

MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.
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:
- Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0).
Absent – Mallaney and Preston – two (2).
- Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, R. Schnitzler, S. Clark, J. Palicki, D. Regalado, J. Ruland, D. Christ, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – (12).
- Visitors: Robotics team, B. Leopold, and others - approximately (15).
- Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Appoint Sec. Pro-Tem Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to appoint Jon Toepper as secretary pro-tem in the absence of Patrick Mallaney. Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Additional Items Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the following additional agenda items:
- IV. Consent Agenda
- I. Employments
- Cheryl Mosely – Substitute bus driver *
 - Ellen Seliga - Substitute custodian
 - Carlene Smith – Substitute bus aide, substitute food service, and substitute secretary and substitute custodian
 - Terri Privratsky – Substitute bus aide
- * Pending successful completion of pre employment paperwork
Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0).
Motion carried.
- Public Hearings/ & Petitions High School Robotics teacher Brian Leopold introduced the Robotics team. Mr. Leopold reported the team is young and still won second overall at a recent Nashville competition and will be traveling to Alabama in December for the “Super Bowl of Robotics”. The team’s saying is “leave no doubt”. The Board wished the Robotics team the best and congratulated them on their accomplishments to this point.
- There was not a PTO rep available for an update.
- Report of Committees **Building Committee** – Chairman Martin reported the committee discussed the progress of the new maintenance facility, with the concrete poured, electrical and plumbing is roughed in, but awaiting the delivery of the steel structure. The new transportation facility was discussed as well and other small things at the school level.

Finance Committee – President Stauffenberg reported the committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

1. Building projects (transportation center and maintenance facility)
2. Snow plowing and salt bids
3. Overview from Dawn and Kathy as to what accounts can be used for running a business.
4. State funding – Money could be hard to come by next year.

Member Dodge commented on the \$12,000 received for used High School textbooks.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee – Josh Ruland reported the committee met and discussed digital classrooms. Many school districts are moving away from textbooks and toward technology based instruction. Manteno is considering a one – one laptop based program. The students on the committee stated that homework not counted for a grade prevented the final grade from being raised or “padded”. Reinforced learning and prevented accumulation of points to increase grades. Grades are more reflective of understanding and learning. Finished the curriculum and textbook review cycle non-core. There was an update on the curriculum evaluation with the reading series. Teachers would like to speak with other schools that are currently using the reading series Manteno is piloting. The District Improvement Plan revisions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Technology Committee – Member Toepper reported the District received a Secure Our Schools grant written with the Manteno Police Dept. providing about \$165,000 with the District providing an equal match to install video surveillance in each building. It was reminded the responsibility of the Tech Committee members is to solicit input from building staff to present at the meeting as well as taking information back from the meeting to the building staff. Also discussed the idea of digital classrooms and the one to one computer to student ratio in the future. The staff buy program was also discussed.

Consent Agenda Moved by Toepper, seconded by Martin to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting – September 29, 2009
 2. Executive Session – September 29, 2009
- B. Financial Reports
 1. Summary of Cash/Investment/Fund balances
 2. M-T-D/Y-T-D Revenue/Expenditure reports
 3. Revenue and Expenditure reports
 4. Food Service report
 5. Payroll Extras and Imprest Fund
 6. Payroll and Accounts Payable
 7. Investment account reports
 8. Activity reports
- C. Door to Door Fundraising Requests
 - Class of 2013 magazine sale November 12 – December 4th (Freshmen)
- D. Approval of Employee Purchase Plan
- E. School Improvement Plans
- F. Declare as surplus convection steamer model #24CGAG serial #WC-68771-00E-01 and a 1988 Plymouth Voyager VIN #2P4FH41K5JR752919

G. FMLA Requests: Kristen Strawson extension to March 12, 2010

H. Resignations:

1. Deborah Kooy – School nurse assistant effective 10/30/09
2. Matt Beckner – Asst. wrestling HS coach effective immediately

I. Employments:

1. Larry George – Co asst. wrestling coach – ½ stipend
 2. Authorization for Board to hire a School Nurse Asst. *
 3. Frances Mary Korringa – Substitute bus driver
 4. Robert Hamilton – Substitute custodian
 5. Gabriela Varela – Substitute custodian effective 10/15/09
 6. Stephen Hicks – Substitute custodian
 7. Cheryl Mosely – Substitute bus driver*
 8. Ellen Seliga – Substitute custodian
 9. Carlene Smith – Substitute bus aide, substitute food service, substitute custodian and substitute secretary
 10. Terri Privratsky – Substitute bus aide
- *Pending successful completion of pre-employment paperwork.

Ayes: Toepper, Martin, Dodge, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0).
Motion carried.

Unit Office
Report

Supt. Russert reported on the following items:

- Recognition of fall activities:
 - MS softball and baseball
 - HS softball, baseball, soccer, football, cheer and pep band
 - Athletic Boosters concession stand
 - HS Robotics
- Josh Ruland presented a summary of the AYP data to the Board.
 - 3-8 ISAT were above State and AYP
 - PSAE – Very stable in PSAE, right at State average
 - Reading – 80%, Economically Disadvantaged (ED) and students with disabilities below AYP
 - Math – All higher than AYP
 - EL ISAT – Reading – all students above AYP
 - ED at AYP
 - SD – no data – group small enough not to be considered a sub category
 - EL ISAT – Math – all students above AYP
 - ED – Higher than AYP
 - SD – No data
 - MS ISAT – All students above AYP
 - ED – Just below AYP
 - SD – Below AYP
 - MS Math – Very good scores – all students above 90
 - ED – 83%
 - SD – 73%

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- HS PSAE – Below AYP status, making gains, would like to make sharper increase
- RTI & Check and Connect programs are helping with students struggling academically and personally at EL, MS and HS
- American Education Week is November 15th – 21st
- Flu update – Waiting for the Kankakee County allocation of H1N1 vaccine. The District will hold a community clinic at the HS. Information will be sent out when the date is scheduled. There have been an increased number of student absences with the Middle School seeing a little bit higher number of absences. Our staff continues to clean and sanitize the buildings.

Old Business Bid specs for transportation center were tabled.

Approve Board Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to approve Board Policy revisions as presented.
Policy Revisions (Changes to 2:70 E, 2:100, 2:240, 2:260, 5:35 E, 5:220, 6:15, 6:15 E, 6:15 E2, 7:60, 7:70)
Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0).
Motion carried.

New Business

Approve Snow Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to award the snow plowing and salt contracts
Plowing & Salt to L & N Crop Spraying, Inc. for the 2009-2010 school year. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson,
Contracts Martin, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper, to approve the lyrical adjustments to the
Lyrical Adj. school song as presented (vocally by administrators Dave Conrad and Roger Schnitzler)
To School
Song

Go you Panthers
Let's have a victory
Come on and fight you Panthers
You're as good as good can be
So now let's win you Panthers
We know that you're the best
For the Purple and White banner over M.H.S.

Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0).
Motion carried.

Future Items Tentative levy and first discussion of Board retreat items.

Executive Moved by Nelson, seconded by Toepper to adjourn to Executive Session for the
Session purpose of personnel. Ayes: Nelson, Toepper, Dodge, Martin, and Stauffenberg – five
(5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:17 p.m.

Return to Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to return to Open Session at 7:58 p.m.
Open Session Roll Call: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Absent:
Mallaney and Preston – two (2). Motion carried.

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Adjournment Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Martin, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0).
Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

Mark Stauffenberg
Board President

Jon Toepper – Pro-Tem
Board Secretary

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