

MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, February 24, 2009
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, M. Nelson, G. Preston, J. Toepper and M. Stauffenberg – six
(6) Absent : Martin – one (1) – Member Martin arrived at 6:37 p.m.
- Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, J. Palicki, R. Fortin, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, J. Ruland, T. Steele, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – thirteen (13).
- Visitors: Wiltshire Family, LeSage Family, N. Hatalla, D. Medland, J. Sokoropoulous, T. Stegall, B. Stegall, B. Crockett, M. Klexzynski, S. Davis, D. Davis, B. Davis, L. Hatalla, G. Hatalla, E. Kaufman, N. Kaufman, P. Daley, and D. Daley - approximately twenty five visitors.
- 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:
- C. Resignations
 - Jaime Barbee, Speech/Language Pathologist at the end of the 08-09 school year.
 - William Head, Bus Driver effective February 27, 2009
 - E. Employments
 - Kristin Geary, full time School Psychologist for the 09-10 school year
 - William Head, Substitute Bus Driver
- New Business
- G. Approve bids be let for the Elementary, Middle School entry way, and High School second gym roofing projects.
- Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Preston, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6).
Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Member Martin arrived at 6:37 p.m.
- Public Hearings/
Petitions/ Middle School Science Fair State Qualifiers were introduced to the Board and gave a brief summation of their projects and findings. Regional competition will be held at Parkland College on March 7th. Middle School Science teachers presented their choices of the next science curriculum to be adopted which is published by Holt McDougal.

PTO President Dawn Conway reported that all Board positions have been filled for the 2009-2010 school year. Allocations will be made next month.

High School Principal Paul Russert introduced 21 Illinois State Scholars (a record for Manteno High School). Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of high school seniors from 798 high schools across the state. Selection is based on ACT and the Prairie State Achievement Exam scores and class rank at the end of the junior year.

There were no further public comments.

Report of Committees **Building Committee** – Member Martin reported that the committee met last night and the following items were discussed:

- Board Retreat priority items
- Budget review
- Building Spring projects
 - PS – Gutters/downspouts/mulch/roof leaks
 - EL – Wall scaling/green space renovation
 - MS – Roof leak/stove vent in life skills room/stop sign installation
 - HS – Green space/retention pond area/Life Safety
 - District Office
- Architect presentation
- Shovel ready projects
- Roofing project at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools – timeline/color choice

Finance Committee – Member Mallaney reported the following items were discussed:

- Surety Bonds for Kathy Meyer
- Pepsi Contract and the possibility of increasing the purchase cost of the products
- Finance Packet was reviewed
- 2009-2010 fees
- Supt. Russert has been watching the IOA cash flow. State did not queue up second quarter payment for IOA Orphanage Grant. Supt. called ISBE for correction. ISBE agreed to voucher our District \$500,000.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Member Dodge reported the committee met on February 12th and the following items were discussed:

- Classroom Technology Demonstration given by Brian Leopold
- Tech Updates
 - 2009-10 Tech projects/Board Retreat recap
 - Content filtering – School Guardian has been in the pilot phase for a couple of weeks
 - HS Science laptop project – RFP for a 15 laptop mobile lab for science classes

- Curriculum Committee update – Josh Ruland – Branching off of the Curriculum Committee and will now combine with the RTI Committee
- Lab monitoring software – Tech Dept. will try to install iTalc in Lab 601 at the MS over spring break as pilot
- Building updates
 - Primary – Nothing to report
 - Elementary – Need of extra speakers/issue with a special mouse used for special needs students
 - Middle School – Mrs. Lynch’s Literary Club is now using Moodle.
 - High School – Printer concerns

Consent
Agenda

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

A. Minutes

- Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2009
- Special Board Retreat of January 31, 2009
- Special Board Meeting of February 5, 2009
- Executive Session of February 5, 2009
- Special Board Meeting of February 12, 2009
- Executive Session of February 12, 2009

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. Resignations

- Marie Head, Transportation Coordinator effective 2/27/2009
- Jaime Barbee, Speech/Language Pathologist at the end of the 08-09 school year
- William Head, Bus Driver effective February 27, 2009

D. Retirements

- None

E. Employments

- Bernadette Buckholz, Custodian effective 2/10/2009
- Lori Dombrowski*, Sub bus aide, sub food service, sub secretary
- Authorize Superintendent to hire Transportation Coordinator and High School Spanish Teacher*
- Kristin Geary, full time School Psychologist for 09-10 school year
- William Head, Substitute Bus Driver

*Pending successful and satisfactory completion of all employment paperwork

F. Manteno Interfaith Commission Use of High School Gym for Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

G. Door-to-Door Fundraiser – HS Football Program – St. Baldrick’s Foundation

Ayes: Martin, Preston, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Member Toepper left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

