

MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, December 16, 2008
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, J. Toepper and M. Stauffenberg – six (6). Absent: G. Preston – one (1).
- Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, J. Ruland, T. Steele, D. Christ, C. Allers, and Clerk Fortin – twelve (12).
- Visitors: S. Schnitzler, A. Toepper, J. Nelson, K. Mansfield, I. Jones, D. Mansfield, B. Spangler, L. Spangler, T. Knol, L. Knol, R. Doig, B. Pignatiello, J. Adams – thirteen (13)
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Additional Items Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to add the following agenda items:
Under Consent Agenda “E” – Employments:
- Colleen McQueen – FMLA substitute for Kindergarten teaching position (approx. February thru end of 08-09 school year)
 - Jessica Scheibling – FMLA substitute for Kindergarten teaching position (approx. Dec 17th – mid to late February)
 - Nicolette McClain – FMLA substitute for Middle School Teaching position (approx. January 27, 2009 – April 17th, 2009)
 - Karrie Burgeson – Middle School Paraprofessional effective January 6, 2009
- Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Public Hearings/ Petitions/ Roger Schnitzler reporting on behalf of the PTO, thanked all those who helped with the Santa’s Workshop this Friday and Saturday. The next meeting is January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library.
- Brian Leopold, the Robotics team sponsor introduced himself and his team which placed first in the Robotics’ competition at Auburn College in the National competition. An amazing demonstration was presented to the Board.
- Report of Committees **Building Committee** – Sam Martin reported there was recently vandalism to the newly seeded areas behind the Primary and Middle Schools. A police report has been completed. At the High School, phase two of the green space renovation is being discussed with the village.

Finance Committee – Patrick Mallaney reported the committee met today at 5:00 p.m., reviewed the 700 and 800 Board policies, and will be recommending the purchase of a broom and tractor for the maintenance department. Also discussed were the IOA fund and the State and Federal payments which are in arrears.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Gale Dodge reported Tom is in the process of completing the various E-rate forms. After surveying staff, suggestions were made for what is needed to offer in regards to additional curriculum training. An RFP was sent out for our Cisco SMARTnet maintenance contract renewals.

Consent
Agenda

Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes

- Regular Board meeting of November 18, 2008
- Executive Session meeting of November 18, 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. FMLA Requests

- Mary Coker – 5th grade teacher – January 5th – 9th, 2009
- Sandy Hunte – Kindergarten teacher – December 17th – February 12th
- George Hofstra – bus driver – December 1st – December 19th

D. Resignations

- Brett Pignatiello – Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach for 08-09 season
- Randy Fortin – Varsity Soccer Coach at the end of the 08-09 season
- Darlene Minkalis – Bus Driver effective 12/11/08

E. Employments

- Tammy Anderson – change from part time paraprofessional to full time paraprofessional effective 11/20/08
- Jenny Jackson – 3 hour food service employee*
- Ellen Seliga – 3 hour food service employee 12-10-08
- Susan Hewitt – Sub food service, sub bus aide, sub custodial*
- Charlotte Hicks – Sub custodian*
- Jennifer Riegle – Long term substitute – Primary school leave*
- Approval for Superintendent to hire full time custodian*
- Approval for Superintendent to hire sub bus drivers*
- *pending successful completion of employment paperwork

F. Board Policy Section 8 First Reading

G. Approve Door-to-Door Fundraiser

- Manteno Athletic Boosters – Annual Cash Bash 12/5/08 until 2/6/09.
- Manteno Show Choir Boosters – Raffle from January 6th until February 13, 2009.

H. Approve Out of State Travel – Tom Steele/Kathy Meyer Skyward Steering convention in Orlando, Florida March 25 – 27th.

I. Renew Crop lease on 182 acre parcel of land.
(Plus additional items added earlier)

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

Unit Office Report Supt. Russert reported on the following items:

- January 31st Board Retreat
- Robotics Team – First place at national competition.
- Holiday programs have been taking place at each building.
- Cathy Allers presented guidelines for supporting children with life-threatening allergies.
- Josh Ruland and Tricia Weber presented the RtI and District Improvement Plans
- Grant Park has approached Manteno High School regarding a football coop. Mr. Kemp/Mr. Russert will meet with Grant Park admins to discuss the possibility.
- Mr. Russert discussed the early graduation option beginning with the Class of 2010.
- The architectural firm search has begun.
- Supt. Russert presented an update of State funding. The State and Federal payments are \$1,184,522.83 in arrears at this time.

Old Business

Approve Board Policy Section 7 Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Nelson to approve Board Policy Section 7 as presented. Ayes: Mallaney, Nelson, Dodge, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg - six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

New Business

Early Graduation Moved by Dodge, seconded by Mallaney, to approve the early graduation option beginning with the class of 2010. Ayes: Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Nelson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Award Cisco SMARTnet Contract Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to award Cisco SMARTnet maintenance contract from Sound, Inc. not to exceed \$16,370.50. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve 2008 Tax Levy Res. Moved by Toepper, seconded by Nelson to approve the 2008 Tax Levy resolutions as presented. Ayes: Toepper, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

- Approve Renewal of Bldg. Fund Bond Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to approve the renewal of Building Fund Bond No. 105204253 with Travelers (premium is \$2,607.00). Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Broom/Tractor Purchase Moved by Martin, seconded by Mallaney to approve the purchase of a broom and tractor for \$22,189.72. Ayes: Martin, Mallaney, Dodge, Nelson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve District Imp. Plan Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, Toepper and Stauffenberg - six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Anticipated Future Items Future anticipated items include the strategic planning retreat on January 31, 2009 and the approval of the graduation/promotion dates.
- Executive Session Moved by Nelson, seconded by Toepper to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of student disciplinary case and contract relations. Ayes: Nelson, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:25 p.m.
- Return to Open Session Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to return to open session at 7:40 p.m. Roll Call: Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Nelson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Absent: Preston – one (1). Motion carried.
- Recommendation Re: Student “B” Discipline Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to uphold the administration’s recommendation regarding the discipline of Student “B”. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Adjournment Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Voice vote: All ayes - six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Board President, Mark Stauffenberg Board Secretary, Patrick Mallaney

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