

**MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114**  
**September 14, 2016**

BUDGET HEARING:

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 September 15, 2016 for a Budget Hearing.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Present: Scott Mancke, Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy and Sue Pryn
2. Absent: Liz Boyles and Mark Gray
3. Others present: Laura Voss, Russell Ragon, Renee Karalus, Ryan McWilliams, Pete Slattery, Ron Pacheco, Shari Lovingfoss, Tara Schultz, Greg Wright, Dana Sanfilippo, Katy Sykes, Joseph Mitchell and Jennifer Fitzer.

Superintendent Ragon went over the tentative budget for 2016-17 and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**D. Murphy made a motion to close the Budget Hearing at 7:08 p.m., with a second by D. DeCaprio. All voted aye. Motion was carried.**

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 September 14, 2016 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Present: Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Sue Pryn and Scott Mancke
2. Absent: Liz Boyles and Mark Gray
3. Others present: Renee Karalus, Russell Ragon, Ryan McWilliams, Pete Slattery, Ron Pacheco, Shari Lovingfoss, Tara Schultz, Greg Wright, Dana Sanfilippo, Katy Sykes, Joseph Mitchell, Jennifer Fitzer and Laura Voss

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by S. Pryn. Roll Call Vote: 0 nays, 4 ayes – Murphy, Pryn, DeCaprio and Mancke. Motion Carried.**

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

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| EDUCATION FUND       | \$608,330.46 |
| BUILDING FUND        | \$82,368.67  |
| BOND & INTEREST FUND | \$ 0         |
| TRANSPORTATION FUND  | \$66,596.41  |
| IMRF FUND            | \$19,718.95  |
| WORKING CASH FUND    | \$ 0         |
| TORT IMMUNITY FUND   | \$ 0         |
| TOTAL                | \$777,015.49 |

VISITORS TO BE HEARD:

Samantha Ramsey was scheduled to do a presentation on how the iPad 1:1 implementation is being supported but will be tabled until October's meeting.

GOOD NEWS

Board members had all good news prior to the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The FY17 Budget has been on review since the July board meeting. There were a few changes made to the proposed budget –

Debt Service budget changed from \$1,505,200.00 to \$1,768,200.00 to reflect the Apple Leases that were originally listed as Non-Capitalized Equipment; this was done per the new auditors' request.

Non-Capitalized Equipment budget was changed from \$158,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

The total net change is \$115,000 in total expenditures but Superintendent Ragon still projects a budget surplus with a balanced budget.

**S. DeCaprio made a motion to approve the FY17 Budget as presented by Superintendent Ragon with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: 0 naves, 4 ayes – DeCaprio, Murphy, Prynn and Mancke. Motion carried.**

P.A. 096-0434 Report – This is known as the Salary Compensation Report that the district is required by state law, to annually prepare and publish an annual compensation report for all administration and teaching staff.

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve the P.A. 096-0434 Salary Compensation Report for publication on the district website, with a second by S. Prynn. All voted aye. Motion was carried.**

Apple Computer Lease/Purchase – After receiving direction from the Board, Superintendent Ragon has arranged a new lease from Apple to purchase 370 iPads for Anna McDonald and 120 laptops for the Junior High for \$395,353.54 over 4 years.

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve a 4-year Apple lease in the amount of \$395,353.54 to be paid in four equal annual installments, with a second by S. Prynn. Roll Call Vote: 0 naves, 4 ayes – Murphy, Prynn, Mancke and DeCaprio. Motion was carried.**

Application for Recognition of Schools – This is an annual item the Board of Education must approve. Each building principal will complete the application online and provide the necessary information to the State of Illinois via the ISBE/IWAS website, certifying that the staff of Manhattan SD 114 meet all requirements to be highly qualified under the NCLB Act.

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools through the Illinois State Board of Education, with a second by D. DeCaprio. All voted aye. Motion was carried.**

Total enrollment – The total enrollment on our first attendance day was 1421. This represents an increase of 33 students from the start of last year. Manhattan's enrollment has increased by 117 students over the last 8 years and that includes a one year decrease of 61 students 7 years ago. Overall, the LW feeder districts have decreased in enrollment by almost 1500 students combined, over the last eight-year period. In the same time period, Manhattan has a net gain of 84 students. Once Superintendent Ragon has received the enrollment figures from the last feeder district, he will update the enrollment chart and share it with the Board of Education.

Others –

In conjunction with the Village, the school district would like to remind everyone to drive much slower in school zones, especially between 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and again between 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please do not use your cell phones for talking or texting in School Zones.

We were visited by the new audit firm, Mose, Yockey, Brown & Kull, who conducted our annual audit and will prepare the district AFR. It will take some time before we receive the report but the initial findings show that the work done by Cathy Jenkins and Diane Ponshe for FY16 was good. Diane Ponshe and Laura Voss were very helpful over the time they were here.

Superintendent Ragon wanted to thank the Manhattan PTO for all the work they do supporting the curriculum and the programs of the district. This year they donated over \$15,000.00 to Manhattan SD 114. Mr. Ragon would also like to thank the Foundation for Educational Excellence for their continued efforts to provide additional supplies and materials for all of our students.

Superintendent Ragon would like to thank the Administrative Team for the great kickoff for Institute Days. A special thanks to Alexa Pascarella and Tara Schoppe for their Executive Functioning In-Service and to Karen Wingfield and Paula Paymaster for their STEM presentation.

Superintendent Ragon is working with MYAA and the Park District to renew their agreements with the district. He hopes to have new agreements at the next meeting.

#### BOARD REPORTS:

1. Lincolnway Area Special Education Governing Board Report – nothing new to report.
2. Foundation for Educational Excellence Report – next meeting is Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Junior High library.
3. Illinois Association of School Boards Report – D. DeCaprio reported that there were 27 bills passed. He gave a brief report on the bills concerning schools. These included new direction for suspensions and expulsions, transfer of money between funds, asthma medication being carried and administered; bus driver education course must include law enforcement procedures and the use of sick days to include in-laws and step-parents. He wanted to remind nominating petitions for board members whose terms are up next April will be available September 20.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Building & Development/Growth Committee – Pete reported that the roof repairs at Wilson Creek were completed. He said that there will be some extensive work that will need to be done at all three buildings next spring and summer. He and Superintendent Ragon will be

meeting to go over these projects as they will most likely involve repairs that fall under Life/Safety so engineers may need to be involved.

2. Policy Committee – Updates will be coming in October.
3. Finance and Operations Committee – Nothing to report.

Shari Lovingfoss, Kindergarten teacher, was hired by the Board for the 2016-17 school year was introduced.

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve a leave of absence for LeeAnn Cumbee through May 29, 2017 with a second by S. Pryn. All voted aye. Motion Carried.**

**S. Pryn made a motion to approve a leave of absence for Brianne Kaluzny, beginning February 3, 2016 through the remainder of the 2016-17 school year and returning for the start of the 2017-18 school year, with a second by D. Murphy. All voted aye. Motion Carried.**

**S. Pryn made a motion to appoint Joseph Mitchell to fill the vacant seat on the Manhattan School District 114 Board of Education until the next election, at which time the new Board is seated, with a second by D. DeCaprio. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

S. Mancke wanted to thank all of the candidates for coming.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

**D. Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., with a second by S. Pryn. All voted aye.**

The next meeting is October 12, 2016 at Wilson Creek Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

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Scott Mancke, President  
Board of Education  
Manhattan School District 114

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Dawn Murphy, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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