

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114
February 14, 2018

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 February 14, 2018 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Present: D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell, T. Doyle and S. Mancke

Absent: None

Others present: Carrie Book, Susan Kubik, John Deckelman, Ron Pacheco, Tracy Lamont, Greg Wright, Tricia Maas, Tara Schultz, Pete Slattery, Keeley Senn, Ryan McWilliams, Kim Maher and Michele Zmigrodski

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February Minutes
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report
3. Acknowledgement of Lincoln-Way Special Education and Administrators Minutes
4. Approval of January Disbursements
5. Approval of February Payroll
6. Destruction of Closed Session Recordings from June 8, 2016

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell, D. DeCaprio, T. Doyle, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

January Disbursements

EDUCATION FUND	\$635,723.48
BUILDING FUND	\$107,652.96
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$0
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$68,214.97
IMRF FUND	\$21,989.75
WORKING CASH FUND	\$0

TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$64,335.75
LIFE SAFETY FUND	\$0
TOTAL	\$897,916.91

VISITORS TO BE HEARD

Elwood resident Tricia Maas spoke to the Board regarding concerns with truck traffic on route 52 when Anna McDonald students are out at recess. She was asking for an increase in safety measures regarding the street and truck traffic.

GOOD NEWS

Board Members received written reports from the Principals. The Principals had nothing additional to report but wanted to thank Pete and Dave for the wonderful job with snow removal after the snow storm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ragon spoke on the HVAC timeline that was presented during the Committee of the Whole meeting, more information to come at the March Board Meeting.

Superintendent Ragon received information from ISBE regarding the financial status of our district. We have once again received recognition status, the highest status for a district. Our score was a 3.8 out of a possible 4.0. This is something our Board, our district and the community can feel very good about, considering the vast majority of districts in the state are either on financial watch or in warning status. We have been able to manage our finances while continuing to expand our programs, increase our staff, provide salary increases, maintain health benefits at the current level when others are looking at ways to cut them. Some homeowners have seen an increase in the taxes they pay due to an increase in the assessed values of their homes, the tax rate has remained at \$4.26.

Superintendent Ragon does not recommend any increase to our school fees for the 2018-19 school year. Our registration fee will remain at \$165.00 for Kindergarten through 8th Grade and \$85 for Early Childhood. If fees are not paid by May 1st there will be a late charge added. All other fees (lunch, milk, PE uniform, cap & gown, activity and transportation) will remain the same.

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve registration and school fees for the 2018-19 school year with a second by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Ragon presented the dates for the regular 2018-19 Board Meetings. There was a discussion regarding eliminating the Committee of the Whole meeting and starting at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting beginning with the July 2018 meeting.

D. DeCaprio made a motion to approve regular board meeting dates and the new time for FY19 and the elimination of Committee of the Whole meeting with a second by S. Pryn. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

The Chamber of Commerce is no longer hosting the State of the Village address. The Village of Manhattan is assuming the State of the Village and will be going back to the luncheon meeting to see if attendance will improve. The State of the Village will be at the Village of Manhattan on March 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Superintendent Ragon will forward the invitations to the Board.

Superintendent Ragon complimented the 4th and 5th grade Orchestra, Band and Choir for their performances at the schools for their Concerts, Prime Time Reading Night and Family Literacy Night. The students were amazing and the hard work and dedication of our staff is second to none.

The District Leadership Team met on January 29th. Discussions on the Social Emotional Learning Standards and ways to further incorporate and weave them into our daily activities were discussed. The team also touched on the need to update and develop a new District Strategic Plan. Especially as it relates to district growth.

We will be looking to begin posting for the teaching positions beginning in March. We will keep the Board informed of our timeline as we proceed.

Enrollment currently stands at 1486 students, 956 families.

Winter benchmarks for STAR testing are complete. The Principals have shared the results and shown the comparison to the Fall benchmarks. The percent of students at or above grade level increased across all grades levels in both math and reading. This data is very important to our Principals, Instructional Specialists, and Staff. This data helps for the planning of instruction, identifying needed supports for students, and identifying areas of need in professional development for staff. Additionally, the data we receive from STAR provides feedback to us immediately.

We received the results of the Science Assessment from the State and our students continue to perform well on the standardized assessments. Great Work!

The School Calendar for the current year has now changed due to the Snow Day on February 9th. Our last day of school will now be Monday, June 4th.

BOARD REPORTS

Lincoln Way Special Education District #843 - Things are going good. The purchase of 2 new vans was approved and they will replace the old ones in April.

Illinois Association of School Boards Reports - Board received material from Dan.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Development/Growth Committee Report - Nothing additional reported from Committee of the Whole.

Policy and Curriculum Committee - Nothing additional reported from Committee of the Whole.

CLOSED SESSION

J. Mitchell made a motion to move into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Employment, Compensation, Evaluation and/or Dismissal of Personnel with a second by D. DeCaprio. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

S. Pryn made a motion to return from Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. with a second by L. Boyles. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Letter of Retirement from Paula Webb, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year with a second by S. Pryn. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

D. Murphy made a motion to approve the Letter of Retirement from Diane Ponshe, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year with a second by S. Pryn. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Letter of Retirement from Cathy Zielezinski, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

The Board still feels it is necessary to have a representative from Northpoint or Elwood come out and speak so they can make an informed statement regarding Northpoint.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

ADJOURNMENT

L. Boyles made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. with a second by S. Pryn. All voted aye.

The next meeting is March 14, 2018 at Wilson Creek Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

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Scott Mancke, President
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114

Susan Pryn, Secretary
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