

**MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114
MARCH 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 March 8, 2017 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Present: Scott Mancke, Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Mark Gray, Sue Prynne and Joe Mitchell
2. Absent: Liz Boyles
3. Others present: Renee Karalus, Russell Ragon, Ryan McWilliams, Kim Maher, Pete Slattery, Dr. Ron Pacheco

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

D. DeCaprio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by D. Murphy. Roll Call Vote: 0 nays, 6 ayes – DeCaprio, Mancke, Murphy, Gray, Prynne and Mitchell. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$ 810,891.65
BUILDING FUND	\$ 64,907.57
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 96,592.45
IMRF FUND	\$ 20,723.60
WORKING CASH FUND	\$ 0.00
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$ 344.00
LIFE SAFETY FUND	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 993,459.27

VISITORS TO BE HEARD:

No visitors to be heard.

GOOD NEWS:

Mrs. Karalus

- March 16th, Renee Karalus and Lisa Wheeler will be attending an awards ceremony for Nicholas Brach. Nico was nominated and received the 2017 Outstanding Student Technology Award. This award is presented by Infinitec, United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago. Congratulations, Nico!
- There is a team, maybe two of district employees that will be participating in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on March 11th in Joliet. The plunge serves as a fund raiser for the Special Olympics. The Manhattan Police Department is leading this event and has reached out to us for support in this venture!
- Kelcey Bruen is a student teacher from Eastern Illinois University, working with Andrea Coffey. She will begin her time with Bonny Haywood soon, at Anna McDonald. She has done a great job jumping right into her role. Thanks, Kelcey, and thanks to Andrea Coffey and Bonny Haywood for being her supervising teachers!

Mrs. Maher

- This month's Morning PD at Wilson Creek took place on February 28th. Thanks to Allison Jensen for planning and facilitating the learning about K-2 Close Reading. (Professional Learning for ALL, Literacy for ALL)
- Wilson Creek students and staff participated in "Our School has Heart" to raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association on February 14th.
- On Institute Day, Wilson Creek teachers participated in professional development related to IEP/504 plans, Renaissance STAR use of student data, and collaborated with grade level teams to discuss ELA curriculum. (Professional Learning for ALL, Literacy for ALL)
- Over 200 students and their families attended our 2nd Annual Art Show on February 16th. It was a wonderful night filled with interactive activities, professional cartoonists, and a collaborative art project. Mrs. Boersma did a wonderful job coordinating the night. Thanks to the Manhattan PTO and to the teachers that volunteered their time to help with the event as well.
- Our 1st graders traveled to the Rialto Square Theater on February 23rd to see the play, "Rainbow Fish."
- The Wilson Creek students are working with Ms. Book to collect caps and lids for the ABC Program through GreenTree Plastics of Evansville, Indiana. We are collecting 400 lbs. of caps that will be made into a "Buddy Bench" for our playground. After just a few weeks of collecting, we are about half way to our goal! (Becoming One)
- Lora Anderson, Mandy Coglianese, and Stacy Tomsiewicz attended the ESSA Conference February 13-15. (Professional Learning for ALL)
- Kindergarten Information Night took place on February 23rd. Thanks to the Kindergarten Team for their time and presentation. We have over 120 students already registered for Kindergarten!
- Dawn Burkhalter of the Manhattan Fire Department helped plan Risk Watch lessons for all of our students on February 28th. The topic of these lessons was Weather Safety.
- The Wilson Creek Staff will host its annual "Bunco for Patty" fundraiser to support the Ditty children on March 10th. (Becoming One)

