

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114
November 9, 2016

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 November 9, 2016 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Present: Liz Boyles, Mark Gray, Joe Mitchell, Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy and Scott Mancke
2. Absent: Sue Pryn
3. Others present: Renee Karalus, Russell Ragon, Ryan McWilliams, Kim Maher, Pete Slattey, Ron Pacheco, Ronaldson Family, and numerous staff members of MSD114.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

D. DeCaprio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by M. Gray. Roll Call Vote: 0 nays, 6 ayes – De Caprio, Boyles, Mancke, Gray, Mitchell and Murphy. Motion Carried.

OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$1,275,527.50
BUILDING FUND	\$114,558.73
BOND & INTEREST FUND	
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$114,284.43
IMRF FUND	\$ 31,284.00
WORKING CASH FUND	
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	
LIFE SAFETY FUND	
TOTAL	\$1,535,655.65

VISITORS TO BE HEARD:

Special Education Director Renee Karalus, made a presentation to the Ronaldson Family on behalf of all the staff of District 114.

GOOD NEWS

Board members had all good news prior to the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Hope Brown of Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull, LLC presented the FY16 Audit. The district will receive recognition status for its financial condition with a rating of 3.8 out of a 4.0.

L. Boyles made a motion to accept the FY16 Audit as prepared and presented by the certified public accounting firm of Mose, Yockey, Brown & Kull LLC, with a second by M. Gray. Roll Call Vote: 0 nays, 6 ayes – Boyles, Gray, Mancke, Murphy, DeCaprio, and Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Ragon presented the Board with information on the 2016 Tax Levy. The Truth in Taxation notice will be published according to State statute and the hearing will be held prior to the start of the regular meeting in December. The district's EAV increased by a little more than \$18,000,000 from the previous year. It is expected that the EAV will be approximately \$250,000,000 after exemptions.

Superintendent Ragon presented the School Report Cards. The School Report Cards will also be published on the district website for public viewing.

D. Murphy made a motion to accept and approve the 2015-16 School Report Cards for the district and buildings as presented by the Superintendent, with a second by M. Gray. Voice Vote: 0 nays, 6 ayes – All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

Preliminary dates for the 2017-18 School Calendar for discussion:

August Institute Days – August 21 & 22, 2017.

School Opening – August 23, 2017.

Winter Break – Dec. 23, 2017 through January 8, 2018.

Spring Break – March 23, 2018 through April 2, 2018.

Recommendation to move to Trimesters and away from Semesters.

2016 PARCC results were shared with Board by Superintendent Ragon, along with graph comparisons with other LW feeder districts, and a graph of composite scores comparing district 114 with all other Will County schools. The graphs will be posted to the district website for public viewing as well.

Superintendent Ragon shared the October Institute Day agenda with the board and commented that staff had shared it appreciated that change in Institute Day activities.

Superintendent Ragon reminded the board of the upcoming Veterans Day Assembly at the Junior High.

Superintendent Ragon reminded the board of the upcoming conference and indicated that he had made all arrangements on their behalf. Their training sessions had been scheduled and conference packets would be put together and distributed at the November meeting.

Status of FY17 Enrollment – There are currently 1416 students enrolled PK-8

BOARD REPORTS:

1. Lincolnway Area Special Education Governing Board Report – Discussing plans for the SELF program as NLS122 will no longer host the Coop program after this year, as part of the separation agreement.
2. Foundation for Educational Excellence Report – Nothing new to report.
3. Illinois Association of School Boards Report – D. DeCaprio reported that there were 16 Resolutions for consideration at the Conference He made recommendation to the other members on how MSD114 should vote.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

1. Building & Development/Growth Committee – Nothing additional to report.
2. Policy Committee – First reading of IASB recommended policy updates.
3. Finance and Operations Committee – Nothing more to report.

CLOSED SESSION:

D. DeCaprio made a motion to approve the reassignment of Christina Healy as Reading Support Aide, effective December 23, 2016, with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: 0 naves, 6 ayes – Mitchell, Gray, Mancke, DeCaprio, Boyles, and Murphy. Motion Carried.

L. Boyles made a motion to employ Keeley Christensen as a district bookkeeper and administrative assistant, beginning Monday, November 28, 2016, with a second by M. Gray. Roll Call Vote: 0 naves, 6 ayes – Mitchell, Gray, Mancke, DeCaprio, Boyles, and Murphy. Motion Carried.

L. Boyles made a motion to direct Superintendent Ragon to advertise teacher openings for 2017-18, created due to June 2017 retirements, with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: 0 naves, 6 ayes – Mitchell, Gray, Mancke, DeCaprio, Boyles, and Murphy. Motion Carried.

D. Murphy made a motion to accept the Letter of Resignation from Mary Rinaldi as a Parapro with a second by S. Pryn, effective December 22, 2016. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Gray made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., with a second by J. Mitchell. All voted aye. The next meeting is September 14, 2016 at Wilson Creek Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

Scott Mancke, President
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Dawn Murphy, Secretary
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