

Manhattan School District 114
June 13, 2018

The Board of Education of Manhattan School District 114, in the County of Will and the State of Illinois, met at Manhattan Jr. High School on June 13, 2018 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present: Scott Mancke, Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Joe Mitchell and Terry Doyle

Absent: Sue Pryn

Others present: Rusty Ragon, Susan Kubik, Pete Slattery, Carrie Book, Michele Hallihan, Debbie Jones, Dave Blackman, Jenny Davis, Keeley Senn, Sarah Bancsy, Joyce Watson, John Deckelman, Tracy Lamont, Lisa Coughlin, Stella Coughlin, Nolan Adam, Jenelle Hoffman, Jen Lynch, Teresa Flynn, Colleen Profitt, Dylan Leterby, Lynn Letherby and Michele Zmigrodski

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of May Minutes
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report
3. Acknowledgement of Lincoln-Way Special Education and Administrators Minutes
4. Approval of May Disbursements
5. Approval of June Payroll
6. Destruction of Closed Session Minutes - November 9, 2016

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, T. Doyle, J. Mitchell, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

May Disbursements

EDUCATION FUND	\$726,620.56
BUILDING FUND	\$86,463.63
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$0
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$68,361.54

IMRF FUND	\$24,184.10
WORKING CASH FUND	\$0
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$2,901.50
LIFE SAFETY FUND	\$0
TOTAL	\$908,531.33

VISITORS TO BE HEARD

Manhattan Jr. High teachers, Michele Hallihan and Joyce Watson addressed the board regarding the first year of Scholastic Bowl. They had a fantastic year and wanted to thank the board for the resources to make this happen at the Jr. High. Scholastic Bowl members Stella Couglin and Nolan Adam were present to thank the board and update them about their fun and educational experience this year. Forty kids tried out for the team and 20 made it, it was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Pete Slattery wanted to express his thanks to the Board for the last 23 years of employment as he gets ready to retire at the end of the month. He wished the district and staff the best in the future. Scott Mancke expressed his personal thank you to Pete for his excellent work through his time with the district. He will be missed.

Manhattan Jr. High student Dylan Letherby addressed the board regarding the topic of bullying. Dylan feels he has been bullied since Kindergarten and it escalated during the band's recent trip to Tennessee a few months ago. He believes more can be done to prevent this and help kids who are being bullied. The Board thanked Dylan for having the courage to speak on this topic and will be discussing the matter further. Joe Mitchell expressed his extreme disappointment that this has happened and promised to fix the problem.

GOOD NEWS

Board Members received written reports from the Principals with good news.

Renee Karalus thanked the Board, the District and the Special Education Staff for the last 15 years of employment and friendship as she begins the move to her new position at Homer School District as Director of Special Services. The Board congratulated her and thanked her for the wonderful job she has done for the District's Special Education Program, she will be missed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Food Service Bid

Three contractors attended the pre-bid meeting. One chose not to bid after reviewing all the bid documents. Two bids were submitted, our current food service provider, Preferred Meals and Quest. The Preferred Meals bid came in at \$187,090.37 and Quest came in at \$284,826.98. The recommendation is to accept the low bid by Preferred Meals.

D. Murphy made a motion to approve the food service contract with Preferred Meals with the low bid of \$187,090.37 submitted, with a second by D. DeCaprio. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

"County School Facility Occupation Tax Law" Resolution

Supt. Ragon presented this item to the Board for discussion and consideration for possible action. Manhattan School District would benefit greatly from such a tax, since the sales tax collected comes mostly from the surrounding communities. It is distributed based on student enrollment and the district enrollment continues to increase, therefore increasing the share we would receive. The increase the district would receive in the Operations Fund would allow the district to levy less in its annual Operations levy and reserve those dollars for the Education Levy. Dr. Manville of NLS122 will be forwarding Supt. Ragon a list of districts that had passed the resolution so far. NLS122 and Summit Hill 161 have both passed the resolution in the Lincoln Way area, as well as Plainfield School District. She estimated that districts totaling an additional 5000 students would be needed to meet the minimum requirement to have the question placed on the ballot. Indian Prairie (11,000 students) has unofficially indicated they would support the measure and pass a resolution if the numbers were close.

Vice President, Dan DeCaprio read the official resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Will, Illinois to certify to the election authorities of said County the questions of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purpose for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 6th day of November, 2018.

L. Boyles made a motion to approve "County School Facility Occupation Tax Law" Resolution as presented, with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

Prevailing Wage Resolution

This is an annual requirement the Board approves and posts the Prevailing Wage. It is the Board's affirmation that when we have work done by outside contractors, the district pays the prevailing wage.

T. Doyle made a motion to approve that Manhattan School District 114 shall confirm to the general prevailing rate of wages for all construction work done in conjunction with public works exclusive of maintenance construction work, with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

Working Cash Interest Permanent Transfer to the Education Fund - FY18

This is an annual item at this time of year, however, the Working Cash Fund was invested in a year long CD to gain a better rate, and will not be available until September. At that time, Supt. Ragon will place this item on the agenda for action and have the interest transferred to the Education Fund.

