

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
March 8th, 2016

The Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees met at Manchester Community Schools Administration Offices on March 8th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members were present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mr. Byron Brunn, Mr. Brady Burgess, Mr. Steve Flack, Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Mr. Brian Schilling, and Dr. Nate Trump.

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Krouse

Also in Attendance: Dr. Bill Reichhart, Superintendent; Mr. Scott Bumgardner, MCS Business Manager; Attorney Al Schlitt; Mackenzi Klemann, *Wabash Plain Dealer*; and Keri Koenig, *Warsaw Times-Union*.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flack, School Board President, called the meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Reichhart led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

Dr. Reichhart added the clarification that Mr. Chad Cripe is the Assistant Principal named in item II. E.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

No public comment.

FOURTH GRADE ART & TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION

Mr. Self introduced Ms. Kern the high school art teacher and Mrs. Clutter a fourth-grade teacher to present their program of how Mrs. Clutter's fourth grade students wrote short stories and how Ms. Kern's art students put those stories into illustrations. Ms. Kern thought her students did a wonderful job on the illustrations and Mrs. Clutter pointed out how the iPads were so helpful to the kids in helping them write their stories. A video presentation was shown of all of the books that were made, with the students narrating them. Some fourth-grade students and high school students were asked if they would like to do this project again and they replied yes, that it was a great time. On some technology news, Mr. Eichenauer produced book trailers that got the children very excited to read and that the iPads were very helpful with this project. Mrs. Pinkerton told us about Kid Blog and how her students have connected with students in other states to converse about books they have read and that the iPads were great in this situation. She also added that by doing this, some children have discussed books with other children across the world. Mr. Self concluded the program by saying thank you to the students, teachers and parents for all of the hard work and time they put in and that the iPads were so helpful. Dr. Reichhart said how wonderful the stories were and congratulations to the teachers, parents and students.

CONSENT ITEMS

- *A. Minutes
 1. Minutes of the February 9, 2016 School Board Meeting.
- *B. Claims
 1. Regular Claims dated March 8, 2016.
 2. Prepaid Claims dated February 1-29, 2016.
 3. Payroll Claims dated February 12, 2016 and February 26, 2016.
- *C. Grants - None
- *D. Donations
 1. Donation of \$250.00 to the Manchester Jr. Sr. High School Science Olympiad Program from Brodbeck Seeds LLC.
 2. Anonymous donation of \$200.00 to the Manchester Jr. Sr. High School Science Olympiad Program.
 3. Donation of \$50.00 to the Manchester Jr. Sr. High School Winter Guard/Band Program from Ryan and Autumn Sheppard.
 4. Donation of \$1000.00 to the Manchester Jr. Sr. High School Winter Guard/Band Program from Kaleborn Abresist Corporation.
- *E. Personnel
 - MES
 - Leave Request
 1. Debby Myers, Medical (Approx 4-6 weeks beginning March 3)

MIS

Employment

1. Jen Birch, Intramural Soccer Coach
2. Jenny Jenkins, Intramural Soccer Coach
3. Heather Terflinger, Intramural Soccer Coach
4. Andrew Zimmerman, Intramural Soccer Coach

MJSHS

Leave Request

1. Mike Schlitt, Personal-unpaid (April 29 – May 5)

Resignation

1. Matt Lock, Science Olympiad Assistant Coach
2. Kaytlin Dotson, Assistant Jr. High Track Coach

Employment

1. Stacey Clark, Volunteer Baseball Coach
2. Laurel Ruppert, Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach
3. Dave Zinsmeister, Summer Apex Teacher
4. Blake Moore, Assistant JH Track
5. Christina Smith, JV Softball Coach
6. Megan Metzger, Volunteer Tennis Coach
7. Byron Sweet, Volunteer JH/HS Wrestling Coach
8. Karly Prichard, Assistant JH Track
9. Cheryl Working, ½ Assistant Musical Director
10. Steve Johnson, ½ Assistant Musical Director
11. Judy Ward, Assistant Musical Director
12. Assistant Principal for 2016-2017

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Resignation

1. Terri Sprunger, Executive Secretary

Transfer

1. Connie Mrozinske, Executive Secretary

Dr. Reichhart recommended approval of all of the consent items as listed.

