

Manteno CUSD #5  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.  
Manteno High School Library

Call to Order        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        P. Mallaney    S. Martin    M. Nelson  
A. Strawson    M. Stauffenberg    J. Toepper – seven (7)

Absent: None – (0).

Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, C. Carter, J. DePoister and recording secretary D. Fortin – (8).

Visitors –A. Higbee, N. Short, J. Stauffenberg, R. Betourne, T. Friddle, T. Pankey, C. Beasley, J. Munsterman, A. Dorries, R. Sannito, T. Hove, E. Rudolf, K. Jurgeson, J. Nelson, M. Walsh, B. Huff, B. Fisher, G. Preston, C. Sorensen, S. Wilder, T. Canna, K. Tierney (Russell Publications) K. & J. Emerson, K. Frame, C. Quigley, A. McSpain (Herald) and others – approximately 40 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance        President Stauffenberg led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings/  
Petitions/  
Comments        Principal Roger Schnitzler reported that the PTO will be meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss allocation of funds. The officer slate is complete for next year.

Mike Walsh, FFA sponsor, gave a Board presentation regarding the FFA program. Some of the current projects include raising tilapia fish, hydroponics crops, and bedding plants (sale on May 4<sup>th</sup>). The FFA Chapter Banquet will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Tuscany in Manteno.

Wrestling coach Nathan Short recognized Middle School wrestler Anthony Higbee for his state qualifying accomplishments. Mr. Short thanked the Board for their support of the Middle School Wrestling program.

Coach Diane Rewerts recognized the Middle School volleyball team for being the Regional Champs. Their record was 36-10. Coach Rewerts thanked the town and school for their support.

Teachers Amber Dorries and Tina Friddle introduced the Standards Aligned Classroom team and gave examples of the progress that has been reached throughout the K-5 levels.

High School Math Teacher, Mindy Farmer, gave a Math curriculum presentation for the purchase of new a math textbook series.

Report of Board Committees **Building Committee** – Chairman Sam Martin briefly reviewed the minutes. The architects would be giving a more detailed report later in the meeting.

**Finance Committee** – Member Nelson reported that the committee approved the purchase of a new mower. The purchase of a floor scrubber and vacuum were also discussed.

**Curriculum and Technology Committee** – Member Gale Dodge reported that a suitable replacement for Front Page has not yet been found, the committee is still searching. The technology interns will be recommended for hire later in the meeting.

Consent Agenda Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin approve the following agenda items:

- Minutes
  - Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2007
  - Executive Session of February 27, 2007
  - Special Board Meeting of March 6, 2007
  - Executive Session of March 6, 2007
  - Amend the meeting minutes of:
    - Special Meeting on May 16, 2006
    - Regular Meeting on June 27, 2006
    - Regular Meeting on August 22, 2006
    - Special Meeting on October 10, 2006
    - Regular Meeting on October 24, 2006
    - Regular Meeting on November 28, 2006
    - Special Meeting on December 12, 2006
    - Regular Meeting on December 19, 2006
- Financial Reports
- Resignations effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year
  - Ronda Eakins, Special Education Teacher
  - Michael Vegovich, Special Education Teacher
  - Travis Williams, High School Social Science Teacher, Assistant Football Coach
  - Gail Malvestuto, School Psychologist Intern Position
  - Andy Furbee, School Psychologist Intern Position
  - Meghann Carlile, Speech Language Assistant
  - Jill Akiyama, Speech Language Pathologist