- Good news – Main Event revenue was up 23% this year.
- Middle School Science Fair Projects were on display for the Board’s review.
- FY 08 Library Per Capita Grant Award of approximately \$1,567 to be shared by all building library funds will arrive over the summer and the District has all of next fiscal year to spend.
- Registration and school fees were reviewed by the Finance Committee
- March 30th Community Forum 6-7 p.m.
- April 6th – Regional Office of Education – 6:00 p.m.
- June 10th, 11th ISAC @ Eisenhower Cooperative
- Comprehensive Plan for Special Education Services – Director of Special Education, Andy Furbee gave a presentation regarding the following points:
 - The Comprehensive Plan is complete – a copy is at the State Board for review (March 1st feedback and adjustments)
 - On January 31st the Board passed a resolution and signed a petition to withdraw from the Kankakee Area Coop
 - The special education program will not look any different for our students
 - We do good things for kids with disabilities, we have a good staff and a good team
 - Students will be provided with more flexibility
 - In the early 1990’s – conversations regarding centralized and decentralized services occurred
 - Decentralized services provide the least restrictive environment
 - Best practice is to serve students in their home district
 - In 1994 the District started serving students with significant disabilities at IOA
 - Our District hired our own teachers at IOA, Mr. Furbee’s first year here
 - Mr. Furbee was involved in employing, hiring, etc.
 - 2003 – School Board offered contracts to Coop employees to work at Manteno 100% of the time
 - From early 1990’s to present date – As District enrollment and student needs have grown, the programs have grown and will continue to do so
 - Response to Intervention Committee – Another layer of being self sufficient has been implemented
 - The Response to Intervention Committee includes parents and key staff players – board support as well, discussed the idea of self sufficiency
 - Self assessment – submitted 2/1/09 the RtI Plan

- Josh Ruland, Director of Curriculum, spoke to the Board regarding the formation of the CIA. This committee is instrumental in supporting plans in the withdraw from the Coop and being self sufficient. The District is used to self sufficiency, and is pretty good at it, it is nothing new.
- Rational for self sufficiency is standing on our own as a District. The District has supported the least restrictive environment as evidenced by our programs, policies and procedures which have strengthened through the years. The District's work has led to the completion of our Comprehensive Plan for which ISBE now has a copy.
- Visits to the Illinois State Board of Education have been made to ensure compliance in our policies and procedures
- March 30, 2009 in the Manteno High School Commons Area there will be a Community forum to present the Comprehensive Plan and to gather feedback - Everyone is invited to attend – 6 – 7 p.m.
- The parents of children with disabilities have been invited to the Comprehensive Plan forum to discuss the long range plans of Special Education programs in the District. This will be an annual event.
- Supt. Russert, Mrs. Allers, and Mr. Furbee will be visiting with the Regional Office of Education and the Regional Board of Trustees to be questioned about the Comprehensive Plan, services provided by the District, and the withdrawal of the District from KASEC. We need their blessing – would like to thank them in advance for hearing our story.
- June 10th and 11th, Mr. Furbee, Supt. Russert will visit with the ISAC (Illinois State Advisory Council) – ISAC will review the District's Comprehensive Plan and provide ISBE with their feedback.
- Before June 30th, the District will receive notice of the approval of our Comprehensive Plan which is necessary for the withdrawal to be complete.

Old Business

Approval Of Architect Contract Moved by Preston, seconded by Nelson to approve the contract with BLDD Architects as presented. Ayes: Preston, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg - six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

New Business

Approval of 2009-2010 School Calendar Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as amended. Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Preston, and Stauffenberg - six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Hazardous Routes Res. Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to approve the resolution that hazardous routes previously determined still remain. Voice vote – all ayes (six) – 6. Nays – None (0). Motion carried.

Approve 09-10 School Fees Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to approve the 2009-2010 school fees as presented. (All fees remained the same except the following – Driver's Education increased from \$150 to \$195, KACC increased from \$100 to \$125, and individual

athletic passes will now be sold for \$50.00). Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Preston, and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Treasurer's Bond Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to approve the Travelers Surety Bonds Nos. 10421460, 104214143, and 104214335 with a total premium of \$1,570.00 as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Social Studies Curriculum Adoption Moved by Preston, seconded by Nelson to approve the Social Studies curriculum adoption as presented with District funds not to exceed \$15,000. Ayes: Preston, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Future Items Future board meeting agenda items include:

- Award Roofing Contract
- Certified and Non-Certified Staff Employment
- Summer help employment

Approve Bids for Entry Way/Roof Projects Moved by Preston, seconded by Nelson to approve bids be let for the Elementary, Middle School entry way, and High School second gym roofing projects. Ayes: Preston, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Executive Session Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of employment and compensation. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Mallaney, Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:37 p.m.

Return to Open Session Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to return to open session at 8:08 p.m. Roll Call: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Preston and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Admin. Contracts Moved by Preston, seconded by Dodge to approve the administrator's contracts as presented. Ayes: Preston, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Nelson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve State Approved Special Ed. Director Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson, to hire Andy Furbee as the State Approved Full Time Special Education Director. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Preston and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Adjournment Moved by Martin, seconded by Mallaney to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 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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