

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
July 11, 2017

The Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees met at Manchester Community Schools Administration Offices on July 11th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members were present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mrs. Ruth Ayres, Mrs. Sally Krouse, Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Mr. Brian Schilling, Dr. Nate Trump  
Mr. Steve Flack and Mr. Brice Bedke

ABSENT:

Also in Attendance: Mr. Mike Pettibone, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Scott Bumgardner, MCS Business Manager; Mr. Albert Schlitt, Attorney; Chelsea Boulrisse, Wabash Plain Dealer; David Purvis-Fenker, News Journal.

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. Mr. Pettibone led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

DISC GOLF COURSE DISCUSSION

Mrs. Gnagy presented the idea of the installation of a disc golf course on school grounds for our students to use in physical education classes and also for the public to use when classes are not using the course. Ethan Espeset, an eighth grader at Manchester Jr. Sr. High School, explained a little about disc golf. The rules of golf also apply to the game of disc golf. Four different kinds of disc are used and a basket with chains that sits on a standing pole. The point of the game is to land your disc in the chains or in the basket. The course can be nine or eighteen holes. This course will consist of nine holes and will be located behind the barn. Matt Carver, physical education teacher at Manchester Jr. Sr. High School talked about the attributes of the game. It is considered a life long sport, meaning you can start to play this game at the age of five until your later years in life. This sport would fit into the physical education curriculum. Teaching disc golf is just like teaching the game of golf. Mrs. Gnagy gave the estimated costs of the supplies needed to create the course and that was around six hundred dollars per hole. She will be seeking donations. The six hundred dollars would purchase, baskets, mounts, the tee pad made of rubber, signage of the foot distance and where the baskets are located. There are several people from the community that would volunteer to come out and dig the holes and pour concrete for the course. Other costs include the signage of course rules, etiquette on the course, school policies, no alcohol and no tobacco. Concerns were brought up if the public would interfere with school activities. Mrs. Gnagy said each coach would have a sign to put on the board saying the course is closed at that time. Mr. Schilling expressed concerns about visitors on our campus for security reasons and Mrs. Gnagy explained, traffic will mostly be after school and on the weekends. Mr. Schilling also asked about liability issues. Mr. Bumgardner is looking into the maintenance of the grounds, property and casualty insurance and any long term issues.

Mr. Schilling made a motion to work out the details of the disc golf course and then move forward: Dr. Trump seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

CONSENT ITEMS

- \*A. Minutes
  - 1. Minutes of the June 13th, 2017 School Board Meeting.
  
- \*B. Claims
  - 1. Regular Claims dated July 11th, 2017.
  - 2. Prepaid Claims dated June 1 - 30, 2017
  - 3. Payroll Claims dated June 2, 2017, June 16, 2017 and June 30, 2017

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- \*C. Grants
- \*D. Donations
  - 1. Donation of \$340.00 to Manchester Jr. Sr. High School Drama Program from an anonymous donor.
- \*E. Personnel
  - MES
    - Employment
      - 1. Angelica Voje, Second Grade Teacher, 2017-18
  - MIS
    - Employment
      - 1. Adam Marlatt, Sixth Grade Teacher, 2017-18  
(Pending ECH & DCS check)
  - MJSHS
    - Resignation
      - 1. Jerry Bolinger, Industrial Technology Teacher, Effective end of 2016-17
      - 2. Jerimiah Maggart, PE/Health Teacher, Effective end of 2016-17
      - 3. Chad Cripe, Assistant Principal, Effective end of 2016-17
    - Employment
      - 1. Pat Brandenburg, Boys Head Golf Coach, 2017-18  
(Pending ECH & DCS check)
      - 2. Tyler Kissinger, PE/Health Teacher, 2017-18  
(Pending ECH & DCS check)
      - 3. Aaron Hooks, Industrial Technology Teacher, 2017-18  
(Pending ECH & DCS check)

Mr. Pettibone recommended approval of all of the consent items as listed

Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve all the Consent Items outlined above. Mrs. Krouse seconded the motion with no further discussion, a Board vote of 7:0 approved the Consent Items as presented.

Dr. Lippe introduced Tyler Kissinger as the new PE/Health teacher and Aaron Hooks as the new Industrial Technology teacher. Both were very excited to be at Manchester Community Schools and expressed their thanks.

Mr. Self introduced Adam Marlatt as the new sixth grade teacher.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- \*A. Procedures for Student Lunch/Meal Accounts

Becky Landes reported the USDA is requiring these procedures. Some schools are thousands of dollars in debt because students run up a charge account and they charge their meals, maybe all year and then at the end of the year they do not want to pay them. This is not a problem at Manchester Community Schools. This mandate is what we have always done here. It's just now in writing. This document will go out to every household in the packets we hand out at registration. We do not have a huge debt that some schools have experienced. We might have at the end of a school year around thirty dollars in debt.

Mr. Schilling made a motion to approve the Procedures for Student Lunch/Meal Accounts as presented; Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

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- \*B. Approval of Bonds for Kendra Miller, Darla Cain and four ECA Treasures for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Dr. Trump made a motion to approve the Bonds for Kendra Miller, Darla Cain and four ECA Treasures as presented: Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

- \*C. Textbook Fees - MES, MIS, MJSHS 2017-18

Dr. Rodgers reported that textbook fees have gone down for the elementary school this year do to Mrs. Gnagy creating the science kits, instead of the need for the textbooks. He also thanked Mr. Bumgardner for the supplies for the teachers which kept costs down.

