

MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, May 22, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.  
High School Library

Open 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.

Roll Call The following members answered to roll call:

G. Dodge S. Martin M. Nelson G. Preston  
and M. Stauffenberg – five (5).

Absent: P. Mallaney and J. Toepper – two (2).

Also present: Supt. Russert, K. Meyer, P. Russert, D. Conrad, R. Schnitzler, J. Palicki, A. Furbee, T. Steele, J. DePoister and Clerk Fortin – ten (10).

Visitors: A. McSparin (Herald), P. Chaplinski, K. Frame, D. Nelson, K. Bennett, T. Canna, B. Huff, B. Fisher, J. Yu (JP Morgan), M. Hill and others – approximately 12 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance President Stauffenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amend Agenda Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to pull Item #E from the Consent Agenda and replace it on the agenda after Executive Session.  
Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Appoint Secretary Pro-Tem Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to appoint G. Preston as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of P. Mallaney. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Additional Agenda Items Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to add the following items to the agenda:

Consent Agenda: Item C – Resignations

- Colleen Romeli, Math Team Sponsor for 07-08

Item F – Employments (07-08 school year)

- Kati Nowak – MS Special Education Teacher
- Amy Irle – Speech Pathologist
- Burgundy Reid – HS Social Science
- Douglas Tannenbaum – HS Biology

Extended School Year (summer school –  
Special Education)

- Kristi Rossman (EC Teacher)
- Jamie Brinkman (K-1 Teacher)
- Marcia Klasey (2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Teacher)
- Amanda Frame (EC Teacher Asst.)
- Rae Skidmore (K-1 Health Aide)
- Mary Lou Haymond (K-1 Teacher Asst.)
- Authorize Supt. to hire (K-1 Teacher Asst.)
- Nathan Short (2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Teacher Assistant)
- Whitney Weddell (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Teacher Assistant)
- Jennifer Fogel (Speech – hourly basis)
- Meghan Carlile (Speech – hourly basis)

New Business:

Item N – Additional Early Childhood Section

Item O – Recommendation for Server Replacement/Storage  
Area Network Implementation.

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

Public  
Hearings/  
Petitions/  
Concerns

Manteno Middle School Athletic Director, Cindy Quigley, introduced Diane Rewerts the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach, who was named the Kan Will Coach of the Year. The Middle School State Track qualifiers presented to the Board included: Tim Johnson, JJ Witherow, Conner Stroud, Aaron Jackson, Dylan Dines, Jake Riberdy, Eli El, and Danny Ayala. Also mentioned were their coaches Beth Farrell and Heather Miller.

Mike Hill was named as an Outstanding Volunteer of the Year nominee for his outstanding work of taping the Board meetings, District athletic events, promotions, etc. His volunteerism is greatly appreciated by the District.

Kim Frame gave a High School English textbook presentation. A committee comprised of the High School English staff met with four textbook company reps and have chosen the Holtz series for Board approval.

Public Comments – none.

Report of  
Board  
Committees/  
Representatives

Building Committee – Chairperson Sam Martin asked if anyone had a question regarding the minutes. There were none. Huff Architectural reps will give an update later in the meeting.

Finance Committee – Supt. Russert reported the committee reviewed the finance packet and discussed the tentative revised budget with the estimated cash and fund balances for 2006-2007. The budget will be on display in the District Office for 30 days. The bond issue and TIF distribution of \$88,262 were discussed as well.

Curriculum and Technology Committee – Chairperson Gale Dodge reported the Primary School wiring and District Office projects are complete. A new technology assistant coordinator will be hired and will begin the first week of June. There will be teacher prep training in the months of June and August.

