

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114

September 13, 2017

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 13, 2017 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the Budget Hearing meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Present: Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle
2. Absent: None
3. Others present: Russell Ragon, Kim Maher, Dr. Ron Pacheco, Ryan McWilliams, Renee Karalus, Pete Slattery, Susan Kubik, Carrie Book, Karen Wingfield, Carleen Pedziwater, Barb Steffen, Lisa Witt, Anne Baskerville, Mandie Wade, Stephanie Irvin Ooykaas, Eileen Bos, Chuck Williams, Christina Sammet, and Steffen Sammet

There was No Public Comment.

President, Scott Mancke, called for a motion to close the Budget Hearing meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Member Dawn Murphy made a motion to close the Budget Hearing with a second by member, Dan DeCaprio. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of August 9, 2017
2. Approval of Treasurer’s Report
3. Acknowledgement of Lincoln-Way Special Education and Administrator’s Minutes
4. Approval of June Disbursements
5. Approval of July Payroll
6. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes – February 2016

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

S. Pryn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by **J. Mitchell**. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$ 966,353.10
BUILDING FUND	\$ 58,556.69
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 126,806.71
IMRF FUND	\$ 20,991.02
WORKING CASH FUND	\$.00
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$ 127.50
IFE SAFETY FUND	\$.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,172,835.02

GOOD NEWS

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

VISITORS TO BE HEARD

Visitors Stephanie Irvine Ooykaas, Christina Sammet, and Ann Baskerville all addressed the Board on the subject of Northpoint. Each one spoke about reasons they were asking the Manhattan Board of Education for a possible resolution against the Northpoint project. President Scott Mancke thanked all of them for speaking as well as all the others who were in attendance for the meeting. President Mancke added that the Board would need much more information before making a decision and issuing a joint statement for the Manhattan Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MSD114 FY18 Budget

Superintendent Ragon commented that the FY18 budget had been available for review in the district office and on the district website since July. Superintendent Ragon did not have anything additional to add.

D. Murphy made a motion to approve the FY18 Budget as presented, Manhattan SD 114, with a second by **D. DeCaprio**. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

P.A. 096-0434 Report

Superintendent Ragon stated that this is an annual filing of a State mandated report. It is commonly referred to as the Salary Compensation Report. Once approved, it will be posted to the district website.

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve the Annual Compensation Report as required under P.A. 096-0434, with a second by **S. Prynn**. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

Agriculture Lease Bids

Superintendent Ragon reported that it had been two years and it was now time to seek bids for the farmland owned by the district. In addition to the lands currently leased, Superintendent Ragon commented that with the passing of Joe Gougar, the land that was currently farmed by his

family would now be added to the lease. President Mancke added that the current tenant would need to be notified by Certified Letter. Superintendent Ragon concurred.

T. Doyle made a motion to seek bids for an Agricultural Lease Bid on 36.01 acres located at Northwest Corner of Smith Road and Eastern Ave., Manhattan, IL, 12.13 acres located at Northeast Corner of Smith Road and Eastern Ave., Manhattan, IL, and 28.49 Acres located at NW corner of Smith and Eastern, Manhattan, IL, with a second by **S. Prynn**. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

Application for Recognition of Schools

D. Murphy made a motion to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools to the Il State Board of Education, with a second by **L. Boyles**. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

Manhattan Junior High School Band Trip

Mrs. Carleen Pedziwater provided information to the Board and spoke to the board about the details of a proposed band trip to Gatlinburg, TN, April 19-22, 2018. Mrs. Pedziwater also informed the board that the students would be practicing and then performing while there.

T. Doyle made a motion to approve the Manhattan Junior High School Band Trip to Gatlinburg, TN, April 19-22, 2018, with a second by **L. Boyles**. Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

Status of FY18 Enrollment

Superintendent Ragon reported that the total enrollment currently stands at 1471. Last year at the same time, the enrollment was 1423. This represents an increase of 48 students from the start of last year. Manhattan's enrollment has increased by 130 during his tenure as Superintendent and increased by 224 over the last 7 years. Superintendent Ragon stated that once he receives the enrollment figures from the other feeder districts, he will update his LW enrollment chart and share it with the Board of Education, hopefully at the October meeting.

Other

Superintendent Ragon reported that the annual audit was completed a couple weeks ago. The auditors were very complimentary of the new bookkeeper, Keeley Senn's work during their visit. They recognized the fact that we had some challenges in the first few months after the retirement of Cathy Jenkins, as we searched for a capable replacement. They were once again, very complimentary of the work that had been done to correct mistakes that had been made during the first few months before Cathy returned and Keeley came aboard, and that the two of them made the necessary corrections. The auditors expressed great confidence in Keeley and commented that it is nice to work with a bookkeeper that truly understands accounting

principles. We can expect their report to be complete and presented at the October or November meeting.

Superintendent Ragon reported that he and the other administrators are working on a comprehensive plan for all three buildings in order to maximize the use of our space and to plan for additional sections next year, reducing the class sizes that continue to grow. He reported that we will have a more complete picture on what State funding will be heading into the future as well as have the benefit of additional, new housing, coming onto the tax rolls to help support an increase in staffing. Superintendent Ragon also noted that he looked at reducing costs in other areas, such as operating the ACCESS programs ourselves, in order to offset the cost of adding additional staff. In addition to these measures, Superintendent Ragon noted that as had been mentioned previously, the board will want to restructure the bond payments once more and level out the remaining payments on the Wilson Creek bonds without having to extend the time to pay them off completely. Kevin Wills of First Midstate, Inc will meet with the Finance Committee to discuss proposals, then present a proposed solution to the Board. Ideally the board will want to move on this during the upcoming months of December/January once again, much like we did the last time.

The Smartboards have been delivered and Pete & Dave are in the process of mounting them in the designated rooms. They have begun mounting them at the Junior High. They look terrific and are a great addition to the classrooms and our technology. We certainly want to express our thanks to the Board for continuing to support the technology for our staff and students.

BOARD REPORTS

1. Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report:
 - Nothing to Report

2. Illinois Association of School Boards Reports:
 - Member Dan DeCaprio reported on the SB1 compromise reached by the State Legislature, mentioned that waivers were now available for Physical Education and Driver Education. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming IASB Three Rivers Meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Building and Development/Growth Committee Report:
 - Nothing additional reported from COW.

2. Policy and Curriculum Committee:
 - Nothing additional reported from COW.

3. Finance and Operations Committee Report:
- Nothing additional reported from COW.
4. Safety Committee Report:
- Nothing additional reported from COW.

Motions Coming Out of Closed Session

D. Murphy made a motion accept the resignation of Karen Mikan, effective August 15, 2017. A second to the motion was made by **S. Pryn**; Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no old business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Terry Doyle commented on how impressed and in awe he was of the job Pam DeBoer did on the night of Open House at Wilson Creek. He was amazed at how smoothly things went. He said that he wanted to take his hat off to Mrs. Maher, Mr. Ragon, and all the staff at Wilson Creek.

ADJOURNMENT:

L. Boyles made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., with a second by **D. Murphy**. All voted yea: 7 ayes, 0 nays – Scott Mancke Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Wilson Creek Elementary School. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6:00pm.

Scott Mancke, President
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114

Susan Pryn, Secretary
Board of Education
Manhattan School District

