

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114

April 13, 2010

REGULAR MEETING:

The Board of Education of Manhattan School District 114, in the County of Will and the State of Illinois, met at Wilson Creek Elementary School on April 13, 2010 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Gerald Elder, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Present: Joseph Knoll, Timothy Doyle, Scott Mancke, Jeff Pietrzyk, Dawn Murphy, and Lynnae Ryan.
2. Absent: none
3. Others present: Greg Anthony and family, Mary Bernhard, Nicole Black, Dave Blackman, Liz Boyles, Don Buff, Howard Butters, Lisa Christel, Carol DeCaprio, Andrea Doyle, Barbara Hogan, Ray Hollenbeck, Laura Holly, Cathy Jenkins, Carrie Jones, Mary Kellbach, Meg Kelly, Geri Kojder, Diane Maguire, Mariann Mangun, Sue McCormick, Ryan McWilliams, Cathy Muckian, Ron Pacheco, Renee Peavler, Sally Robinson, Michelle Rose, Maryellen Schroeder, Julie Senka, Pete Slattery, Alicia Tooley, Karen Wingfield, Lori Zemen, and Michele Zmigrodski.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

J. Knoll made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: L. Ryan – aye, D. Murphy – aye, J. Pietrzyk – aye, S. Mancke – aye, T. Doyle – aye, and J. Knoll - aye. Motion Carried.

APRIL DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$508,765.32
BUILDING FUND	\$70,513.41
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$0
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$41,902.67
IMRF FUND	\$19,151.37
WORKING CASH FUND	\$0
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$390.00
LIFE SAFETY FUND	\$0
TOTAL	\$640,722.77

VISITORS TO BE HEARD:

Mike Naughton was present to talk about Vacation Bible School. He wanted to let the Board know that they understand that this year would be different due to financial constraints and there may be fees involved. He also wanted to thank the Board for past use of the facility. In the past they have used the library, commons, six rooms and the gym at MJHS. They would like to be able to set up Friday night, Saturday and Sunday prior to

start on June 21, 2010. It will run Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with about 300 participants (children and adults).

Mary Kellbach addressed the Board about possible nurse cut backs and her concerns on that.

Cathy Muchian and Mary Ellen Schroeder addressed the Board on their concerns about the possible elimination of the At-Risk pre-school program.

Ray Hollenbeck addressed the Board on behalf of the teacher union.

GOOD NEWS

Principal, Barbara Hogan reported that the staff at all three school collected over \$1,000 and clothes, etc. for the family involved in the Manhattan fire. Tomorrow is Risk Watch on water safety. Thanks to Mrs. Ambrosini and Mrs. Lamar for all their efforts for Artworks at Lincoln-Way and their Square One Art fund raiser. Jammer was here at Wilson Creek to kick off the reading program to earn tickets to a Jackhammers game. This month the character counts pillar was responsibility.

Principal, Ryan McWilliams reported that Prime Time Reading night is this Friday from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Thanks to Mrs. Maher for organizing this event. There will be another smart board training. On April 24th the band will be competing. The 4th and 5th grade band, choir and orchestra will have a concert on May 6th 7:00 p.m. at MJHS and May 6th, 10:00 a.m. at Anna McDonald.

Principal, Ron Pacheco, reported that student council collected over 900 food items and collected about \$200 in coins for the Manhattan Food Pantry. The Band, Orchestra, and Choir competed in the IGSMa contest and received outstanding. The Green Team – Extreme Green Growers won the Lexus challenge and won \$15,000. Science Fair regional was held this month. Mrs. DeCaprio and Mrs. Schussler presented the 6th grade students that participated in Wordmasters. They all did very well. Derek Jones received a perfect score.

The Board and staff recognized former student Greg Anthony who will be the Valedictorian for Lincoln-Way Central this year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Compliance Visit – Supt. Butters reported that the Board had the report summary. He highlighted some of the acknowledgements given by the ROE in the Compliance Review report.

Student Insurance – Supt. Butters stated that each year we are to offer student insurance and again this year Markel Insurance is the company. **J. Knoll made a motion to go with Markel Student Insurance for the 2010-2011 school year, with a second by T. Doyle. All voted aye.** This does not mean we endorse them we just have to offer student insurance.

