

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114

March 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 March 14, 2018 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent: D. Murphy

Others present: Pete Slattery, Jim Walsh, David Blackman, Cathie Pezanoski, Robert Galle, Cherie Galle, Katherine Pavur, Erica Aultz, Lucinda Neighbors, Barbara Steffen, Delilah LeGrett, Susan Kubik, Carrie Book, Liz Fromer, Debbie Jones, Keeley Senn Sarah Bancsy, Stephanie Irvine, Erin Gallagher, Tara Schultz, Tracy Lamont, Renne Karalus, Ron Pacheco, Ryan McWilliams, Kim Maher, Rusty Ragon 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 February Disbursements
5. Approval of March Payroll
6. Destruction of Closed Session Recordings from August 10, 2016

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D. DeCaprio 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, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell, D. DeCaprio, T. Doyle, and S. Mancke. Motion Carried.

February Disbursements

EDUCATION FUND	\$931,755.50
BUILDING FUND	\$126,578.67
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$375.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$67,495.98

IMRF FUND	\$34,423.93
WORKING CASH FUND	0
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$660.00
LIFE SAFETY FUND	0
TOTAL	\$1,161,289.08

VISITORS TO BE HEARD

Elwood Superintendent, Cathie Pezanoski was present to talk about the resolution put forth by the Elwood School Board against NorthPoint. In part, the resolution states the proposed NorthPoint Development is NOT in the best interest of Elwood Community Consolidated School District 203, its students or its citizens residing within the territory of the District and in the opinion of the Board of Education that any such development by NorthPoint would adversely affect student population and the safety of its students. The Board of Education of Elwood went on records as OPPOSING the NorthPoint Developments proposed industrial development within the boundaries of the School District. The Elwood School has always been the Hub of the community and they are fearful of their ability to continue to provide a sound education for the community. Elwood has seen a significant drop in enrollment since CenterPoint and believes that will be the case with this development.

Similar opposing views were heard by residents of Manhattan and Manhattan Township citing truck/employee traffic, funneling of traffic through Manhattan, noise and air pollution. Speakers against NorthPoint included, Katherine Paver, Cherie Galle, Erica Alutz, Deliah LeGrett, Stephanie Irvine, Erin Gallagher, and Liz Fromer. Manhattan Township Supervisor Jim Walsh also presented the Board with a Resolution in opposition to proposed development.

Visitors asked Board to make a resolution similar to that of other taxing bodies.

GOOD NEWS

Board Members received written reports from the Principals. The Principals had nothing additional to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kindergarten Information Night took place on February 22. We had over 100 packets picked up and are currently at 129 kindergarten students registered for fall. There has been discussion regarding the need for adding another session if our number climbs high enough.

Online registration is open and all fees have been added. Families have been reminded that there is a small discount for registering as early as possible. The sooner we know registration numbers the better we can plan for staffing and programming.

The 2018-19 State of the Village Address took place on Wednesday, March 14th.

Superintendent Ragon shared information during the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the HVAC Bid. The winning bid by Cryer & Olsen Mechanical of Joliet was excellent and we feel comfortable moving forward.

D. DeCaprio made a motion to award the bid for HVAC contract to Cryer & Olsen Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$277,000 with a second by T. Doyle. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

The Regional Office of Education completed their 4-year Compliance visit to our district during the last week of February. Assistant Supt., Frank Perucca and Dr. Alex Martino, retired Superintendent of New Lenox completed the review. We have received back the report that Manhattan School District 114 is in full compliance. Mr. Perucca was very complimentary of our district and the staff.

Supt. Ragon had Janis Leppin secure a quote from Apple for additional laptops and iPads to accommodate the increase in students and staff.

The District is currently working on adding Twitter to the web page as a means of continuing to improve communications and promote success of staff and students.

Current enrollment is at 1486.

BOARD REPORTS

Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report - all is well, nothing new to report.

Illinois Association of School Boards Report - The Three Rivers Association Dinner is March 22, 2018. Member Dan DeCaprio will be attending and representing the district. The following ALR Reports 100-55, 100-56, 100-57, 100-58, 100-59 were presented by member Dan DeCaprio. There was no further discussion.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Everything covered in Committee of the Whole.

CLOSED SESSION

S. Pryn timer made a motion to move into Closed Session at 8:05 pm 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: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn timer, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

S. Pryn timer made a motion to return from Closed Session at 8:43 p.m. with a second by D. DeCaprio. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn timer, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

L. Boyles made a motion to re-employ the following certified staff for the 2018-19 school year: Joseph Turek, Kelcey Bruen, Caitlyn Gurnea, Kimberly Bellinger, Monika Drozd, Jake Settanni, Paul Galassi, Ashley Hon, Madison Squires, Lara Para, Allison Veltman, Sharon Lovingfoss, Michelle Arb, Regina Najewski, Natalie Moss, Paige Podgorny, Katie Wallace, Amanda Coglianeser, Christine Darley, Megan Finan, Krista Stanfa and Todd Stevens. with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn timer, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

L. Boyles made a motion to employ and grant tenure to the following certified teachers for the 2018-19 school year: Bridget Barry, Gina Burlison, Ashley Tucker, Carl Minuth, Kendra Reszel and Tara Schoppe with a second by S. Pryn timer. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn timer, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

T. Doyle made a motion to employ Kristen Morphey as Director of Curriculum & Instructions beginning July 1, 2018 with a second by J. Mitchell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn timer, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

T. Doyle made a motion to promote David Blackman to the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds with a second by L. Boyles. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays - S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, L. Boyles, S. Pryn timer, J. Mitchell and T. Doyle. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Prynne wanted to let everyone know she has been quite through the NorthPoint talks so she and the rest of the Board Members could take in all the information, make an informed decision and take a stance in regards to the issue. The Board would like to begin a draft stating their opposition to the proposed development and finalize it at the April Board Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

ADJOURNMENT

J. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. with a second by S. Prynne. All voted aye.

The next meeting is April 11, 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 Prynne, Secretary
Board of Education
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