Mr. McWilliams

- Thank you to our PTO and all the parents that volunteered their time to coordinate and supervise the Valentine's Dance on February 10th. (Becoming One)
- Stef Horwath & Sam Ramsey facilitated their technology showcase for staff on February 13th and host again March 14th. (Professional Development for ALL)
- Ashley Tucker & Heather Paskauskas attended the ESSA Conference on February 13th - 15th. (Professional Development for ALL)
- Literacy Committee in-serviced the entire staff at the February TI Day on the progress made towards writing a new curriculum; the rationale behind the changes; and how the learning standards impacted the decisions. Thank you Elise Kirk for coordinating the professional development. (Professional Development for ALL)
- Literacy Committee continued its work on writing the new LA/Writing curriculum on February 23rd. (Professional Development for ALL)
- The third, fourth and fifth grades students ROARED with excitement, when they heard the news that they had raised over \$9,799.00+ for the American Heart Association. Students were able to collect donations online or using the AHA collection envelope. Students who collected any monetary donation were eligible to participate in our 2017 AHA Knock Out Tournament on February 14th.
- We had a total of 187 students who participated in our Knock Out Tournament. Cade C. (3Lamont) took first place and Mason T. (3KP) took second place in our third grade tournament. Chase H. (4F) took first place and Ignacio C. (4G) took second place for our fourth grade tournament. Finally, Aiden O. (5PP) took first place and Spencer T. (5KR) took second place for our fifth grade tournament.
- Mrs. Horwath's third grade class collected \$1,268.00 and they were our top fundraising class at Anna McDonald School. They will receive a pizza party and an extra physical education class period, to come down and play the game of their choice.
I would like to thank all the families, friends, faculty and staff of Anna McDonald School. Without your efforts and support, our students would not have been as successful in this amazing fundraising event. We saved 196 lives this year!! Thank you! Mrs. Rossi (Becoming One)
- Student of the month luncheon was held on February 24th. Attendance by our parents continues to be very good. (Becoming One)
- Math Committee will meet March 2nd to discuss supplemental materials and math calendar; RtI; and math block structure (Professional Development & Becoming One)
- The DLT met on February 23, 2017. Focus was on finalizing game plan for learning standards roll out in August. Two other agenda items discussed were the homework policies across the district and how grades are weighted across the district. Consistency and progression across the district will be the focus. (All 4 Goals)
- The tech support committee consisting of Janis L, Michele H, Dan N, Samantha R and Brianne K met on Feb TI Day to discuss Google commitment; tech support; professional development; and library transformations. (Becoming One, Professional Development)

Dr. Pacheco

- **Annual Trip to Washington DC:** - The 8th students at MJHS are excited to depart for Washington DC Thursday, March 2. The trip was sponsored by Mr. Minuth, Mr. Novak, Mrs. Klee, and Ms. Book.
- **IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest:** 24 of our students received 1st place and 2 earned 2nd place ratings at Steger on Feb. 11. All groups are preparing for organizational contests that are held in March.
- **Ms. Tooley's Class Visits WC:** SI students from Miss Tolley's class prepared stories and read to classes at Wilson Creek. The Junior High Students were honored that Mrs. Maher allowed this wonderful opportunity to continue.
- **Second Annual STEM Career Day:** Mrs. Goberville and Mrs. Webb coordinated the second annual STEM career day on February 23. The students attended hands-on presentations by local STEM professionals. In all, approximately there were 7 presenters for the 8th grade students.
- **JJC Hydraulic Challenge:** Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Goberville took a team of future engineers to the JJC National Fluid Power Challenge sponsored by Caterpillar On February 24. Students participated in hands-on hydraulic engineering.
- **Band/Orchestra/Choir:** The band, orchestra, and choirs performed community concerts in conjunction with their respective HS ensembles. Each group had the opportunity to meet with their future directors as well as their future co-musicians.
- **Google Certification Cohort:** Mrs. Hallihan and Mr. Novak are facilitating Google Certification cohorts at MJHS. The first cohort began last month and has 18 members: 1 administrator, 5 paraprofessionals, and 12 teachers. A second cohort will begin over the summer. Next year, the opportunity will be available for W.C. and A.M.D.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Kindergarten Registration-Information Night Report

- The Kindergarten Round-up was once again, very well attended and well organized. Thanks to Mrs. Maher, the Kindergarten staff, and the support staff that helped to make it a great night. It has been determined that 125 students have already registered. The Board will be kept apprised of registration numbers throughout the spring.
- Early indications are that enrollment will be at least 150 for Kindergarten, based on comparisons to the previous kindergarten registration numbers from the last few years. Also based on the 5-year trend of an increased enrollment overall in the district, expectations that our overall enrollment will see an increase, possibly reaching 1450 by the start of the year.

