

Manteno Community Unit School District No. 5  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, October 28, 2014  
High School Library

- Open Session 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, L. Murray, M. Nelson, and M. Stauffenberg – five (5). Absent: - E. Hofmeister, One (1).
- Also present: Supt. Harrod, R. Schnitzler, R. Haines, A. Furbee, C. Majerski, E. Ruff, C. Creek, J. Finkelstein, T. Weber, J. DePoister and Nancy Kaufman – Eleven (11).
- Visitors: K. Haave-CornerStone Media Representative and Mike Casagrande-PTO Representative, Mr. Joe Emerson
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Additional Agenda Items - None
- Public Hearings/  
Petitions/  
Comments President Stauffenberg recognized Vice President/Board Member Gary Preston’s resignation effective October 13, 2014. President Stauffenberg thanked him for his dedication to the school district as well as always putting the needs of the children first. President Stauffenberg commented on how Mr. Preston’s thoughts were always about what was best for the children of the district.
- PTO President Mike Casagrande spoke about the various projects that the PTO is involved in:
- Trees around the District Fundraiser – PTO is working with the Village of Manteno to promote the fundraiser to raise money for PTO. This encourages individual classes, organizations, and businesses to decorate a 4ft. table top Christmas tree. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 and all monies raised will go back into the school. The trees will be on display throughout the month of November and at the Village Santa event on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Leo Hassett Community Center where the trees will be raffled off at the end of the event.
  - Individual Market Day orders that are over \$20.00 will be entered into a drawing to win a TV. The November orders are due by November 11<sup>th</sup> which includes the November pie fundraiser.
  - PTO reminds GFS shoppers to mention the school district to get credit for the school.
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- Appoint Board Vice President Moved by Nelson, seconded by Stauffenberg to nominate Gale Dodge as the Board Vice President through the balance of Mr. Preston’s term. Ayes: Nelson, Stauffenberg Dodge, Mallaney, Murray – Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried

- Reports of Committees
- Building Committee** – Superintendent Harrod reported that the Building and Grounds committee met on October 21, 2014 and discussed the following:
- 10-Year Safety Survey for the Middle School and High School – Conducted by BLDD Architects
  - High School Back Door Steps Repair
  - Early Childhood Center Manteno Logo on Gym Exterior Wall (West Side)
  - Update on Primary School Demolition Project
  - District Walking Program – Offered at the High School 6:00PM – 8:30PM
  - Middle School Music Room door repair on south side of the building
  - Future Goal of the 18-22 Transition House

**Finance Committee** – Chairman Mallaney reported the October Finance Committee meeting was cancelled.

**Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee** – Curriculum Director, Cathy Creek, reported that there have been a lot of positive comments from staff regarding the new Team Leader structure. The Curriculum department also has quite a few different professional development trainings to offer of which staff is appreciative. At the October 24<sup>th</sup> Institute Day a representative from KC-CASA shared a presentation with the staff regarding good tips on staff responsibilities. The Curriculum department has increased their communication with the Administration team. They meet on a monthly basis and feel like they are off to a good start of the year.

**Technology Committee** –  
The Technology Committee did not have a report update this month.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Minutes
  - Regular Board Meeting – September 30, 2014
- B. Financial Reports
  1. Summary of Cash/Investment/Fund Balances
  2. M-T-D/Y-T-D Revenue/Expenditure Reports
  3. Cost Analysis – Education, Cost Analysis – O&M
  4. Revenue Report
  5. Expenditure Report
  6. O&M Gas & Electric Expenditure Report
  7. Food Service Report
  8. Payroll Extras Report
  9. Imprest Check Report
  10. Accounts Payable Report
  11. ISDLAF Report
  12. Activity Accounts Reports
  13. Additional Accounts Payable

C. Cash Bash Ticket Sales

The Manteno Athletic Boosters are seeking approval for the sale of their Annual Cash Bash tickets. Sales will run from October 29, 2014 until January 16, 2015. Proceeds will go to support all of the various athletic programs in the District. The ticket price is the same as last year \$25.00 a ticket. The date of the Cash Bash event is Friday, January 16, 2015.

D. Declare Surplus

The Special Education department has an extra therapeutic swing at the Elementary School that is no longer needed and is taking up space. Each school building has their own swing, and the District has a spare swing in storage in case an additional swing is ever needed. The Special Education department has identified a school district to purchase the extra swing for \$500.00.

E. American Education Week Proclamation – November 17-21, 2014

F. Approve Additional 2014-2015 Substitute Teacher list maintained by the Iroquois/Kankakee Regional Office of Education.

G. **Resignations**

- Gary Preston, Board Vice President and Board Member – effective October 13, 2014

H. **FMLA**

- Jodie Brennock, Spanish 1 and 4 Teacher – beginning approximately May 12<sup>th</sup> thru the end of the 2014-2015 school year (11 days).
- Nicole Perso, Early Childhood Social Worker – beginning approximately January 5, 2015 and returning March 16, 2015 (48 days).

