



**Manson Northwest Webster Community School
Board of Education Meeting
February 7, 2008**

The Manson Northwest Webster School Board held an education meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2008, in the boardroom at the elementary center.

Vice President Julie Hewitt opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Hewitt, Paterson, DeWall, Swartzendruber, Bush. Lawler arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Absent: Fitzgerald.

Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Wallace, Principals Johnson and Holloway, Laura Horan, Kim Keller, Bryan Willer, high school large group speech ensemble and other interested patrons.

Motion by Paterson, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Hewitt welcomed the group and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentations: Kim Keller, high school speech/drama teacher, and Bryan Willer, assistant speech/drama sponsor, told of the participation growth in the speech/drama department with ten events competing at large group districts this year. Of those, six received I (superior) ratings and moved on to the state competition. At state, two groups received I's, with one group selected to perform at All-State. An ensemble performed for the board in the new category of musical theatre. The title was "How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying." Students participating were Zak Steib, Jamie Keil, Daniel Sutter, Andrew Keller, Shyler Thoma, and Chloe Peterson.

Assessment specialist Laura Horan presented information on the district audit that is in the process of being completed at MNW. She said these audits are usually for schools in need of assistance, which MNW is not. We are one of three schools not in this category being offered an audit through the Iowa Support System. The audit gives a district an objective look at district data and will make suggestions after completion on areas for school improvement. It was thought this would be an excellent tool for school improvement as well as getting ready for our Department of Education site visit that takes place next year.

K-8 principal Marlene Johnson reported on 21 great things going on in the elementary and middle schools. The list included character education events for students, parent volunteers, special family event days for each grade, and preschool advisory committee among many others. She commended the teachers on their implementation of best practices and programs with students as well as professional development and teaming with each other. "We are still learning and implementing, but we are all supporting each other by being continuous learners," she said. Other schools and the AEA personnel have

noticed that we are doing good work in this area, she said. Teachers from the Emmetsburg school district visited our middle school recently to learn about our teacher teaming practices.

Grades 9-12 principal Shawn Holloway discussed having the required 4 PE credits also being included in the total of credits required to graduate. These additional 4 credits would result in a total of 52 credits needed for graduation. The credits would not be included in the student GPA. Supt. Egli stated that this will need to be brought to the board as a policy change for its approval.

Mr. Holloway also shared information on the Successful Practices Network available on the website through the Iowa High School Grant. He said this web site contains a wealth of information on education. He will make the password available to high school and middle school staff.

Supt. Egli handed out his professional goals and job target sheets and said that superintendents are now required to be evaluated by the new Iowa Standards. The board would complete its evaluation of Mr. Egli in the spring.

Bush moved, DeWall seconded, to approve the completion of the Fitness/Training Center project. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Paterson, second by Swartzendruber, to approve new contracts with Brad Blem as middle school band instructor for 2008-09, BA, Step 2, \$26,075, plus extended 10 day contract, BA, Step 2, \$1,029.28, for total of \$27,104.28. MS Band Activities Sponsor, Lane E, Step 2, \$912.95. Salaries will be adjusted after negotiations are completed for 2008-09. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments:

Mrs. Hewitt congratulated students, teachers and administration on all of the successes that have been taking place in the District.

Motion by Swartzendruber, second by DeWall, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President Pro Tem