

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114
November 8, 2017

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held at Wilson Creek School on November 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

President Scott Mancke called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

1. Present: Scott Mancke, Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, and Terry Doyle
2. Absent: Liz Boyles and Joe Mitchell
3. Others present: Russell Ragon, Kim Maher, Dr. Ron Pacheco, Ryan McWilliams, Renee Karalus, Pete Slattery, Susan Kubick, John Deckleman, Keeley Senn, and Tara Schultz

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Superintendent Ragon reported that he is still working with Dan Boyle and the Village attorney on the use of Builder Donation Fees for the purpose of replacing the HVAC systems at both Anna McDonald and the Junior High.

Superintendent Ragon reported that the Building and Grounds Committee will be setting a meeting to discuss the advertising for the replacement of Pete Slattery as the Building and Grounds Supervisor, upon his retirement on June 30, 2018. The hope would be to post the position in December and possibly hire in January, with a Feb. 1 start date.

Pete Slattery updated the Board on the work being done by the Building and Grounds department.

POLICY AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Superintendent Ragon reported that the IASB had sent out new policy updates. Superintendent Ragon would be meeting with the Policy Committee to review the updates, with First Reading scheduled for December and Second Reading along with possible approval at the January meeting.

FINANCE AND OPERATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Superintendent Ragon reviewed the upcoming tax levy and reported that he was not recommending any changes to the levy. Superintendent Ragon commented that if the State of IL went through with a two-year tax freeze, he would recommend abating less of the bond and interest, therefore maintaining the tax rate of \$4.26.

Superintendent Ragon presented budget projections for 2018-19 through 2021-22 in conjunction with the recommended staffing beginning with next year. The increased staff recommendations are due to the increased enrollments at all grade levels and due to assuming the LWASE843 programs back into MSD 114.

Superintendent Ragon reported the need to move up the planned Bond Debt restructuring to the December meeting in order to avoid paying taxes on the restructure, due to the proposed change in the federal tax laws. If the Federal Government passes the new tax structure, then the restructuring of the capital appreciation bonds would not be tax exempt. The end result would be a cost of about 1% on the bond restructuring, which would amount to a cost of approximately \$50,000.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Superintendent Ragon reported that the teacher volunteers from Wilson Creek and Ana McDonald are Megan Finan and Tracy Lamont. Dr. Pacheco is still waiting on a volunteer from the Junior High.

Member Terry Doyle added that he is still talking with the Deputy Fire Chief and getting information on the cost of Alice Training for the entire staff. Superintendent Ragon will be providing the Committee with the total number of both Certified and Non-Certified Staff.

CLOSED SESSION:

D. DeCaprio made a motion to move into Closed Session at 6:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Employment, Compensation, Evaluation and/or Dismissal of Personnel with a second made by D. Murphy. All voted Yea: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. S. Pryn, and T. Doyle

A motion was made by S. Prynne to reconvene from Closed Session at 7:14 P.M., with a second by D. DeCaprio. All voted Yea: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. S. Prynne, and T. Doyle

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 P.M. with a second by S. Prynne. All voted Yea: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. S. Prynne, and T. Doyle