Interfund Transfers/Revisions - FY18

This is an item that will allow Keeley and Supt. Ragon to make a transfer in the Funds to close out the year, making certain that we do not exceed budgeted amounts or to make sure the district does not carry a negative balance in any of the funds to close out the fiscal year. Any such revisions would be presented to the board at the next meeting.

D. Murphy made a motion to give authority to Superintendent Ragon to make interfund transfers or budget revisions as necessary to close out FY18 budget with a second by L. Boyles. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Bond

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Bond at a cost of \$4,567.00, with a second by L. Boyles. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

Recertification of Serious Safety Hazard Areas - FY19

This is an annual item that allows the district to transport students in areas that do not have sidewalks or that present a dangerous situation for students having to cross a roadway such as US52.

T. Doyle made a motion to act upon hazardous conditions: “In that the previous Hazardous Conditions Request which was approved by the State of Illinois has not changed. It is resolved that the Manhattan School District 114 will continue the policy of providing transportation to students who qualify for the 2018-19 school year”, with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

FY19 Appointments

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve the following list of appointments for the 2018-19 school year, School Attorney - Hauser Izzo, Depository - First Bank of Manhattan, Old Plank Trail Community Bank - Treasurer - Ron Pacheco - Treasurer of Activity Accounts - Keeley Senn, with a second by L. Boyles. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

FY19 Budget

L. Boyles made a motion to approve Superintendent Ragon to prepare the FY19 Budget to be presented and made public for the July 11, 2018 regular meeting with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - L. Boyles, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

Other Items

The Junior High Graduation Ceremony took place on May 29th. Congratulations to Dr. Pacheco and his staff for their hard work to make it a wonderful and memorable evening and ceremony for our graduates and their families.

The district ended the 2017-18 school year with 1488 students. The year started with 1466 students.

The district currently has 150 students registered for Kindergarten for 2018-19. This is on pace with the previous couple of years. With all the building it is anticipated we will have growth at every grade level.

FY18 Transportation Funding - The State of Illinois still owes the district \$280,821.76.

FY19 State of Illinois Budget Highlights

-Increased funding for Evidenced-based funding formula

- Increased funding for Pre-K for All. The district received approval for a Pre-K At Risk grant in the amount of \$280,832. Thanks to Renee Karalus on all her hard work to win this grant.
- Consideration of a measure to increase starting salaries for teachers in Illinois to \$40,000 by 2022-23 school year.
- Registration is open for the 2018 School Board Conference for board members who will be attending.

BOARD REPORTS

Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report - Nothing new to report

Illinois Association of School Boards Report - The following ALR reports were presented by Dan DeCaprio, 100-67, 100-68, 100-69, 100-70, 100-71, 100-72. Governor signed the budget and public acts, 100-0587 and 100-0465. There will be a 3% cap on salaries after our next contract, due to the newly passed legislation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Development/Growth Committee Report - Nothing New to Report

Policy and Curriculum Committee - Nothing New to Report

Finance and Operations Committee - Nothing New to Report

CLOSED SESSION

J. Mitchell made a motion to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Employment, Compensation, Evaluation and/or Dismissal of Personnel at 7:53 p.m. with a second by D. DeCaprio. All voted Yea.

J. Mitchell made a motion to return from Closed Session at 9:58 p.m. with a second by T. Doyle. All voted Yea. **Liz Boyles left during closed session at 9:38 p.m.

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

D. Murphy made a motion to approve the employment of the following Certified Staff for the 2018-19 school year; Melissa Hester, Director of Special Education and Melissa Brewe, Kindergarten Teacher, with a second by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays - J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

T. Doyle made a motion to approve the resignation of Renee Karalus, Director of Special Education and Meghan Cole, EC Teacher with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays - J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve the employment of the following Non-Certified Staff for the 2018-19 school year; Holly Sears, PE Assistant Wilson Creek, Melissa Maine, Access, Carmen Onofre, PE Assistant MJH and Gina Lardi, Access, with a second by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays - J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve the leave of absence request for the 2018-19 school year for Stacy Bergman from November 14, 2018-November 16, 2018 with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays - J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

Meghan Petschinsky's Leave will be approved when we have dates for the absence.

D. DeCaprio made a motion to approve the unanimous vote to extend Rusty Ragon's contract through the 2020-21 school year, with a second by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays - J. Mitchell, T. Doyle, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

FMLA Notification to the Board:

1. Stacy Bergman (2nd Grade) FMLA - August 20 - November 13, 2018
2. Elise Kirk (Instruction Specialist Anna McDonald) FMLA - August 20 - November 12, 2018
3. Meghan Petschinsky - Has not submitted yet, but has contacted Supt. Ragon to inform him of her intentions to take 12 weeks of FMLA starting in November.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Member, Dawn Murphy spoke about interest in starting more activities as the district grows to have opportunities for all students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Scott Mancke wanted to thank Alica Tooley, Denise Casey, Laura Zarnowski and Geri Kojder for their sympathy card.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Doyle made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. with a second by J. Mitchell. All voted aye.

The next meeting is July 11, 2018 at Wilson Creek Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Scott Mancke, President
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114

Susan Pryn, Secretary
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