

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114
July 12, 2017

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 July 12, 2017 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Present: Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle
2. Absent: Dawn Murphy
3. Others present: Russell Ragon, Kim Maher, Dr. Ron Pacheco, Renee Karalus, Pete Slattery, Susan Kubik, Lucind Neighbors, Paula Paymaster, Megan Finan, and Elise Kirk

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report
3. Acknowledgement of Lincoln-Way Special Education and Administrator's Minutes
4. Approval of June Disbursements
5. Approval of July Payroll

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by S. Pryn. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$ 688,970.34
BUILDING FUND	\$ 70,383.92
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 62,693.99
IMRF FUND	\$ 21,129.31
WORKING CASH FUND	\$.00

TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$ 446.25
IFE SAFETY FUND	\$.00
TOTAL	\$ 162,059.89

GOOD NEWS

- There were no written reports this month. The administrators reported that plans for the new school year were going well and commented on the great job that Pete Slattery, Dave Blackman and the entire summer crew were doing to have the buildings and grounds ready for the students.
- The administrators then presented information to the Board regarding the repurposing of homework or practice work for students. Many of the members asked very thoughtful questions and specifically how this would change from the current practice. The message that the administrators wanted to specifically convey was that the emphasis would be to do as much of the work at school as possible with the teachers who understand and are trained to work with the students and then send home extra practice for students that need it. In regards to assessment, the administration believes that teachers can better assess the students on the work they are doing independently at school and thus know how to better assist them. It was also explained that with the new standards, the movement is towards Standards Based Reports in place of the traditional report cards, giving more information to parents on the strengths of their child and areas they need additional work or support. The administration also believes it will better align student performance with the current State Assessment and the STAR assessment the district uses. One concern expressed was that students may choose not to do the practice work. The administration and teacher present indicated that they are continuing to work on incentives and accountability pieces to make sure students do the practices. One key measure would be that if a student performs poorly on the assessment at the end of a unit, the student would be able to do additional practice and then take the assessment again if they had done the previous work and shown effort. The important thing is for a teacher to be able to accurately assess if a student has learned or mastered the specific skill(s) taught before moving on and therefore setting them up for future and continued success. Students that have already demonstrated mastery can work on other things and not have to do countless practice sheets just for the sake of doing them. The discussion ended with the Board asking for information on other school districts that have already gone to Standards Based Reporting and that have implemented similar practices, and if possible, data to show if their students are performing better than before the changes. The administration responded that they would get the information for the Board and report back to them.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

MSD114 FY18 Budget

Superintendent did not add anything additional to his comments from the Committee of the Whole regarding the FY18 Budget, but restated that the FY18 State Budget worksheet will be available in the Manhattan School District 114 business office for review and will be posted to the district website.

Status of Summer Work

Superintendent Ragon reported that the buildings and grounds look great and thanked Pete Slatter, Dave Blackman, GCA and the entire summer crew.

Status of FY18 Enrollment

Superintendent Ragon reported the following enrollment numbers to the Board. Member Boyles asked about the possibility of adding sections. Superintendent Ragon indicated that he was keeping a close eye on the numbers and they would not open any class lists before deciding if additional sections would need to be added, while still being fiscally responsible.

K – 157	(7 Sections 21-22 and KSI-6)
1 – 148	(7 Sections 20-21)
2 – 143	(7 Sections 20-21)
3 – 151	(6 Sections 25-26)
4 – 159	(6 Sections 26-27)
5 – 160	(6 Sections 26-27)
6 – 151	(6 Sections 25-26)
7 – 159	(6 Sections 26-27)
8 – 144	(6 Sections 24)

Other

- The Final FY17 Budget Numbers were reviewed in COW.
- Reminder that the new year begins with August Institute Days (August 21 & 22, 2017), and first student attendance day on August 23, 2017.

BOARD REPORTS

1. Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report:
Reorganized the LWASE843 Board, Discussion of Busing and Transportation and Payments.
- Member Terry Doyle reported that LWASE843 approved the purchase of 5 new buses to replace the remaining diesel buses and that a grant would be paying for a portion of the buses.
2. Foundation for Education Excellence Report:
- Member Liz Boyles reported they would be preparing to hand out the back to school supplies kits.

3. Illinois Association of School Boards Reports: Attended the Three Rivers Meeting. Seated a new board and director. The IASB is conducting a search for a new director as Roger Eddy is retiring.
- Member Dan DeCaprio reported on all of the latest information regarding the many bills that concerned the State Budget and school funding, and reported that IL finally had a State Budget. Member DeCaprio reported the information on all the bills that made up the new State budget.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Building and Development/Growth Committee Report: Nothing new to report in addition to the Committee of the Whole Report.
- Nothing additional reported from COW.
2. Policy and Curriculum Committee: Nothing new to report in addition to the Committee of the Whole Report.
- Nothing additional reported from COW.
3. Finance and Operations Committee Report: Nothing new to report in addition to the Committee of the Whole Report.
- Nothing additional reported from COW.

Motions Coming Out of Closed Session

J. Mitchell made a motion **to keep the Closed Session Minutes of the regular meetings of January 11, 2017, February 8, 2017, March 8, 2017, April 18, 2017, May 2, 2017, and June 14, 2017, Closed.** A second to the motion was made by L. Boyles; Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

S. Pryn made a motion **to permanently destroy the Closed Session Recordings of the regular meetings of July 8, 2015, August 12, 2015, September 9, 2015, October 14, 2015, November 11, 2015, and December 9, 2015.** A second to the motion was made by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

T. Doyle made a motion **to accept the Letter of Resignation from Alexa Pascarella, Elementary Teacher, effectively immediately.** A second to the motion was made by S. Pryn. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

L. Boyles made a motion **to accept the Letter of Resignation from Lindsay Bradbury, Elementary/Special Education Teacher, effectively immediately.** A second to the motion was made by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

T. Doyle made a motion **to accept the Letter of Resignation from Brian Thorpe, JH Health/PE Teacher, effectively immediately.** A second to the motion was made by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

J. Mitchell made a motion **to employ Ashley Hon as Fourth Grade teacher, to employ Madison Squires as Fourth Grade teacher, to employ Cait Gurnea as KSI teacher, and to employ Jake Settanni as JH Social Studies teacher, for the 2017-18 school year,** A second to the motion was made by L. Boyles. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

S. Pryn made a motion **to employ Tara Popovich as Paraprofessional/Teacher Assistant for the 2017-18 school year.** A second to the motion was made by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

J. Mitchell made a motion **to approve Marcie Schueler Learning Resource Teacher at Anna McDonald for the 2017-18 school year.** A second to the motion was made by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Member Joe Mitchell asked about the possibility of reviewing all policies and procedures regarding school violence, all crisis plans and making any necessary improvements or changes to make sure we had a game plan in the event of any crisis. President Scott Mancke and other members agreed it was a good idea and President Scott Mankce approved the creation of a Safety Committee, appointing members Joe Mitchell and Terry Doyle to work with Superintendent Ragon on establishing a join committee with stakeholders and then making recommendations to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

L. Boyles made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., with a second by J. Mitchell. All voted aye: Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Liz Boyles, Susan Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Wilson Creek Elementary School. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6:00pm.

Scott Mancke, President
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114

Susan Pryn, Secretary
Board of Education
Manhattan School District