

Manteno Board of Education Regular Meeting
Held February 28, 2006 – 6:30 PM
Manteno High School

- 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. (Prior to the beginning of the meeting a presentation was given by Johnson Control representatives Randy Byerly, Steve Brown and Bill Morollow regarding Manteno High School, teacher Brian Leopold and his classes participating in a competitive Robotics Project.)
- Roll Call The following members answered to roll call:

G. Dodge S. Martin M. Nelson J. Toepper M. Stauffenberg (5) – five
Absent: P. Mallaney (arrived at 6:55 p.m.) and A. Strawson – two (2).

Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, S. Horsch, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, M. Shaffer, T. Steele, C. Carter, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – (11)

Visitors: J. Stauffenberg, L. Stauffenberg, J. Nelson, K. Frame, J. Hill, J. Emerson, Joe Emerson, L. Byerly, T. Swafford, J. Kreneck (Daily Journal), K. LaMore (Russell Publications), R. Wolff (Herald) and others – approximately 15 visitors.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Appoint Sec. Pro-Tem Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to appoint Sam Martin as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Board Secretary Patrick Mallaney. Voice vote: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Additional Agenda Items Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper, to add the following agenda items:
New Business – Item E. Public Display of a Tentative Amended District Budget
Consent Agenda: Resignation (Linda Grace)
Employment: Renee Barcelona (Sub bus driver)
F. Approve High School Door to Door Fundraiser as presented
Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Nelson, Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays: None – (0). Motion carried.
- Public Hearings/ Petitions/ Comments Manteno High School Principal Paul Russert introduced Coach Tony Swafford and players Nick Pavlick, Ross George and J.D. Roach who finished the wrestling season at the State level. Congratulations were given to the coach and athletes for an outstanding season.

Mr. Russert also conveyed to the Board that 164 students are still in the running for the perfect attendance incentive award.

PTO President, Lana Byerly, spoke regarding the Market Day free freezer promotion. If sales increase by 10% from the March 2005 orders, Manteno Schools could win a freezer. On March 7th at 7:00 p.m. a guest speaker will be speaking regarding the referendum. In April, PTO representatives will be voting on \$9,000 of allocations for the schools.

Jim Stauffenberg, Chairperson for the Good Schools, Good Kids Committee reported that over 170 volunteers helped canvass Manteno last Saturday. Two overwhelming public concerns included the elimination/reduction of fees and reinstatement of programs that had been cut. After a great deal of discussion, there was a consensus among the Board to phase back programs that were cut and to reduce the current fees as budget and space allows pending successful results of the referendum. Supt. Russert also reported that there is the possibility of additional dollars of General State Aid as a relief to taxpayers and parents.

Report of Committees **Building Committee** – Chairperson Sam Martin reported that Bob Huff gave an update of the bid process and possible June 15th start date for the building additions with favorable referendum results.

Finance Committee – It was approved by the Committee to enable PMA to manage potential bond investments and compile ongoing reports.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Tom Steele reported discussion was held regarding the replacement of the Homework Hotline system. The curriculum committees will investigate next month. Two new computers were ordered for the Primary and Elementary schools, paid for by the PTO. Two computers are also being donated by Vulcan Materials.

Member Pat Mallaney entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board meeting and Executive Session of January 24, 2006
- Financial Reports
- Payroll and Accounts Payables
- Resignations: Mary Shaffer, Indian Oaks Academy Principal effective June 30, 2006
Cynthia Judy, Indian Oaks Academy, Guidance Counselor (100 days)
Deanna Lambert, Indian Oaks Academy Teacher Assistant
Cindy Quigley, Middle School Track Coach
Jennifer Phillips, District Sub-Caller
Suzette Ashby, Part-time Cook
Linda Grace, Middle School Special Ed Teacher (end of this school year)
- Employment: Cindy Judy, Part-time Guidance Counselor (12 hours per week)
Amy Lidy, Middle School Track Coach
Maria Fenton, District Sub-Caller
Angie Liszkiewicz, Middle School Secretary
Suzette Ashby, Substitute Cook
Additional Substitute Teachers Approved by the R.O.E.
Renee Barcelona, Substitute Bus Driver
- Manteno Interfaith Commission Use of High School Gym for Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 17, 2006.
- Approve High School Door-To-Door Fundraiser as presented

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

Unit Office Report Supt. Dawn Russert reported on the referendum status and clarified some questions such as the District boundaries and transportation issues. Recognition was given to those with perfect ISAT/PSAE scores. A FY 06 Library per Capital Grant in the amount of \$1,482.99 has been awarded to purchase additional books for our libraries. Good news was shared regarding the WYSE Team (received 2nd at Regionals, now on to Sectionals), High School Wrestling, High School Boys Basketball (won Regionals, now on to Sectionals), Middle School Volleyball and Middle School Science Fair Regional (seven going onto Regionals) teams.

Old Business None

New Business

Approve 2006-2007 School Calendar Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to approve the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented. Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Toepper, Mallaney, Nelson and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

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

Approve IASB Amendment Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the support of the enclosed amendment to the IASB Constitution. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Toepper and Stauffenberg - six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Property Lease Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the property lease as presented. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Toepper and Stauffenberg – six (6). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Member Toepper left the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Discussion incurred regarding the amended levy. According to Illinois School Code, in order to amend our levy to receive the increased revenue from the Education Fund Rate increase should the referendum question pass, we must do the following:

- Put on public display for 30 days a tentative additional or supplementary budget
- Hold a public hearing on April 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- Adopt the amended budget by a majority of the full board membership
- Hold a public hearing to amend the levy and then adopt the amended levy
- File with the Kankakee and Will County Clerks on April 7, 2006 the amended levy

If the Education Rate Referendum fails, we will not adopt the tentative additional or supplementary budget as an amendment of the annual district budget for the current year.

Approve Display of Moved by Martin, seconded by Mallaney to approve the display of the tentative additional or supplementary budget as an amendment of the annual school district budget in the unit office

- Budget beginning March 1, 2006 for 30 days. Ayes: Martin, Mallaney, Dodge, and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays: Nelson – one (1). Motion carried.
- Executive Session Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel, land acquisition, negotiations, compensation, contractual issues and/or discipline issues according to the Open Meetings Act. Voice vote: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:12 p.m.
- Return to Open Session Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to return to open session at 7:19 p.m. Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays: None – (0). Absent: Strawson and Toepper – two (2). Motion carried.
- Accept Hearing Officer's Recommendation Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation regarding Student "E". Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Adjournment Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:20 p.m.

Mark Stauffenberg, Board President
MKS/PM/df

Patrick Mallaney, Board Secretary