

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114

November 8, 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 November 8, 2017 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Present: Scott Mancke, Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynne, and Terry Doyle
2. Absent: Liz Boyles and Joe Mitchell
3. Others present: Russell Ragon, Kim Maher, Dr. Ron Pacheco, Ryan McWilliams, Pete Slattery, Susan Kubick, John Deckleman, Keeley Senn, Debbie Jones, Lucinda Neighbors, Tara Schultz, Greg Wright, Dana Schuttler, Tracy Lamont, Carrie Book, and Karen Wingfield

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of October 11, 2017
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report
3. Acknowledgement of Lincoln-Way Special Education and Administrator's Minutes
4. Approval of November Disbursements
5. Approval of December Payroll
6. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes – April 13, 2016

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

**S. Prynne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by D. DeCaprio.**

**Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays – S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, L. S. Prynne, and T. Doyle**

### OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$ 850,662.21
BUILDING FUND	\$ 48,664.92
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$0
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 100,059.09
IMRF FUND	\$ 22,249.08
WORKING CASH FUND	\$ .00
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$ 693.00
LIFE SAFETY FUND	\$ .00
TOTAL	\$1,022,328.30

### VISITORS TO BE HEARD

No visitors requested to speak before the Board.

### FY17 AUDIT REPORT

The auditor from the auditing firm, Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull, LLC, presented the audit report via conference call, with the bound audit report projected on the screen in the commons at Wilson Creek. The auditor highlighted different parts of the report for the Board throughout the report. The auditor reported no significant findings and complimented the staff, especially the new district bookkeeper, Keeley Senn. The auditor also reported that the district is in very good financial standing, and expects the district to once again receive Financial Recognition status from the State of Illinois with a rating of 3.8 out of 4.0. Financial Recognition status is the highest rating a district can receive. The auditor also indicated that the only reason the district would not receive a 4.0 rating is due to the outstanding bond debt on Wilson Creek Elementary.

### GOOD NEWS

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

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### 2017 Tax Levy

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.

#### MSD #114 School Report Card

Superintendent Ragon included a copy of the IL School Report Card that is created by the IL State Board of Education and released annually in the fall. Superintendent Ragon commented briefly on the report card, stating that the district continues to perform above the State average as well as perform in comparison to local schools, especially considering that Manhattan 114 spends approximately \$8,000 less per student than the State average. He also stated that the report card will be added to the district website, as well as adding the link to IIRC, which contains an interactive version of the School Report Card information.

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve the School Report Card as presented, with a second by D. DeCaprio.**

**Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays – S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, S. Pryn, and T. Doyle**

#### Preliminary School Calendar Information

Superintendent Ragon provided three different calendars for the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Ragon reported that a survey of parents revealed a preference to have Early Dismissal on Halloween Day followed up with the Teacher Institute Day (No Student Attendance). Superintendent Ragon indicated that he would present a calendar at the December meeting for the Board to consider.

#### Resolution Retaining First Midstate INC to act as Placement Agent (underwriter) and Chapman and Cutler LLP, to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel.

Superintendent Ragon presented information and a recommendation to the Board to approve First Midstate and Chapman and Cutler to serve as the underwriter and bond counsel for the bond restructuring.

**D. Murphy made a motion to approve a resolution retaining First Midstate INC to act as Placement Agent (underwriter) and Chapman and Cutler LLP, to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel for the purpose of refunding 2004C School Bonds, with a second by T. Doyle.**

**Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays – S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, S. Pryn, and T. Doyle**

#### Approval of the FY17 Audit Report

Superintendent Ragon asked for approval of the FY17 Audit Report as presented by Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull LLC.

**S. Pryn made a motion to approve FY17 Audit Report as presented by the firm, Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull, LLC, with a second by D. Murphy.**

**Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays – S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, S. Pryn, and T. Doyle**

#### Other

Superintendent Ragon reported that the district had been looking at new Student Information System software and new District Financial software. Both of the current providers have been bought out by the company, PowerSchool. Manhattan 114 has been using SchoolLogic for the student information system and Chalkable for the financial program. Both programs will no longer be supported after the current year, making it necessary to move to another provider. Superintendent Ragon is recommending a move to PowerSchool.

Superintendent Ragon reported that enrollment continues to climb. Manhattan 114 currently has 1475 students representing 952 families. The smallest class is 2nd grade with 154 students and the largest classes are 5th grade and 7th grade with 167 students. The current K class has 162 students.

Dr. Pacheco invited all members of the Board and all Veterans to attend the Veterans Day Assembly held at the Junior High .

#### BOARD REPORTS

1. Member Terry Doyle reported that everything was going smoothly at LWASE 843.
2. Illinois Association of School Boards Reports:  
Member Dan DeCaprio presented the IASB resolutions and reported that he would be voting to support resolutions 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8, while voting to oppose resolutions 1, 3, and 4, at the Triple I Conference. Member DeCaprio also noted that three reports had come out since the last meeting and there was information regarding the proposed property tax freeze, a cursive writing mandate, and Substitute Teacher license fees being waived.

#### 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Terry Doyle commented that the Halloween Parade was very nice and that it was an excellent and fun tradition.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT:

**S. Pryn timer made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., with a second by D. Murphy.  
Voice Vote: All voted yea: 5 ayes, 0 nays – S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, S. Pryn timer, and T. Doyle**

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 13, 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 timer, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Manhattan School District