

Manteno Board of Education Regular Meeting
Held November 28, 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, S. Martin, A. Strawson, M. Stauffenberg and J. Toepper – five (5).

Absent: M. Nelson and P. Mallaney (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)– two (2).

Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, T. Steele, C. Carter, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – ten (10).

Visitors: C. Blanchette, D. Weber, L. McCullough, K. Frame, M. Walsh, A. Frame, L. Snow, T. Taeger, R. & S. Skidmore, K. Jurgenson, J. Emerson, J. Palicki, L. Promise-Schouten, B. Fischer, B. Huff, M. DeFrank, J. Anderson, M. Swanson, J. Gibson, T. Taeger, J. Boudreau, J. Souligne, J. Spangler, and R. Santoro – approximately 25 visitors.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Appointment Of Secretary Pro-Tem Moved by Toepper, seconded by Stauffenberg to appoint Sam Martin as the secretary pro-tem in the absence of Patrick Mallaney. Ayes: Toepper, Stauffenberg, Dodge, Martin, and Strawson – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Public Comments PTO – Rae Skidmore reported the fall candle fundraiser made a profit of over \$17,000. The Holiday Shop will be held December 15th from 6-9 p.m. and on Saturday, December 16th from 9 a.m. – noon. Fingerprinting is yet to be scheduled. There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be held January 9th.

Member Mallaney entered at 6:35 p.m.

High School Principal Paul Russert recognized High School Senior Cody McCullough, the lone participant in the Cross Country program, sponsored by Bill Thompson and trained by Dan Weber, both of which volunteered their time. Cody placed first in the All Area meet, second at the I-8 Conference, first at Regional's, second at Sectionals and received seventh at the State meet. Congratulations were given by the Board to Cody for his dedication and hard work.

High School Principal Paul Russert recognized the High School Robotics team and their sponsor Brian Leopold. Members of the team include: Brittany Rhodes, Matthew DeFrank, Michael Swanson, Jeffrey Gibson, Jennifer Anderson, Joseph Souligne, Jonathan Santoro, Jeremiah Boudreau, Cody McCullough, Tracey Taeger, Caleb Johnson and Josh Spangler.

This is the first “official” year the team has competed in the Johnson Controls sponsored event. The team recently went to Purdue Calumet and received B.E.S.T. 3rd place in the game competition out of 18 teams which will allow them to proceed to the Nationals at Auburn University in Alabama. The cost would be approximately \$2200. Several donations have already been obtained, fund raising proceeds earned and \$50 has been received from each student to offset the costs. A presentation of the team robot was presented to the Board and audience.

Mr. Russert requested the Board’s approval for an overnight stay for the team and transportation to and from the airport and up to \$1,000 from the High School budget.

Approve HS Robotic Team Request Moved by Dodge, seconded by Strawson to approve the High School Robotic Team request to provide school bus transportation to and from Midway Airport, meal reimbursement at the approved rates, and up to \$1,000 from the High School budget. Ayes: Dodge, Strawson, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Corey Blanchette, the High School Varsity Wrestling coach presented the Board with his request to allow the wrestling team to stay overnight at the Plano wrestling tournament as well as the State meet. Mr. Blanchette also briefly explained the new Panther Wrestling Alumni Club which is similar to the basketball club. This has been approved by the Athletic Boosters and has come before the board for recognition as an organization.

Approve Overnight Wrestling Request Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to approve the overnight wrestling request to the Plano tournament as presented. (Mr. Blanchette will come back to the Board for the State meet overnight request.) Voice vote: All ayes – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Recognize Panther Wrestling Alumni Club Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to have the Board recognize the Panther Wrestling Alumni Club as an organization. Voice vote: All ayes – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Mike Walsh, FFA sponsor spoke to the Board about the annual sale of poinsettias.

