping the buildings warm and the parking lots free of ice. Discussion of the Phase 2 of the High School green space will take place next week, regarding the development of the area west of the Elementary School, practice fields, the North West corner of the High school and the area north of the softball fields.

Finance Committee – Mark Stauffenberg reported the committee reviewed the 800's of the Board Policy. The IOA money is starting to come in. Bus leases stayed the same as last year and we will be purchasing one bus. The finance packet was reviewed. The Driver's Ed fees and other charges will be discussed at the next meeting.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Gale Dodge reported that Kim Kane (Differentiation Coordinator) gave a demonstration of the use of the green screen. Grant funds were received from the PTO and the Manteno Education Foundation to fund the green screen. There was an extensive list of board retreat items to be presented. Josh Ruland is working on suggestions for potential training for our District. Promethean boards are being utilized; staff is excited about using them.

Consent Agenda Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge, to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes

- Public Hearing – December 16, 2008
- Regular Board Meeting – December 16, 2008
- Executive Session – December 16, 2008

B. Financial Reports

- Summary of Cash/Investment/Fund Balances
- M-T-D/Y-T-D Revenue/Expenditure Reports
- Food Service Report
- Payroll Extras and Imprest Fund Reports
- Payroll and Accounts Payable Reports
- Investment Activity Reports
- Activity Reports
- Additional Accounts Payable

C. Resignations

- Marcia Legris, Custodian (effective 1/30/09)
 - Zachary Dowdy, Middle School Baseball (end of the 2008-2009 school year)
- D. Retirements
- None
- E. FMLA Requests
- Bob Smith, Bus Driver (effective 2/17/09 for six weeks)
- F. Employments
- Tiffany Lanoue, part-time, one-on-one teacher assistant
 - Nancy Campbell, substitute teacher assistant for an FMLA leave
 - Anthony Augustyniak, substitute custodian
 - Jason Paul McKee, custodian (position approved at 12-16-08 meeting)
 - Alex Snodsmith, High School co-assistant boys baseball coach
 - Zach Monk, High School co-assistant boys baseball coach
*pending and effective after successful completion of all paperwork.
- G. Adoption of Executive Session Minutes Resolution
(Minutes from June 24, 2008 through December 16, 2008 shall remain closed along with the ones previously closed from May 7, 2002 through May 20, 2008 and to approve the destruction of closed session verbatim recordings that are more than 18 months old and whose minutes were approved for at least 18 months).
- H. Approve amended calendar (to indicate school cancellation of school on 12/19/08, 1/15 and 1/16/09)

(Plus additional items added earlier)

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

Unit Office Report

Supt. Russert reported on the following items:

- A donation of \$1,218.93 was received for assistive technology by the Knights of Columbus.
- Mr. Furbee, along with Jenny Fogel gave a brief presentation of some of the assistive technology devices which our students are utilizing.
- A presentation will be made at Tech 2009 in Springfield showcasing this technology.
- The Athletic Boosters will be having their annual Cash Bash February 6th.
- High School students will be working with the Village of Manteno regarding saving energy within Manteno, thanks to a \$5,000 grant for studying energy efficiency.
- An all city wrestling match will be held at Manteno High School this Friday, January 30th.
- The Middle School Team Quest goes to State – 1st in engineering, 1st in architecture and 6th overall.
- The Rotary pancake dinner will be February 11th from 5-8 p.m.
- Manteno High School has 21 state scholars which will be recognized at next month's meeting.

Old Business

Approve Board Policy Section 8 Moved by Toepper, seconded by Mallaney to approve Board Policy Section 8 as presented. Ayes: Toepper, Mallaney, Dodge, Martin Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

New Business

Approve Graduation & Promotion Dates for 2009 Moved by Martin, seconded by Preston to approve Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. be set as High School graduation date and Eighth Grade Promotion be set for Thursday, May 29th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Voice vote: All ayes – seven (7). Motion carried.

Approve 09-10 Bus Lease Moved by Nelson, seconded by Mallaney to approve the 2009-2010 Sovereign bus lease for Midwest Transit buses for \$264,028.00 as presented. Ayes: Nelson, Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Preston, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Bus Purchase Moved by Dodge, seconded by Toepper to authorize the purchase of a used 2009 bus from Midwest Transit for \$65,860. Ayes: Dodge, Toepper, Mallaney, Martin, Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Future Action Items Anticipated future action items include: January 31st retreat at the Manteno High School library; hiring of an architect for the Elementary roof and all standing metal seam roofs; school fees for the 2009-2010 school year and the calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

Adjournment Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Voice vote: All ayes - seven (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Board President, Mark Stauffenberg Board Secretary, Patrick Mallaney

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