

Minutes of the August 17, 2020 School District of Manawa Regular Board of Education Meeting

Call to Order – President Johnson – 6:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

Closed Session – the Board of Education Shall Move into Closed Session Pursuant to the Provisions of 19.85(1)(c)(f) Wis. Statutes, for the Purposes of: Discussing the Employment Status of Employees Over Which the Board Has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility 1) Personnel Matters.

Reconvene in Open Session - 7:01 p.m.– Virtual Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Forbes, Hollman, Scheller, Seeger, R.Johnson and J. Johnson. Pethke absent

Verify Publication of Meeting - Dr. Oppor verified

President Johnson noted there was a resignation that came late in the day. Motion by Hollman / Forbes to Amend the Agenda to include the Resignation of Mrs. Ellen Christensen, Vocal Music Educator in the consent agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Scheller aye, Seeger aye, R. Johnson aye, J. Johnson aye. Pethke absent.

Presentations:

Hoffman Planning & Design, Inc. - Project Update - Mackenzie Beck reported they are working on punch lists. Furniture and equipment are moving in. Finishes such as flooring, fixtures, and ceilings are being installed. They are excited for students of the district to see the building. Matt McGregor reported the building is taking shape. There is a second shift of work being done in the evening and weekends to wrap up items. Grass planting continues with maintaining and weed control. Faulks Bros. acknowledged the issue of washed away seeding and weeds. Faulks Bros. will come with weed control, more seeding and fertilizer in September. The Operational Referendum nears completion which came in under budget, therefore the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be looking at an Add Alternate List. The committee will possibly ask the board to consider approving items that were cut from the original project but now can be reconsidered due being under budget.

Announcements:

Contributions to the District: Donald Long & Cynthia Long - Manawa FFA - \$25, A. Sturm & Sons Foundation, Inc. - Manawa FFA - \$3,000, Manawa Area Booster Club, Inc. - \$2,649 - SimpliFaster.

Approved by Consent:

Minutes of July 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and August 4, 2020 Special Board Meeting, Treasurer's Report/Approve Expenditures (\$559,191.13) & Receipts (\$8,890.98), Donations: Donald Long & Cynthia Long - Manawa FFA - \$25, A. Sturm & Sons Foundation, Inc. - Manawa FFA - \$3,000, Manawa Area Booster Club, Inc. - \$2,649 - SimpliFaster, Acceptance of a Community Foundation Doris Heinke Fund of the Fox Valley Region Grant of \$19,756.97 for Little Wolf High School for Improvements to the Physical Facilities, Acceptance of \$150 award from the Wisconsin FFA Foundation for State Convention

Winners and Participants, Approve Jill Seka as the Part-time Title I Private School Reading Teacher on a One-Year Contract, Accept Resignation of Connie Sell, 4K Instructional Paraprofessional, Accept Coach Recommendation by Athletic Director and Endorsed Administratively- Head Coach Boys Basketball, and Accept Resignation of Mrs. Ellen Christensen, Vocal Music Educator as Presented.

Any Item Removed from Consent Agenda: No items were removed from the consent agenda

Public Comments: No public comments

Correspondence: No correspondence this month

Board Recognition: LWHS FFA - Chapter Awards from the 2020 State Convention - Conor Schuelke, Hunter Wendt, Alex Wepner and Sandra Cordes, Manawa Chapter FFA Advisor. Amber Fietzer, FFA member, spoke of the State FFA she attended last year and the excitement of completing at a state level.

District Administrator's Report:

Student Council Representative - Kyle Kons relayed several questions/comments he heard from students. Students disliked the spring online learning so they are glad to be able to go back in class. He questioned whether block scheduling is an option. Mr. Wolfram noted several challenges with block scheduling such as maintaining student engagement for 90 minute classes, staff shortage/budget issues with block scheduling, and the challenge of revamping graduating credits and laude points. They talked about eating lunch in classrooms and how students would be able to virtually visit their friends during this time when they are in separate cohorts. Face coverings - a mask mandate is mandatory for all inside purposes through the state. If gym class can be outside and maintain a 6 foot distance, they could remove their masks. Dr. Oppor meets weekly with the county school superintendents and the Waupaca County Dept of Health Services. At this time, they would need a sharp decline in active cases in the county that would dictate going back to "normal". The state is looking at a algorithm from restrictive to less restrictive types of protocols. There continues to be many unanswered questions on what those recommendations will be. Legislative Update - Expecting an update from the State Department of Health & Human Services. DPI polling schools about reopening plans. WCDH - Manawa has the 3rd largest amount of active cases within the county. New London has the most active cases, followed by Waupaca and Clintonville is 4th. The WIAA came out with new information regarding fall sports. Monthly Enrollment Update - There continues to be a lot of registrations everyday. Curriculum Director Highlights - Nothing to report. 2020 WASB Online Regional Meeting - October 22, 2020 and 2021 State Education Convention dates are Jan. 20-22, 2021.

School Operations & Director's Reports: ES Principal / Special Education Director: Highlights - Included in Board Packet - Seclusion and Restraint Report for SY1920, HS Principal: Highlights - Included in Board Packet. Mr. Wolfram spoke in regards to the planning of A/B schedules and the Modes of Instruction.

Business Related Reports: Highlights - Kobussen Reports included in Board Packet.

Director's Reports: Technology Director Highlights were included in the Board Packet.

Board Comments: No comments

Committee Reports: Minutes of Policy & Human Resources were included in the Board Packet

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business This Month.

New Business:

Motion by Scheller / R. Johnson as per PO0131.1 - Bylaws and Policies, Approve of Title IX Regulations as a Matter of Unusual Urgency as Presented. Motion carried by roll call vote Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Scheller aye, Seeger, R. Johnson aye, J. Johnson aye. Pethke absent.

Motion by R. Johnson / Forbes to Approve of Policy and Administrative Guidelines 2266 - Title IX Regulations as Presented. Motion carried by roll call vote Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Scheller aye, Seeger, R. Johnson aye, J. Johnson aye. Pethke absent.

Motion by Forbes / Scheller to Approve of Employee Exit Interview Survey and Procedures as Presented. Motion carried by roll call vote Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Scheller aye, Seeger, R. Johnson aye, J. Johnson aye. Pethke absent.

Motion by Scheller / Hollman to Approve of Handbook Updates as Presented. Motion carried by roll call vote Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Scheller aye, Seeger, R. Johnson aye, J. Johnson aye. Pethke absent.

Next Meeting Dates:

August 19, 2020 Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg - 5:30 p.m. Virtual Mtg
August 25, 2020 Ad Hoc Recognition Committee Mtg - 5:00 p.m. – Virtual Mtg
August 25, 2020 Finance Committee Mtg - 5:30 p.m. - Virtual Mtg
September 1, 2020 Special Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - Virtual Mtg
September 8, 2020 Policy & Human Resources Committee Mtg - 5:00 p.m. - Virtual Mtg

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The closed session that was on the agenda was not needed.

Motion by Scheller / Forbes to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Scheller aye, Seeger aye, R. Johnson aye, J. Johnson aye. Pethke absent.

Stephanie Flynn, Recorder