Report of Building Committee – Chairperson Sam Martin asked if anyone had questions

Committees regarding the minutes. Most of the meeting involved construction issues, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Finance Committee – Committee member Patrick Mallaney reported that committee discussion included:

- Comcast Contract
- Tax Levy
- Elementary switch replacement
- LCD Projector Replacement Proposal
- Bank of Bourbonnais Pledges
- IOA bus parking

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Member Gale Dodge reported the committee discussed the following:

- Update of staff buy program
- Homework hotline
- E-rate status
- Elementary TV replacement update
- Skyward Grade book implementation
- Elementary network switch replacement
- Comcast proposal

Approve
Consent
Agenda

Moved by Toepper, seconded by Dodge to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes
 - Regular Board meeting and Executive Session of October 24, 2006
 - Special Board meeting and Executive Session of November 7, 2006
- Financial Reports
- Resignations
 - Tina Greek, High School Food Service Worker (3 hrs/day)
 - Laura Lubben, 6th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - Ron McLain, Substitute Bus Driver
 - Ryan Kemp, Substitute Bus Driver
- Maternity Leave Requests
 - Laura Lubben, Middle School Language Arts
 - Jacki Rutledge, HS Guidance
- Employment
 - Meghann Carlile, Speech Pathology Clinician
 - Mike Snyder, Middle School Show Choir Accompanist
 - Karen Parkinson, High School Show Choir Accompanist
 - Joe Waldron, 6th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - Debbie Knobbe, Increase in hours from 4 hrs/day to 5.5 hrs/day
 - Bernice Vanderbok, Increase in hours from 3 hrs/day to 4 hrs/day

- Suzette Ashby, food service worker, 3 hrs/day (continued on next page)
- Donna Layne, 3 hr/day (continued from previous page)
- Judy Mann, Substitute Bus Assistant
- Tamie Spaulding, Substitute Bus Assistant
- Lillian Weber, Substitute Bus Assistant, Substitute Food Service Worker*
- Helena Campos, Substitute Bus Assistant, Substitute Custodian, Substitute Food Service Worker*
- Grace Casey, Substitute Custodian*
- Lovonna Bane, Substitute Food Service Worker*
- Huigiannng Wu, Substitute Custodian*
- Margarita Ocha, Substitute Custodian, Substitute Food Service Worker*
- Authorize the Superintendent to hire a Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach

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

Unit Office Report

Supt. Dawn Russert reported on the following:

- January Board Retreat – The Board has agreed to meet on January 13th, 2007.
- 2006 Tentative Tax Levy Presentation
 - It is recommended to propose a levy including the following fund amounts:

▪ Education	\$6,235,348
▪ Operation	\$1,247,070
▪ Transportation	\$ 498,828
▪ IMRF	\$ 239,437
▪ SS	\$ 239,437
▪ Life Safety	\$ 99,766
▪ Special Ed	\$ 99,766
▪ Tort Immunity	\$ 399,062
▪ Working Cash	\$ 49,883
▪ Bond & Interest	\$2,176,218
- 2006 State Testing Report – Cathy Carter presented the Board with the tentative results of the ISAT, PSAE, IMAGE, II tests as of 11/10/2006. In 2006 88.51% of our students tested met or exceeded the state goals. Meets and exceeds for grades 3-8 in Reading was 85.5%, Math was 90.8%, and Science was 93.25%. The PSAE exceeds and meets results were as follows: Reading – 64.5%, Math – 54.0%, and Science – 57.7%. The target number to reach and beat for 2007 is 55% meets and exceeds.
- Five year I-KAN Compliance Report. The District is officially in “Full Recognition”.

- Spanish Textbook Adoption – Illinois Textbook Loan Program – Ms. Laura Snow and Ms. Amanda Frame gave a presentation regarding their review and findings of the Expresate and Nuevas Vistas textbooks.

Approve Spanish Textbook Adoption Moved by Strawson, seconded by Dodge to approve the Spanish textbook adoption as presented. Ayes: Strawson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

A construction update was given by Brandon Fisher and Bob Huff. The north parking lot should be wrapped up by next week as well as the light poles and hand rails installed. The High School steel will be coming on Monday and will begin installation on the same day. The Middle School is coming along quite well. The underground plumbing work is complete at the High School. The gym at the Middle School does not meet the regulation height requirements and changes to the structure will begin next week at the expense of Huff Architects. There will be additional construction management personnel starting soon to oversee the projects. An emergency exit sign is needed at the temporary sidewalk sites at the High School. The north parking lot can begin being used probably after the holiday break.

Old Business

Middle School and High School Bid Packages 1A – Finish Work – No action at this time.

Award MS Bid Pkg. 4A Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to award Middle School Bid Package 4A **General Work*** to Piggush Simoneau, Inc. for the amount of \$436,275.00. Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Package 4B – Metal Stairs, Handrails, Etc. – The District did not receive any bids for this work. No action at this time.