- Courtney Russert, High School Social Science Teacher, Head Girls Soccer Coach, Student Council Sponsor
- Jacki Rutledge, High School Guidance Counselor
- FMLA Leave of Absences
  - Donna Taylor, from March 12, 2007 to April 16, 2007
  - Jennifer Fogel, From September 1, 2007 – October 31, 2007
- Employment
  - Marie B. Stephens, Substitute Bus Aide
  - Paula Robbins, Substitute Bus Driver
  - Lisa Lopez, Food Service Worker (3 hours/day)
  - Tracey Gustafson, Food Service Worker (3 hours/day)
  - Summer Employments:
    - Ryan Kemp, Drivers Education
    - Jason Adams, Drivers Education
    - Donna Ertel, High School English Summer School
    - R.J. Haines, Weight Room Supervisor
    - One EC Summer School Teacher
    - One K-1 Special Education Summer School Teacher (2.75 hours/day)
    - One 2-5 Special Education Summer School Teacher (2.75 hours/day)
    - Five Summer School Teacher Assistants (2.5 hours/day)
    - Summer Tech Interns (previously approved)
      - David Huish, returning for third year \$9.00/hr.
      - Joe Deluna, \$7.50/hour
      - Kim Steele, substitute tech intern, \$7.50/hour
      - Jim Harnois, \$7.50/hour
  - For the 2007-2008 School Year:
    - Jacki Rutledge, Part-time High School Guidance Counselor
    - Heather Cody, Part-time High School Guidance Counselor
    - Megan Shreffler, High School English Teacher
    - Jamie Brinkmann, Special Education Teacher
    - Faith Stackert, Special Education Teacher
- Sunday Activity Request (Music Boosters to Chicago for a Mystic Line Cruise on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>)
- IHSA Membership Renewal, Adopt and Abide by the Constitution
- Approve Door-to-Door Fundraiser (Music Boosters – Krispy Kreme Donuts)
- Resolution regarding Non-Renewal of First, Second, and/or Third-Year Probationary Teachers
- Resolution Regarding Non-Renewal and Honorable Dismissal of Support Staff
- Approve Replacement Security Agreement

Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Unit Office Report Supt. Russert reported on the following:

- Good News:
  - FFA State Proficiency Competition and State FFA Degree
  - Teresa Butterfield has received an ICLCS Grant for Chemistry
  - Primary School Jump Rope for PE raised \$9,852.69 for the AHA
  - Middle School Spelling Bee Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Kan Will competition
  - Sydney Couch took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Regional Competition going into the 24<sup>th</sup> round.
  - Middle School Science Fair students are going to State competition
  - High School District librarian Karin Jurgenson gave a Linking for Learning Library Per Capita report and the District library program.
  - Bob Huff and Brandon Fisher gave a construction update:
    - High School – will be doing outside work over the next two weeks.
    - Taping in Section A, first coat of plastering has been applied
    - Transformer pads set
    - Will be working on metal stud work the end of this week.
    - Concrete work finished yesterday.
    - Acid waste tank is in.
    - All windows are on site.
    - About two weeks behind schedule.
    - Middle School – 90% of mechanical rough is in.
    - Exterior brick is 50% complete.
    - Windows have arrived.
    - Plumbing rough in complete.
    - Three weeks ahead of schedule.
    - Met critical date with Com Ed.
    - Middle School rehab will begin over spring break.

Old Business

Approve MS Bid Pkg. 4B General Steel (Rebid) Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to award the Middle School Bid Rebid Package 4B – General Steel to Mechanical and Industrial Steel Services in the amount of \$145,000. Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve HS Pkg. 4D Aluminum Store Fronts (Rebid) Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to award the High School Bid Rebid Bid Package 4D – Aluminum Store Fronts to Replacement Window Systems in the amount of \$94,000.00. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve HS Fire Alarm Upgrade Project 06019-06 (FA-1) Moved by Toepper, seconded by Nelson to award the High School Fire Alarm Upgrade Project to the lowest bidder, Ruder Electric in the amount of \$98,560.00. Ayes: Toepper, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reject Hardware BP 1A, Project #06020-02 Moved by Nelson, seconded by Mallaney, to reject all bids for the Communications Technology Bid Package 1A, Project 06020-02. Ayes: Nelson, Mallaney, Dodge, Martin, Strawson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reject Technology Bid Pkg. 1B, Project #06020-02 Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to reject all bids for the Communications Technology Bid Package 1B, Project 06020-02. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reject Security Bid Pkg. 2, Project #06020-02 Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to reject all bids for the Security Bid Package 2, Project 06020-02. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays - (0). Motion carried.

