

Manteno CUSD #5
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, January 08, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Manteno High School Library

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President Stauffenberg at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call The following members answered to roll call:

P. Mallaney S. Martin M. Nelson
G. Preston M. Stauffenberg – five (5)

Absent: None – (0).

Also present: Supt. Russert, P. Russert, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, and recording secretary D. Fortin – five (5). Visitors: J. Nelson and K. Frame (Manteno Education Association President) – two (2)

Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Public Hearing Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to open the Public Hearing on the application and plan seeking a waiver of School Code 105 ILCS 5/18-8.05 to modify the dates for Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held on two, non-sequential evening conferences. Ayes: Mallaney, Nelson, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). The hearing opened at 6:32 p.m.

Public Input – None

Staff Input – Kim Frame, President of the Manteno Education Association commented to the Board the calendar change was proposed due to the fact that the Parent Teacher conferences that were scheduled during the day were poorly attended. By opening two evenings for parent conferences, more parent contact could be made. In exchange for the two evening Parent Teacher Conferences, the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving would be a non-attendance day. There are many attendance issues with students and their families traveling the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. By having two evening parent teacher conferences and the day off prior to Thanksgiving, attendance will be improved.

Roger Schnitzler, Manteno Elementary School Principal concurred with Mrs. Frame that there is a “rush” for parents to sign up for the evening conferences when they are posted at the annual Open House. There is a high demand at the Primary School and Elementary School for the prime spots of evening appointments and with only one evening there aren’t enough spots to go around.

Board Discussion - Board Member Nelson asked if this change in conference dates would result in extra attendance days or teachers working

longer during the year. Supt. Russert replied that it would not. There was no further Board discussion regarding the hearing.

There were no further amendments/changes to the waiver.

The Board concurred with the administration’s recommendation that two evening conferences would be the best for parents/children of the District.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to close the public hearing. Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Mallaney, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

Employments Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Martin to approve the employments as presented:

- Peter Bartlett, custodian
- Bob Smith, part time bus driver
- Kathy Kaack – substitute bus driver

Ayes: Mallaney, Martin, Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Resignations Moved by Preston, seconded by Nelson to approve the resignations as presented:

- Bob Smith, Route bus driver
- Kathy Kaack, Route bus driver
- Bernadette Buckholtz, custodian

Ayes: Preston, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Adjourn To Executive Moved by Nelson, seconded by Preston to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of student discipline according to the Open Meetings Act. Ayes: Nelson, Preston, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open Session ended 6:37 p.m.

Return To Open Session Moved by Nelson, seconded by Preston to return to Open Session at 6:54 p.m. Ayes: Nelson, Preston, Mallaney, Martin, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Expulsion of Student “B” Moved by Preston, seconded by Martin to expel Student “B” for one academic school year. Ayes: Preston, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Adjournment Moved by Nelson, seconded by Mallaney to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – all five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Mark Stauffenberg
Board President
MKS/PM/df

Patrick Mallaney, Board
Board Secretary