Approve  
Consent  
Agenda

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Preston to approve the Consent Agenda (with the exception of Item “E”) as presented:

- Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Resignations (effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year)
  - Barb Schaller, Teacher’s Aide
  - Nicole Whitten, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
  - Derek Bailey, Assistant Wrestling Coach
  - Jennifer Ravens, Primary School Yearbook Sponsor
  - Neil “Tony” Swafford, High School Science Teacher
  - Colleen Romeli, Math Team Sponsor for 07-08
- Retirements – None
- Employments – Extra Duties: Primary and Elementary
  - Jaime Munsterman & Jamie Mularski, Elementary Co-Yearbook Sponsors
- Extra Duties: Middle School
  - Cindy Quigley, Athletic Director
  - Nathan Short, Wrestling
  - Shaun Daly, Assistant Wrestling
  - Jason Adams, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball
  - Zach Dowdy, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball
  - Jeff Fenton, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
  - Nicole Whitten, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
  - Jason Adams, Baseball
  - Josh Carlile, Softball
  - Diane Rewerts, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball
  - Cheryl Davis, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball
  - Laura Bennett, Middle School Cheerleading
  - Nicole Whitten, Student Council
  - Susan Lynch, Middle School Yearbook
  - Jerry Rewerts, Math Contest
  - Jack Schupe, Academic Team (Scholastic Bowl)
  - Janet Mulcahy, Spelling Contest

- Mary Kay Beedle, Speech Team
- Laura Kimmell, Show Choir Director
- Mike Snyder, Show Choir Accompanist
- Other Employments
  - William Boekeloo, Sub Custodian
  - Jordan Russert, Sub Custodian
  - Bernadette Browning, Sub Custodian, Sub Food Service Worker, Sub Secretary
  - Dan Christ, Technology Assistant
  - Stacy Larson, Occupational Therapist (COTA)
  - Deborah Kooy, Assistant District Nurse
  - Rocio Maldonado, Sub Bus Driver (effective 5/17/07)
  - Lindsay Hoevet, Elementary Teacher
  - Joseph Bendoraitis, HS Special Education\*
  - Amanda Fierce, High School Special Education\*
  - Kati Nowak – MS Special Education Teacher\*
  - Amy Irlle – Speech Pathologist\*
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Foreign Exchange Student

Door to Door Fundraisers:

- Football – Food card sale day on August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Football – Tag day on August 18<sup>th</sup>

Middle School Handbook

High School Handbook

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

Unit Office  
Report

Supt. Russert reported on the following:

- Outstanding Technology Achievement Award – Won by student Brianna Conway using her assistant device.

- Vulcan Geology Class – Amy VanSwol and Roger Schnitzler will be attending.
- Rohm & Haas Grant – Dr. Dawn Sample assisted in the classroom using with gears and magnets.
- “We are the People” Bookshelf Grant - Submitted by Karin Jurgenson.
- Report card pick up is June 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2007 graduates recognized
- The Will County Land Appraisal is complete.
- Kindergarten for 2007-2008 – 123 packets sent out – 99 returned.
- Construction update by Bob Huff and Brandon Fischer
  - High School Section A taped, painted
  - Section B taped, classrooms painted, few masonry items left
  - Lights almost all on site
  - Section C close to having painting done.
  - Receptacles in
  - Administrative office – everything painted, plastered, need to hang grids and install floor coverings.
  - Mechanical units on site.
  - Exterior brick almost finished.
  - If rain holds off will be seeding detention pond and track field.
  - Finished roof on building. Minor flashing needed.
  - Will make the deadline overall schedule.
  - Renovation not nearly as extensive at the High School.
  - Brandon will work on “buttoning up” the building and relocating the “M” sign.
  - Middle School – two story addition flooring will be coming in this week. Delivery of material on Thursday, prep on Friday.
  - 90% of grids are hung
  - Mechanical units are there and are being set.
  - Louvers are in.
  - First floor – finishing plastering 60% done downstairs
  - Masonry complete
  - Devices in upstairs
  - Waiting on light delivery
  - In the existing building – 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing – minor demolition, remove cabinets, electrical work.
  - Cafeteria – all issues resolved there. Steel in the end of the week. Monday begin pouring concrete for either side of the steam tunnel.
  - Open the area larger for the Commons area.
  - Gym – metal studs complete
  - Park and Poplar potholes patched after storm sewers installed
  - Lady’s yard – Nugent will seed and clean up.
  - Steps going upstairs will be installed right after Memorial Day
  - Freezer pad – HS to begin when school is out.