2. Registration – 2017-18 Status Report

- See Above – Online Registration for 2017-18 is currently open. Families can now register for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, the registration fees are discounted for those that register early. It is also possible to register and update information now, then pay fees at a later date.

3. 2017 State of the Schools Address at State of the Village

- A copy of the PowerPoint has been posted to the district website.

4. Award Contract for Custodial Services

- The bid opening for Custodial Services was held on March 1, 2017 at 10am. Three bids were submitted; GCA, ABMS, INC., and RNA. The bids were as follows:
 - GCA - \$331,327.00
 - ABMS, INC. - \$340,286.00
 - RNA - \$347,459.25

Superintendent reported that the district has been satisfied with the work GCA has done for the district over the last 5 years and therefore recommends to the Board to accept their low bid of \$331,327.00

D. Murphy made a motion to award the contract for custodial services for FY18 with the option for four one-year renewals, to GCA for the annual cost in FY18 of \$331,327.00 with a second by D. DeCaprio. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Prynne, J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

5. Approve Copier Lease for FY18

- After receiving proposals from 5 copier companies, the Superintendent recommended approving entering into a new lease agreement with Proven. The current company is Choice. The projected cost for the current year is expected to total \$30,463. A new lease with Proven will cost \$29,469.88 based on 3.2 million copies produced.

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve 3-year lease with Proven Business Systems, beginning FY18 with a second by M. Gray. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Prynne, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

6. Approve Asphalt Resurface Bid

D. Murphy made a motion to accept the bid for Wilson Creek asphalt repair and resurfacing to Denler in the amount of \$20,300 with second by M. Gray. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Prynne, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

7. 10-Year Life Safety Review

D. DeCaprio made a motion to approve 10-year Life Safety Review as submitted by the district architectural firm, STR with a second by S. Prynne. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Prynne, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Other

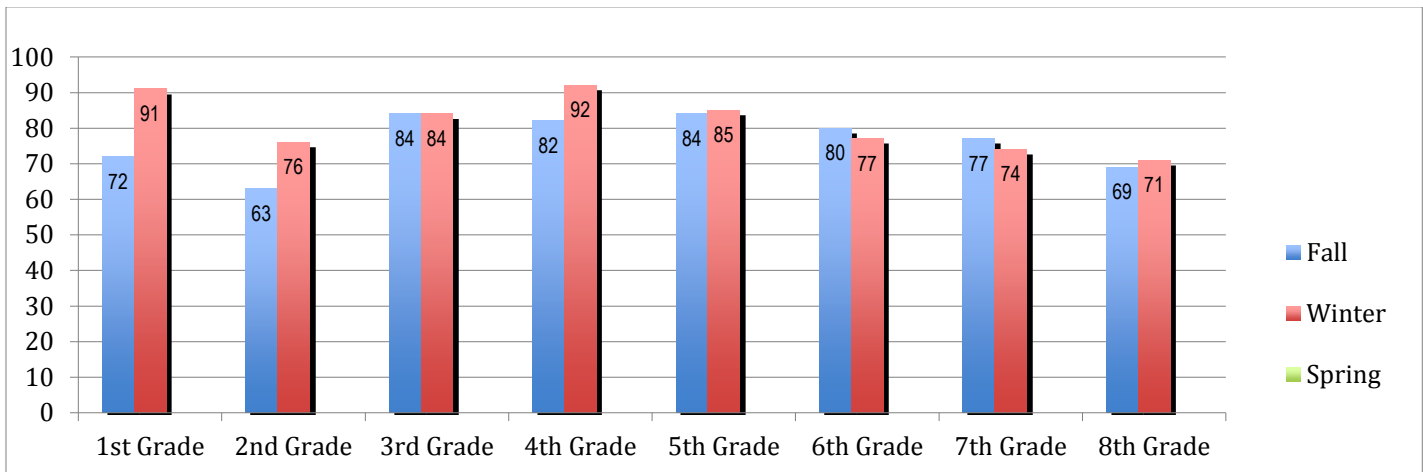
Superintendent Ragon reminded everyone that the April election is around the corner. All of the current board members up for re-election are running for re-election. Member Mark Wojcik-Gray is a write-in candidate.

