



*Mastering New Worlds*

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

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

Pres. Paterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Paterson, DeWall, Johnson at 7:09, Hewitt at 7:15, Swartzendruber, Lawler, Jacobsen

Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Schroeder, Principals Davis, Holloway and O'Brien, Laura Horan, Jeff Herzberg, Janet Egli, Jennifer Pearson, Jill Siefken and Jan Nelson.

Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen, to approve the amended agenda adding the item – ICN Amended Contract, due to time constraints. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by DeWall, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the amended ICN Agreement for Ethernet Services, at a cost of \$663.60 per month. All ayes, motion carried.

Superintendent Mark Egli introduced the purpose of the evening's discussion of System Change and School Reform as what our students will need to know and do to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. School Improvement Coordinator Laura Horan facilitated the discussion using key elements from a Personalized Learning Symposium of leading educators and business leaders that took place in Boston last August. Five key elements of personalized learning for students are: 1. Flexible anywhere/anytime learning; 2. Re-defining the teacher role as facilitator; 3. Project-based, authentic learning opportunities; 4. Student-driven learning path; and 5. Mastery, competency-based progression of learning.

These elements would mean a change from our current method of age grouping and moving students along only at the end of 9 month grading periods. In this kind of a system, students would move ahead in their learning whenever they are ready. Entire states, such as Colorado and Maine, are beginning to adopt this kind education format. The board will resume its discussion at the next Education board meeting.

Jeff Herzberg, AEA 8 Director, presented the book Schools Cannot Do It Alone by Jamie Volmer and presented the board and administrators each with a copy. The book's purpose is to help schools and their communities work together to change the system and bring about student success.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by DeWall, to approve the following open enrollment requests:

- 1 Male, grade 11, in from Humboldt for the 11-12 school year.
- 6 Females, grades K, 5, 8 and 10, in from Fort Dodge for the 11-12 school year.
- 5 Males, grades 6, 7, 8 and 10, in from Fort Dodge for the 11-12 school year.
- 2 Females, grades 10 and 12, in from Twin River Valley for the 11-12 school year.
- 1 Male, grade 12, in from Gilmore City-Bradgate for the 11-12 school year.
- 2 Males, grades K and 7, in from Pomeroy-Palmer for the 11-12 school year.
- 2 Males, grades 3 and 6, in from Rockwell City-Lytton for the 11-12 school year.
- 3 Females, grades 4 and 9, in from Rockwell City-Lytton for the 11-12 school year.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the following contracts:

Stacey Origer, Teacher, Lane BA15, Step 13, \$36,580, contract will be adjusted after negotiations;  
Melanie Rechkemmer, Teacher, Lane MA15, Step 13, \$39,970, contract will be adjusted after negotiations;

Molly Tubaugh, Teacher, Lane BA, Step 1, \$26,830, contract is subject to providing a valid Iowa teaching license, and contract will be adjusted after negotiations.

All ayes, motion carried.

Comments:

Board member Zuella Swartzendruber noted that parent support will be important as we continue implementing technology into the classroom.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Board President