Mr. Brunn moved to approve all the Consent Items outlined above. Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion with no further discussion, a Board vote of 6:0 approved the Consent Items as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- *A. Overnight Field Trip Requests
1. Science Olympiad
 2. JAG
 3. Girls Varsity Basketball

Ms. Alspaugh announced that Mr. Miller & Mrs. Gnagy along with their students will travel to IU Mar 18th & 19th for the state wide competition for the Science Olympiad. The JAG team of 11th & 12th grades has earned the right to compete at the state level. Mrs. Alspaugh congratulated them all. The girls varsity basketball team will be attending a summer camp June 25th & 26th. Mr. Everett & his wife and Coach Howard will be going along with them.

Mr. Schilling made a motion; Mr. Burgess seconded the motion; and the Board voted 6:0 to approve the field trips as requested.

- *B. Sunday Facility Rental

Dr. Reichhart announced that the Old German Baptist Church will be in the high school gym & commons area April 17th. The Jr. & Sr. Youth group will help.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the Sunday Facility Rental. Mr. Brunn seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 6:0 without further discussion.

- *C. Renewal of Surety Bond

Mr. Bumgardner recommended to renew Melissa Carter's surety bond.

Dr. Trump made a motion to approve the renewal of the surety bond. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. Without further discussion and a Board vote of 6:0, the bond renewal was approved as presented.

*D. Revision of Policy #3110-Tobacco Products

Dr. Reichhart said this is the first reading of the proposed change to our tobacco policy. It is to protect our fans from someone using an E-Cigarette next to them while sitting in the stands or at an event on school property. This recommendation is by Dan Gray of the Wabash Tobacco Coalition to bring to our board for approval. Dr. Reichhart approves of this proposal. He said no action is needed tonight for approval though, it is just a first reading. Mr. Brunn has some concerns about who would be responsible for removing the person from school grounds if they have an E-Cigarette and Dr. Reichhart replied it would be the administrators that would perform that job. He said if they refuse, we would call the police. We can escort them off the grounds by not abiding to the school policy. Dr. Reichhart said that Whitko adopted a NEOLA plan and he will get together with Mr. Schlitt and fix this and bring this back to the next board meeting.

*E. Approval of School Improvement Plans

Dr. Reichhart said that all three schools submitted their plans to improve their schools climate & Academics. The administrators asked for an approval to come back in the fall with updated plans because of ISTEP issues that delayed them. The state approved this action.

Mr. Schilling made a motion, Mr. Brunn seconded the motion, and the board voted 6:0 to approve the school improvement plans as submitted.

*F. Board Resolution Held Harmless

Mr. Schlitt recited the Indiana Code 20-26-54 to the board. A resolution has been prepared by the board to authorize our insurance carrier to provide to the defense, to save and hold Dr. Reichhart harmless from any liability in regards to a lawsuit filed by Lisa Ulrey against Dr. Reichhart for defamation.

Mr. Schilling made a motion, Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion, and the board voted 6:0 to approve the Board Resolution as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES AND REPORTS

A. Principals

Mr. Self no comments

Ms. Alspaugh & Dr. Lippe announced that the IHSSA awarded MSHS the sportsmanship award on athletics and coaching education classes. We were one of eleven schools given this award and they presented to us a banner that will hang in the high school gym. This is a huge honor to our school and we should be very proud. Dr. Reichhart congratulated all the kids and coaches for their hard work.

Mr. Rodgers reported that ISTEP went well and getting ready for IREAD for 3rd grade. Mr. Rodgers thanked the school board for the new gutters and the making of the ISTEP video was fun.

B. Curriculum Director

Mrs. Gnagy not in Attendance.

C. Business Manager

Mr. Bumgardner said the Maple Park project went well with no trouble to report and it came in under budget. The gutters at MES are great and glad that it is done for all of the rain we expect to have.

D. Superintendent

Dr. Reichhart reported we have used all of our snow days and so far we do not need to add any more days to the calendar. Thanked Terri Sprunger for her employment as Executive Secretary and welcomed Connie Mrozinske as the new Executive Secretary. Also mentioned that the Honors Band is playing on Thurs. Mar. 10th @ Honeywell along with three other school district bands.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

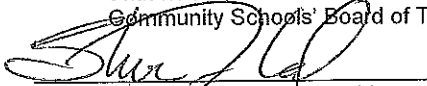
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COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No comments from Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

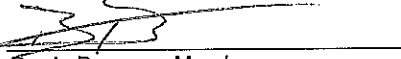
With no further business, Mr. Flack, School Board President, adjourned the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees Board Meeting at 6:46 p.m.


Steve Flack, School Board President

Sally Krouse, Vice President

Mate Trump, Secretary

Byron Brunn, Member


Brady Burgess, Member

Tim McLaughlin, Member

Brian Schilling, Member