Blacktop Seal Coating and Repair Bids – P. Slattery reported that five companies bid on seal coating at Anna McDonald School Alternate #1 was to cut out, remove and replace damaged areas on the north angle parking lot at Anna McDonald. Alternate #2 was to

cut out, remove and replace damaged area on the junior high front parking lot by the main entrance. Alternate #3 was to mill cut the perimeter of the parking lot, prime and install finish blacktop. The low bid was from A & B Parking Lot Maintenance for \$16,017. All schools are on a three year rotation to be seal coated. **D. Murphy made a motion to accept the base bid to seal coat, strip and crack fill and Alternates #2 & #3 at a cost of \$16,017, with a second by S. Mancke. Roll Call Vote: J. Knoll – aye, S. Mancke – aye, T. Doyle – aye, L. Ryan – aye, D. Murphy – aye, and J. Pietrzyk – aye. Motion Carried.**

Parent/Student Handbook – Supt. Butters reported that each year the student handbook needs to be approved. Principal McWilliams, staff and parent committee looked at and updated as needed and with new laws/regulations. **T. Doyle made a motion to approve the handbook, with a second by J. Pietrzyk. All voted aye.**

Other – Supt. Butters reported that a special education report came from the state; we meet the requirements for 2008-09.

The district received the highest financial recognition category from the state.

The final levy numbers came in over spring break. The tax rate went up one cent for a total rate of \$3.35.

BOARD REPORTS:

1. Lincolnway Area Special Education Governing Board Report – T. Doyle stated that the Director's contract was approved for next year. He also gave an update on the transition house.
2. Foundation for Educational Excellence Report – The Foundation met on 3/11/10. The school supply orders are coming in. The calendar has raised about \$23,180 so far. There has been preliminary discussion on establishing a scholarship fund in the name of Don Neighbors and Ryan Palesh. The next meeting is April 15th, 6:00 p.m. at the junior high.
3. Illinois Association of School Boards Report – If the Board would like to submit any position statements, please get it to J. Knoll.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Building & Development/Growth Committee – Over Spring break ICI, STR, the roofing and masonry companies were present for a meeting to determine the problem with the parapet wall. A water test was done on the area. The brick cavity was full of water creating back pressure. The water is coming in through the joints. It was agreed upon to install a tube to let the area dry and come back and seal. This will all be done at no cost to the district. They will also put in some flashing.
2. Policy Committee –This is the second reading for the following policies: Operational Services - 4:30, 4:60, 4:60-AP1, 4:90, 4:110, 4:170, 4:170-AP6, 4:170-AP6,E1, 4:170-AP6,E2; General Personnel: - 5:20; Instruction: - 6:120-AP2, 6:120-AP2,E1; Students: - 7:50; Community Relations – 8:20-E, 8:30.

This is the first reading for 8:20 – AP1.

3. Finance & Operations Committee – No report.

CLOSED SESSION:

J. Pietrzyk made a motion to move into Closed Session for employment, compensation, evaluation and/or dismissal of personnel at 8:17 p.m., with a second by L. Ryan. All voted aye.

J. Knoll made a motion to reconvene from Closed Session at 9:10 p.m., with a second by J. Pietrzyk. All voted aye.

D. Murphy made a motion, with regret, to eliminate the At-Risk program for the 2010-2011 school year due to the uncertainty of state funding, with a second by S. Mancke. Roll Call Vote: J. Pietrzyk – aye, D. Murphy – aye, L. Ryan – aye, T. Doyle – aye, J. Knoll – aye, and S. Mancke – aye. Motion Carried.

L. Ryan made a motion to honorably dismiss one aide and one bus driver associated with the At-Risk program, with a second by J. Knoll. Roll Call Vote: L. Ryan – aye, D. Murphy – aye, J. Pietrzyk – aye, S. Mancke – aye, T. Doyle – aye, and J. Knoll - aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The district will have a table at the Chamber Business Expo on April 17th.

A volunteer committee will be formed to search out available grants to apply for by the district.

Explore going paperless for the Board. IASB and NSBA promote this. J. Knoll will get the information on this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

T. Doyle made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., with a second by L. Ryan. All voted aye.
The next meeting is May 11, 2010 at Wilson Creek Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.