Our April 12th meeting will be moved to Tuesday, April 18th at the same time, 7:00 pm.
This new date is only for the April meeting.

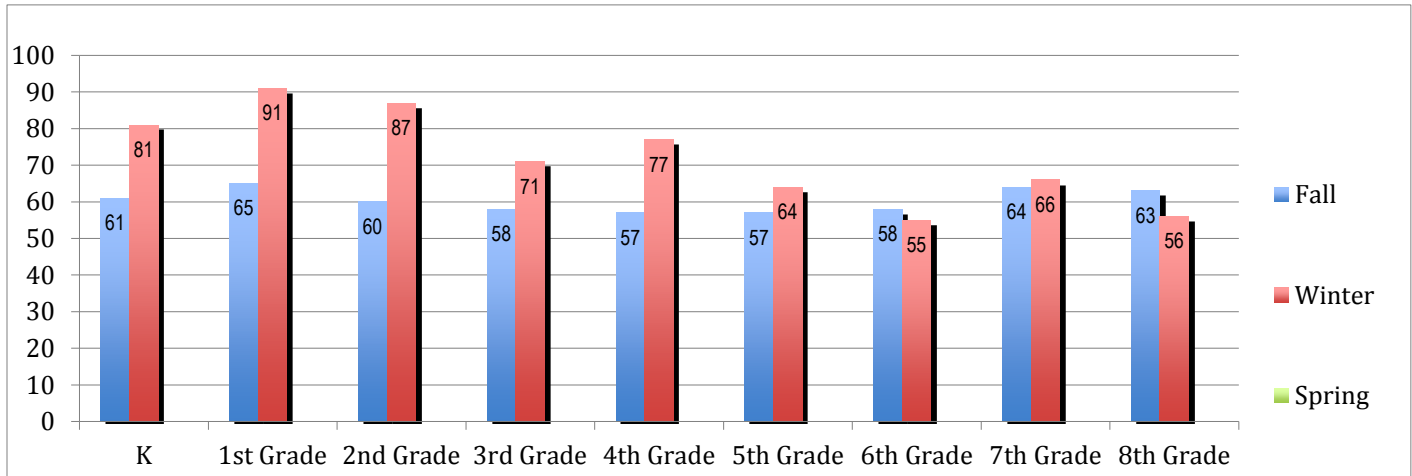
Superintendent Ragon also reported that a Special meeting to approve the final levy numbers and abate Bond & Interest would likely be needed. Based on the preliminary numbers, to maintain the current tax rate, it would be recommended abating all but \$425,000 of the Bond & Interest.

The latest student assessment information from STAR and quarterly math assessments were shared with the Staff at Feb. Institute.

