

Manteno Board of Education Regular Meeting
Held October 24, 2006
Manteno High School Library
*Amended March 27, 2007**

- 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 and M. Stauffenberg – six (6).
- Absent: J. Toepper – one (1).
- Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, C. Clodi, T. Steele, C. Carter, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – twelve (12).
- Visitors: K. Jurgenson, R. Skidmore, K. Frame, K. Emerson, J. Emerson and J. Nelson – six (6).
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comments The PTO representative Rae Skidmore opened by thanking Mr. Schnitzler for representing the PTO at the last Board meeting. There was not a PTO meeting held in October. The Senior V.I.P. day (previously named Grandparent's Day) was held on October 13th and went very well. Thanks were given to the Vice Presidents and Panther moms for their donations. A special thank you was given to Lynn Davis and her staff for the preparation of thousands of cookies for the Open Houses held recently and to McDonalds for their donations and the use of coolers. The candle order deadline was October 19th. Final tallies of the fundraiser are incomplete. Pick up will be Friday, November 17th from 3-7 p.m. at the Elementary cafeteria. The new student fingerprinting date will be set in November. There will be a PTO meeting on November 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary library.
- Gale Dodge publicly congratulated Manteno High School Senior Cody McCullough who successfully ran the Regional Cross Country meet and will be moving on to Sectionals. Cody is the lone Cross Country athlete of the District, coached by Bill Thompson. Good luck Cody!

Report of Committees Building Committee – Chairperson Sam Martin asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the meeting minutes. There is a possibility of naming the street that runs between the ball field and the Lutheran Church a “fun name” such as Panther Parkway. The Committee is open to additional suggestions. Sam reported that the soccer/football field is in bad shape. Many options were discussed. It was decided the best option at the current time would be to plug the field this fall. The field has to be playable for girl’s spring soccer. The situation will be reevaluated this spring.

Finance Committee – Chairperson Mike Nelson reported that the snow plow bids (2) were reviewed and would be acted upon later in the meeting. Supt. Russert gave an overview of the arbitrage and construction expenditures. The interest from bonds sold for construction are reportable to the IRS and in order that the District may keep all the interest it has earned, the District must adhere to strict spend down deadlines (of which the next is November 25, 2006). A special meeting will be held November 7th to award more bids and pay additional construction bills so that the district meets all deadline requirements.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – The Curriculum and Technology Committee has met twice this month according to Tom Steele. There was a demo of the Skyward Grade book program which was presented at several buildings. The Committee did vote to approve the implementation of the Grade book program. The Staff buy option was discussed. An early survey indicated substantial interest. Currently there is a contractual cap of \$35,000 worth of purchases. After discussion, it was agreed since the contract only covers certified staff, to keep two sets of staff buy options, one for certified staff and the other for non certified, so as not to discourage any staff from utilizing this program. The Elementary School NetTV replacements RFPs have gone out and due back by October 20th. Brian Leopold is interested in piloting a pod cast project next year.

Approve
Consent
Agenda

Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 26, 2006
- Minutes of the Executive Session of September 26, 2006
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 10, 2006
- Financial Reports
- High School Construction Change Orders
 - Bid Package 1 & 2, Change Order 3 for \$770.00 (change column footing, create pockets)
 - **Change Order #1*** - Water line relocation credit of \$513.66 (fire watch reimbursement)
- Memo of Understanding (Show choir accompanist for Middle and High Schools) (continued on next page)
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- High School Athletic Handbook for the 2006-2007 School Year

- Resignations – none
- Employment: George Hofstra, Route Bus Driver
Christine Jenkin, Custodian (replacing Jim McCarthy)
Lisa Jones-Hayes, Substitute Food Service Worker
Mike Vegovich, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Replacement of Primary and High School Custodians
- Change in Employment Status: Corrie Fisher will not be hired.

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

Unit Office Report

Supt. Dawn Russert reported on the following:

- Construction update – The Middle School steel will arrive on November 6th with erection taking approximately one week. The High School steel will arrive November 13th with erection taking approximately two weeks. Smaller detail work will take about a month. The underground plumbing work has begun and is progressing well. There will be an additional bid opening on November 15th. Bid package 12 and Bid package #4 will be readvertised.
- The 1990 vehicle declared surplus at the last Board meeting did not receive any purchase bids so the vehicle has been donated to the Manteno Fire Department for training.
- There will be a special meeting on November 7th for bids and construction bills.
- The State School and District Report cards are not finalized yet. The preliminary data looks good. Supt. Russert will report back to the Board upon receipt of official State results.
- The Board Member election will be held April 17, 2007, and election packet information will be available in the District Office on November 7th, 2007 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Old Business

- A. Middle School & High School Bid Packages 2A and/or 1A – No Action
- B. Middle School Bid Package 12 – Will be rebid or repackaged and is currently under architectural review.
- C. Middle School and High School Bid Package 4 – General Work – This is being repacked and/or re-bid and is under architectural review.

New Business (At approximately 6:48 the building (town) electricity failed and the audio recording of this meeting ended.)

Approve Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to award the snow removal contract to
Snow Removal L & N Crop Spraying of Manteno. Ayes: Mallaney, Nelson, Dodge, Martin,
Contract Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Technology Payroll Deduction Program for 2006-2007 Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the district's list of technology items for the payroll deduction program for the 2006-2007 school year as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Educational Agmt. with Nexus/IOA Moved by Nelson, seconded by Mallaney to approve the Agreement for educational services between Manteno School District and Nexus/Indian Oaks Academy. Ayes: Nelson, Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve IMRF Authorized Agent Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the appointment resolution naming Debra Fortin as the District's authorized agent for IMRF. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Anticipated future action items:

- Tentative levy
- First discussion of January retreat items

Executive Session Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion possible litigation according to the Open Meetings Act. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open Session ended at 6:55 p.m.

Return to Open Session Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to return to open session at 7:10 p.m. Voice votes: All ayes – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

There were no action items resulting from Executive Session.

Adjournment Moved by Nelson, seconded by Stauffenberg to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All ayes – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:12p.m.

Mark Stauffenberg, Board President

Patrick Mallaney, Secretary

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