



Mastering New Worlds

Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board of Education Meeting February 3, 2011

The Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board held an education meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011, in the board room in the administration center.

Pres. Paterson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Paterson, DeWall, Hewitt, Lawler, Jacobsen. Absent: Johnson, Swartzendruber. Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Schroeder, Principals Davis, Holloway and O'Brien, Laura Horan, Rebecca Norman and Andy Jacobson.

Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen, to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Paterson welcomed the group and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

5th and 6th grade teacher Rebecca Norman was present to share and demonstrate the 6th grade Social Studies online textbook. She showed some of the features and activities that the online textbook offers. Ms. Norman reports the students enjoy using the online textbooks as there are many interactive components. The cost of the online textbook per student is approximately the same as a traditional book.

Assessment Coordinator Laura Horan shared the ITBS/ITED test scores. Only the core tests (reading, math, science and social studies) were administered this year. Six of the nine grades tested made improvements from last year. Test scores of students who are considered low socioeconomic status went up as well, which indicates we are meeting the needs of all learners. Ms. Horan also presented the 21st Century School Philosophy for MNW Staff, which promotes student-centered teaching and learning and emphasizes the integration of technology into the curriculum. It describes the expectations for teachers in creating an environment that promotes 21st century learning for all students.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by DeWall to approve the 21st Century School Philosophy for MNW Staff. All ayes, motion carried.

Elementary principal Mrs. Rose Davis reported that the Elementary staff has been working on the characteristics of effective instruction and teaching for understanding. There have been increased peer and administrative walk-throughs in classrooms in the last couple of months. Teachers will be looking at data from BRI and ITBS testing at the February teacher inservice. The ITBS reading scores in 5th and 6th grade were not as high as anticipated so the Daily 5 Reading program will be researched during the March teacher inservice. The staff has also been looking at different ways to implement technology in the classrooms at the elementary level.

Jr./Sr. high school principal Mr. Shawn Holloway and Jr/Sr high math teacher Mr. Andy Jacobson shared information about blended learning in the Calculus class. Blended learning is a combination of online and face-to-face contact with the teacher. Mr. Jacobson videotapes his classroom lecture and assigns the students to watch it for their homework. Class time is then used to work problems and ask questions. As the District continues to look at virtual sharing, the blended classroom is a safe way to start the process. Calculus is the only class that is offered as a blended classroom at this time, but there are plans to add Pre Calculus and Algebra 1 next fall.

Supt. Mark Egli informed the group of possible dates to meet with the PV and SEWG school board members regarding superintendent sharing possibilities. If an agreement can be reached, Supt. Egli would handle Prairie Valleys finances and Supt. Launi Dane from Southeast Webster Grand would supervise curriculum and certified staff.

Rabiner Treatment Center principal John O'Brien informed the board that the Rabiner Treatment Center population has gone up and is now in the 70's. They are also implementing a new 30/60/90 day plan to assess the progress of students. After 30 days the progress is reviewed to see if the student is ready to return home. If goals have not been met, the child is reviewed after another 30 day period.

Motion by Lawler, second by Jacobsen, to approve Kevin Barker, Kyle Twait and Connie Johnson as open gym sponsors. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Hewitt, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President