- Cookout on Friday at noon in appreciation of the contractor's hard work and making up time on the schedule.
- Demo at the Middle School – Can't get into it until school gets out.
- Shop area – came a long way – new windows are in, floor pads poured.
- Terrazzo scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Old Business

Award BP 4A Security Access Control  
 Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to award Bid Package 4A Security Access Control to Sound, Inc. in the amount of \$57,928.00.  
 Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Preston, and Stauffenberg – five (5).  
 Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Reject BP 4B  
 Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to reject all bids for Bid Package 4B – Security Surveillance. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Award MS/HS Emergency Power Bid  
 Moved by Martin, seconded by Preston to award the Middle/High School Emergency Power bid to Excel Electric for \$122,590. Ayes: Martin, Preston, Dodge, Nelson, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

#### New Business

Tom Canna and Jonathan Yu spoke to the Board regarding sale of the General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2007. The bonds will be used to purchase land for a future school site. The final 20-year bond arbitrage locked in at 4.132%. The District maintained an A2 credit rating. The District also retained the right to prepay and refund a portion of the Bonds for potential savings in 10 years. The Bond issue will close on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Approve Bond Resolution  
 Moved by Martin, seconded by Preston to approve the Bond Resolution as presented. Ayes: Martin, Preston, Dodge, Nelson and Stauffenberg - five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Bond Purchase Agreement  
 Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the Bond Purchase Agreement with J.P. Morgan and to authorize the Board President to sign on behalf of the District as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Preston, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Working Cash Surety Bond  
 Moved by Preston, seconded by Dodge to approve the Working Cash Surety Bond as presented. Ayes: Preston, Dodge, Martin, Nelson and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

- Approve HS English Textbook Adoption Moved by Preston, seconded by Dodge to approve the High School English textbook adoption in the amount of \$64,447.90. Ayes: Preston, Dodge, Martin, Nelson and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve HS BP#10 CO 10-3 Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the High School Change Order 10-3 to Ruder Electric in the amount of \$5,139.00. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve HS BP#10 CO 10-4 Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the High School Change Order 10-4 to Ruder Electric in the amount of \$18,575.00. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Preston, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve HS BP#4D CO 4D-1 Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to approve the High School Change Order 4D-1 to Replacement Window Systems for a credit of \$14,068.00. Ayes: Nelson, Dodge, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve HS BP #4C CO 4C-1 Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve the High School Change Order 4C-1 to Vissering Construction Company in the amount of \$1,030.00. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Preston, Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve MS BP #7R CO 7R-1 Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to approve the Middle School Change Order 7R-1 to Replacement Window Systems in the amount of \$3,893.00. Ayes: Nelson, Martin, Dodge, Preston, and Stauffenberg - five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve PTAB Resolution Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the resolution authorizing representation at PTAB hearings as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Preston, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Treasurer's Bond Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson to approve \$5,200.00 for the renewal of treasurer's construction bond, number 3-893-942 with Ohio Casualty and Insurance Company. Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Dodge, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.
- Approve Display of 06-07 Tentative Amended Budget Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin to approve the display of the 2006-2007 Tentative Amended Budget in the Unit Office for 30 days. Voice vote: All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Employment (1/2 time – EC Teacher) Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to authorize the employment of a half-time Early Childhood teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Server Replacement/ Storage Area Network Implementation Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to authorize the purchase of SAN equipment, software, and configuration at a cost not to exceed \$74,809.51. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Adjourn To Executive Session Moved by Nelson, seconded by Dodge to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, land acquisition, litigation, compensation, contractual issues and discipline issues according to the Open Meetings Act. Ayes: Nelson, Dodge, Martin, Preston, and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. Open Session ended at 7:57 p.m.

Return To Open Session Moved by Dodge, seconded by Nelson to return to Open Session at 8:56 p.m. Ayes: Dodge, Nelson, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Denial Of One Year Leave Of Absence Moved by Martin, seconded by Dodge to deny the request for a one year leave of absence. Ayes: Martin, Dodge, Nelson, Preston and Stauffenberg – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried.

Approve Non Certified Staff Salaries Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to approve the non certified staff salaries as presented. Ayes: Dodge, Martin, Preston and Stauffenberg – four (4). Nays – none (0). Abstained: Nelson – one (1). Motion carried.

Adjournment Moved by Dodge, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. All ayes – five (5). Nays – none (0). Motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.

MKS/GP/df

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Board President, Mark Stauffenberg

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Secretary Pro-Tem, Gary Preston