Mr. Self reported that textbook fees for the intermediate school have increased slightly from last year but were able to cut the list of things that the students are asked to bring to school.

Dr. Lippe reported that textbook fees are pretty similar from last year. Some grades had an increase of only twenty dollars and some grades went down in price.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve Textbook Fees – MES, MIS, MJSHS 2017-18 as presented: Mrs. Ayres seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

- \*D. Student Handbook Changes - MES, MIS, MJSHS 2017-18

Dr. Rodgers and Mr. Self reported no changes this year to their handbooks.

Mr. Cripe, Assistant Principal reported some changes to the Jr. Sr. High School handbook. The change to the Truancy policy brought some concerns to Mr. Pettibone if truant was a legal term and does Item B ( any absence exceeding 10 parent excused absences) meet the legal term. Mr. Cripe responded that they followed the same Indiana Code that was in the handbook before. Mr. Pettibone suggested keeping Item B out of the truancy section and maybe putting it under the unexcused section of the policy. Dr. Lippe said he will look into this more and make changes and report back at a later date.

Mrs. Ayres made a motion pending editing the typos and the addition of chronic absenteeism as presented: Dr. Trump seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

- \*E. Approval of Mike Pettibone Interim Superintendent Contract – 245 days at a daily rate of \$423.00

Mr. Schilling made a motion to approve Mike Pettibone Interim Superintendent's Contract – 245 days at a daily rate of \$423.00 as presented: Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

- \*F. Approval of Stipend for Mr. Bumgardner's time as Interim Superintendent

Mr. Flack explained that Mr. Bumgardner took on the responsibilities of the superintendent duties after Dr. Reichhart left, that a stipend would be paid to him for his services. Mr. Flack put the days together at a daily rate when Dr. Reichhart was superintendent and came up with the amount of \$6500.00. Mr. Schilling appreciated Mr. Bumgardner taking on the responsibilities of the superintendent role.

Mr. Schilling made a motion to approve the Stipend for Mr. Bumgardner's time as Interim Superintendent as presented: Mrs. Ayres seconded the motion; and the Board voted 7:0 to approve the motion.

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES AND REPORTS

A. Principals

Dr. Rodgers reported the new blacktop looks great. IREAD was successful this year. SPARK and Begindergarten programs are going strong and everyone is ready for August 11 for the teachers to start and August 15 for the students to start.

Mr. Self reported they have new carpet in the band room and a new sound system. On staffing, he still has to fill the part – time PE position. The staff has been holding meetings on their own time, deciding what changes to make and what to focus on in the upcoming school year.

Dr. Lippe reported Registration Day is fast approaching. August 1 and 2. Dr. Lippe was very happy to report they had a graduation rate of ninety – eight percent. There are eight teachers going to PLC training in Lincolnshire, Illinois in early August after registration. ISTEP scores are up from last year. Back to school night this year is a week after school starts on August 23, 2017

B. Curriculum Director

Mrs. Gnagy – nothing to report at this time.

C. MTA

Mrs. Good reported teachers are very busy this summer. Many teachers are attending workshops this summer. Five teachers attended the Indiana State Teaching Association Conference. There are some new legislative updates that they have been made aware of. One update is the Collective Bargaining dates have changed. We can not legally bargain until September 15, 2017. MTA will meet with their Uniserve director Heidi Miller on July 20, passing out membership materials and meeting with building representatives. The MTA book giveaway is August 10 – 12. They plan on giving out three hundred books this year.

D. Business Manager

Mr. Bumgardner thanked Mrs. Gnagy for writing the Science Curriculum this year. By the amount of material the students are getting for science, we are saving money for our parents across the board. Collective Bargaining starts September 15. At the next Board meeting Mr. Bumgardner will be bringing the budget for 2018 and ask for permission to advertise. He thanked Chad Cripe for all of his hard work as Assistant Principal and wished him luck.

E. Interim Superintendent

Mr. Pettibone thanked everyone for their kindness they have shown him and the great conversations he has had and the support he has received from Mr. Bumgardner, the office personnel and to the Board members. Mr. Pettibone also reported an Administrative Retreat will be conducted Wednesday, July 20.

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COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Bedke commented that we need to market and advertise all the good the schools are doing and believes the disc golf course is a good idea. He believes it could be the hub of what the community is all about. Mr. Flack thanked Chad Cripe, Jeremiah Maggart and Jerry Bolinger for their service at Manchester Community Schools. Mr. Bumgardner and himself met with Manchester Teachers Association representatives and discussed possibly meeting with the superintendent and having a board member on the negotiating committee for the collective bargaining.

ADJOURNMENT

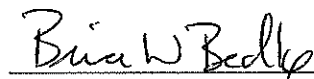
With no further business, Mr. Flack, School Board President, adjourned the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Steve Flack, School Board President

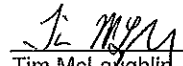
  
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Nate Trump, Secretary

  
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Ruth Ayres, Member

  
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Brice Bedke, Member

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Sally Krouse, Member

  
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Tim McLoughlin, Member

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