I. **Employments for the 2014-2015 School Year**

- Taylor Pierce, Middle School Head Track Coach
- Bill Thompson, Middle School Assistant Track coach
- Jessica Souto, Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- Kelly Bohne, Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- Steve St. Jean, High School Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach (1/2 stipend)
- Tim Boudreau, High School Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach (1/2 stipend)
- Nancy Worobey, Early Childhood/Elementary School Yearbook Sponsor
- Jorge Reyes, Substitute Custodian
- Authorization for Superintendent to hire Middle School Wrestling and Assistant Wrestling Coaches

Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Murray, Stauffenberg – Five (5). Nays – None (0).  
Motion carried.

## Superintendent's Report

### A. Good News

1. Congratulations to the High School Varsity Volleyball team on their regular season record of 26 - 8 and also for achieving the title of I-8 Conference Champs. They play their first game in the regional tournament tonight in Coal City against Morris.
2. Congratulations to the High School Varsity Football team for their regular season record of 8 – 1. They also achieved the title of Conference Champs in the I-8 Large division and will host a first round playoff game this Friday on Halloween at 7:30PM against Evergreen Park. Come on out and support the Panthers!
3. Kudos to Amanda Frame and Amy Younker and the Student Council team for putting on one of the best Homecoming weeks in Manteno history. The Homecoming event “Under the Big Top” was very festive and celebrated by all.
4. On Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> over 1600 students auditioned in the central area counties of Illinois in Bloomington, IL. This district expands from here, as far south as the Champaign-Urbana schools and out to the Normal-Bloomington schools. Two students, **Robert Grassano-Mazeika and Emily Yantes**, have been given the great opportunity to perform at the district festival in late November with over 300 other students in the District 3 festival.
5. As many of you know Manteno High School has started a Best Buddies Promoters chapter this year. We are off to a great start with many interested students. We are currently participating in the Best Buddies \$19.89 Fundraiser. The attached letter has all of the details; we hope you will consider supporting our chapter.

We are raising funds to send 2 of our officers to leadership camp in summer 2015. This past year Kori Johnson and CJ Boudreau attended and had a wonderful experience. They have brought many good ideas back for our group. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

6. At the home football game last Friday against Wilmington, between split the pot and a donation jar at the concession stand a total of **\$1,450.00** was raised for the Watseka football player that got hurt playing a game against Central a couple of weeks ago. The District sent him a signed football from our football team along with the monetary contribution.
7. Four 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls from the basketball team were upset because they didn't think they were going to get to have an event for Breast Cancer Awareness. Their idea was to have a **Pink Out Day on Thursday, October 23** in conjunction with a **Penny War** event to raise money to donate to the **Susan G. Komen Foundation**. Overall **65%** of the students had pink to support the cause and **\$815.14** was raised. The grade levels were tired of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade winning all of the spirit competitions so they were set on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade NOT winning.

Totals for each grade level:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade **-\$94.71**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade **-\$7.52**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade **-\$51.71**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **-\$225.52**

**Yes all of the totals were negative.** Penny wars works by pennies counting for your total and any silver counting against you per the value of the coin. We are working with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to send a representative down to MMS but that may not take place until November after the conclusion of Breast Cancer Awareness.

8. Thank you to the Administration and community members who have helped support our District in many ways.

### Old Business

### New Business

Ratify Ten-Year Safety Survey Agreement With BLDD Architects Moved by Dodge, seconded by Murray to Ratify Ten-Year Safety Survey Agreement with BLDD Architects in the amount of \$7,500.00. Ayes: Dodge, Murray, Mallaney, Nelson, Stauffenberg – Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Approve Bechstein Construction Corp. Final Payment And Primary School Demolition Close-Out Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to Approve Bechstein Construction Corp. Final Payment and Primary School Demolition Close-Out in the amount of \$16,050.00. Ayes: Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Murray, Stauffenberg – Five (5). Nays: None (0) Motion carried.

Approve Girls Soccer Team Overnight Stay Moved by Murray, seconded by Nelson to Approve Girls Soccer Team Overnight Stay from April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 to Burlington, Iowa for the Tournament of Champions. Voice Vote: All Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Approve Irwin Seating Company Final Payment And High School Upper Bleacher Project Close-Out Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murray to Approve Irwin Seating Company Final Payment and High School Upper Bleacher Project Close-Out in the amount of \$4,640.50. Ayes: Nelson, Murray, Dodge, Mallaney, Stauffenberg – Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

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Anticipated 1. Tentative Levy  
Future Action  
Items

Executive Session Moved by Dodge, Seconded by Nelson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; collective negotiating matters; presentation of evidence or testimony as authorized by law; purchase, lease, or sale of real or publicly owned property; investment contracts; security procedures which may include personnel; student disciplinary cases; litigation; issues under the tort Immunity Act; professional ethics or performance; board self evaluation; selection to fill a public office; and/or the discussion of previously closed minutes. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Murray, Stauffenberg – Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried. Open Session ended at 6:45p.m.

Return to Open Session Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to close Executive Session and return to Open Session. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Murray, Stauffenberg – Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried. Executive Session ended at 7:27p.m.

Adjourn Meeting Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:28p.m. Voice Vote: All Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

*\*Mark Stauffenberg*

*\*Patrick Mallaney\**

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Mark Stauffenberg  
Board President

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Patrick Mallaney  
Board Secretary

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\*Original signatures on file at the District office