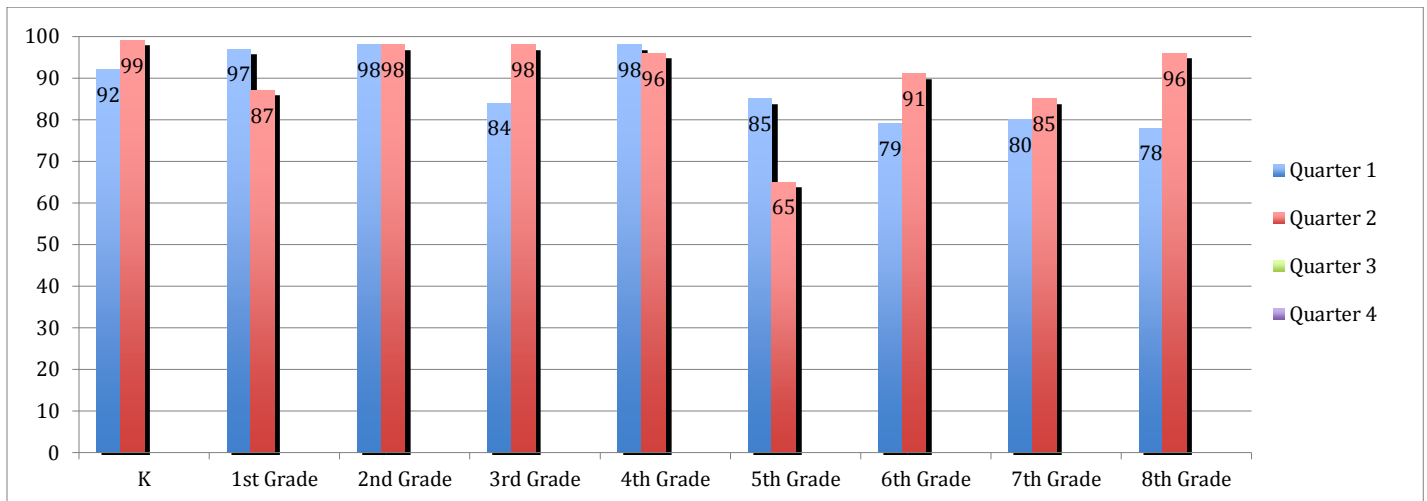
STAR Reading Data



STAR Math Data



Math Common Assessment



Student Enrollment increased by another six students this month and our 2017-18 total enrollment is currently 1430 students.

Food Services Update: The Food Service Contract will go out for bid.

Tomorrow night, March 9th, is the State of the Village Address. Doors open at 5:00 pm with dinner beginning at 5:30pm and the program starting at 6:00 pm. Superintendent Ragon, Scott Mancke and Mark Gray are planning to attend.

BOARD REPORT:

1. Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report: Nothing new to report.
2. Foundation for Educational Excellence Report: Nothing new to report.
3. Illinois Association of School Boards Report: Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Information was presented at Committee of the Whole Meeting for the following Committees:**
 - Building and Development/Growth Committee**
 - Policy and Curriculum Committee**
 - Finance and Operations Committee**
2. **D. Murphy made a motion to reemploy the following certified staff for the 2017-18 school year with a second by M. Gray:**

Allison Veltman, Sharon Lovingfoss, Michelle Arb, Regina Najewski, Natalie Moss, Paige Podgorny, Katie Wallace, Amanda Coglianesse, Christine Darley, Megan Finan, Allison Jensen, Bridgette Barry, Krista Stanfa, Gina Gilbert, Ashley Tucker, Carl Minuth, Kendra Reszel, Tara Schoppe, Todd Stevens

All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Pryn, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.
3. **S. Pryn made a motion to employ and grant tenure to the following certified teachers for the 2017-18 school year with a second by D. Murphy:**

Meghan Muckian, Susan Kubik, Kelly Davis, Stephanie Chamberlin, Brianne Kaluzny, Dana Schuttler, Stacy Tomaszewicz, Michele Walker, Karen Wingfield, Stephanie Boersma, Kim Gilbert, Deb Dolezal, Marcie Schueler, Samantha Ramsey, Meghan Petschinsky, Brian Thorp, Jennifer Dunlap, Janelle Hoffmann, Lisa Reh

All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Pryn, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.
4. **D. Murphy made a motion to approve 4th Grade teaching assignment for Alexa Pascarella for the 2017-18 school year with a second by J. Mitchell. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Pryn, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.**

5. **J. Mitchell made a motion to approve LD Resource teaching assignment at Anna McDonald for Kim Pilon for the 2017-18 school year with a second by M. Gray. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Pryn, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.**

6. **S. Pryn made a motion to employ the following coaches for the 2017-18 school year with a second by Mark Gray:**

Head Baseball – James Kolbacher

Head Softball – Ashley Parrott

Asst. Baseball – Tim Victor

Asst. Softball – Erin Kotlarz

All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Pryn, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence: No correspondence
2. Other: No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

S. Pryn made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., with a second by M. Gray. All voted aye: S. Mancke, D. DeCaprio, D. Murphy, M. Gray, S. Pryn, and J. Mitchell. Motion Carried. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Wilson Creek Elementary School.

**Scott Mancke, President
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114**

**Dawn Murphy, Secretary
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114**