Take From Table Property Pay-Off Moved by Martin, seconded by Toepper to take from the table the motion regarding the property pay off. Ayes: Martin, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Authorize Final Pymt. For Maple Street Property Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to authorize the final payment for the property located at Maple Street and 10000 N. Road using impact fee funds. Ayes: Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

#### New Business

Approve Tenured Certified Staff Renewal Moved by Strawson, seconded by Nelson, to approve the recommendations for tenured certified staff contractual agreement renewals for the 2007-2008 school year as presented. Ayes: Strawson, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Resolution Of Renewal Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to approve the resolution authorizing renewal of first, second, third, and fourth year probationary teaching staff as presented. Fourth year probationary teachers will achieve tenure upon

Of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> upon their first day returned to work in the 2007-2008 school year.  
 And 4<sup>th</sup> Year Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson, Toepper, and  
 Probationary Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.  
 Teachers

Approve HS Moved by Strawson, seconded by Toepper to approve the High School Math  
 Math Curriculum adoption as presented. Ayes: Strawson, Toepper, Dodge, Mallaney,  
 Curriculum Martin, Nelson and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.  
 Adoption

Approve Moved by Strawson, seconded by Nelson to approve the resolution authorizing  
 PTAB representation in proceedings before the Property Tax Appeal Board as  
 Resolution presented. Ayes: Strawson, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Toepper,  
 and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Moved by Dodge, seconded by Toepper to approve the Surety Bonds Nos.  
 Surety Bonds 104214160, 104214143, and 104214335 with Travelers Casualty and Surety  
 Company as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Toepper, Mallaney, Martin, Nelson,  
 Strawson, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Moved by Martin, seconded by Mallaney to approve the alternative cosmetology  
 Alternative esthetics courses as presented provided there is no cost to the District. Voice  
 Cosmetology/ vote: All ayes – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.  
 Esthetics  
 Courses

Approve Moved by Toepper, seconded by Martin to approve the Resolution authorizing  
 Resolution the purchase of property on Manteno Road (County Highway 9) as presented.  
 Authorizing Ayes: Toepper, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Nelson, Strawson, and  
 Purchase of Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.  
 Property on  
 Manteno Road

Approve Moved by Strawson, seconded by Mallaney to approve the Resolution of  
 Resolution Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds as presented. Ayes: Strawson, Mallaney,  
 Of Intent to Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0).  
 Issue Motion carried.  
 Working Cash  
 Bonds

Approve Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the Resolution approving  
 Resolution the sale of property as presented (66.756 acres). Ayes: Martin, Nelson,  
 Approving Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, Toepper and Stauffenberg – seven (7).  
 The Sale of Nays – none (0). Motion carried.  
 Property  
 (Maple Street)

Executive Session Moved by Nelson, seconded by Toepper to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School District personnel, negotiations, contractual issues and/or discipline issues according to the Open Meetings Acts. There will be no action.

The motion was recalled and amended to the following: Moved by Nelson, seconded by Toepper to enter into enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School District personnel, negotiations, contractual issues and/or discipline issues according to the Open Meetings Acts. There will be action. Ayes: Nelson, Toepper, Martin, Dodge, Mallaney, Strawson, and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open session ended at 7:50 p.m.

Return to Open Session Moved by Toepper, seconded by Nelson to return to Open Session at 8:47 p.m. Ayes: Toepper, Nelson, Dodge, Mallaney, Martin, Strawson and Stauffenberg – seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

There was no action as the result of Executive Session.

Adjournment Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – all seven (7). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:48 p.m.

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Mark Stauffenberg, Board President

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Patrick Mallaney, Secretary

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