Award MS Bid Pkg. 4C Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Dodge to award Middle School Bid Package 4C HM WD Doors & Windows to Terry Vaughn for the amount of \$188,407.00. Ayes: Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reject MS Bid Pkg. 4D Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Martin to reject all bids for Middle School Bid Package 4D Plastic Laminate Case Work and re-bid. Ayes: Mallaney, Martin, Dodge, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reject MS Bid Pkg. 4E Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Dodge to reject all laboratory case work bids for the Middle School. Ayes: Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

- Award MS
Bid Pkg. 7R Moved by Toepper, seconded by Martin to award Middle School Bid Package 7R Aluminum Doors & Windows to Replacement Window Systems, Inc. for the amount of \$320, 586.00. Ayes: Toepper, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Award MS
Bid Pkg. 12R Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to award Middle School Bid Package 12R Metal Studs, Drywall, & Paint to Cunnings and Cunnings for the amount of \$726,300. Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Award HS
Bid Pkg. 4A Moved by Dodge, seconded by Mallaney to award High School Bid Package 4A **doors & hardware*** to Terry Vaughn Construction Company for the amount of \$213,400.00. Ayes: Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Award HS
Bid Pkg. 4B Moved by Toepper, seconded by Mallaney to award High School Bid Package 4B **metal stairs, handrails, misc. *** to Vissering Construction Company for the amount of \$53,700.00. Ayes: Toepper, Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Award HS
Bid Pkg. 4C Moved by Dodge, seconded by Toepper to award High School Bid Package 4C Miscellaneous General Work to Vissering Construction Company for the amount of \$412,700.00. Ayes: Dodge, Toepper, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Package 4D – Aluminum Store Fronts – The District did not receive any bids for this work. No action was taken.
- Reject HS
Bid Pkg. 4E Moved by Dodge, seconded by Strawson to reject all bids for High School Bid Package 4E Laboratory Case Work and re-bid. Ayes: Dodge, Strawson, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Reject HS
Bid Pkg. 4F Moved by Toepper, seconded by Martin to reject all bids for plastic laminate case work and re-bid. Ayes: Toepper, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Reject HS
Bid Pkg. 14R Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Dodge to reject all High School terrazzo bids and rebid. Ayes: Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Empowering Teens To Achieve Grant Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Strawson to approve participation in the Empowering Teens to Achieve Grant. Ayes: Mallaney, Strawson, Dodge, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

New Business

Approve 5 yr. Comcast Contract Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Dodge to approve the five year contract with Comcast as presented. Ayes: Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Tax Levy Resolutions Moved by Toepper, seconded by Strawson to adopt the Resolutions of Proposed Tax Levy and Publish the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation in Accordance with Chapter 35 Sections 200/18-55 through 200/18-100.65 of the Illinois statutes. Ayes: Toepper, Strawson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Tax Levy Hearing Moved by Strawson, seconded by Dodge to set a levy hearing for December 19, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. Voice vote: All ayes – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Elementary School Switch Replacement Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Dodge to approve the Elementary School switch replacement project as presented. Ayes: Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Village of Manteno TIF Extension – The Village of Manteno is seeking the District's approval for a 12 year extension to the downtown TIF that encompasses Route 50 and Division Street. The Board will review the information received from the Superintendent and will be placed on the agenda under Old Business at the next Board meeting.

Approve Special Board Meeting Date Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Toepper to set a special Board meeting for Tuesday, December 12th, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School. Voice vote: All ayes – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Anticipated future action items:

- Adoption of the 2006 Levy
- Finalize January Retreat Items
- Award Construction Bids

Executive Session Moved by Strawson, seconded by Toepper to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- Appointment, employment, compensation, performance, dismissal of specific employee(s); hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine validity: [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]
- Student discipline cases: [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (9)]
- Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School District: [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)]

According to the Open Meetings Act. Ayes: Strawson, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open Session ended at 8:12 p.m.

Member Toepper left at 8:50 p.m.

Return to Open Session Moved by Strawson, seconded by Dodge to return to open session at 9:17 p.m. Voice votes: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Accept Admin. Ruling Student “A” Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to accept the administration’s ruling regarding Student “A”. Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Accept Admin. Ruling Student “B” Moved by Strawson, seconded by Martin to accept the administration’s ruling regarding Student “B”. Ayes: Strawson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Adjournment Moved by Strawson, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 9:19 p.m.

Mark Stauffenberg, Board President
MKS/PM/df

Patrick Mallaney, Secretary