



**Manson Northwest Webster Community School
Board of Education Meeting
March 20, 2008**

The Manson Northwest Webster School Board of Directors met for a regular business meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008, in the boardroom at the elementary center.

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

Present: Fitzgerald, Paterson, DeWall, Hewitt, Bush. Absent: Lawler, Swartzendruber

Others present: Supt. Egli, Business Mgr/Treas. Davis, Board Secretary Wallace, and another interested patron.

Motion by Hewitt, second by DeWall, to approve the amended agenda adding first reading of Policy 403.4, due to time constraints. All ayes, motion carried.

Pres. Fitzgerald welcomed the group and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Paterson, second by DeWall, to approve the reports, bills and minutes of 2/19. All ayes, motion carried.

Communications – A communication from the Iowa High School Speech Association congratulated the district on having the large group speech contest entry, Midsummer Night's Dream, selected to perform at the Large Group All-State Festival.

Motion by Paterson, second by DeWall, to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- 505.6 Graduation Requirements
- 603.8E1 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials
- 603.8E2 Instructions to the Reconsideration Committee
- 603.8R1 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation
- 603.9R1 Selection of Instructional Materials
- 603.16 Use of Information Resources
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- 604.3 Media Centers
- 604.4 Technology and Instructional Materials

All ayes, motion carried.

Pres. Fitzgerald opened the public budget hearing for the 2008-2009 budget. No public was present. He closed the hearing.

DeWall moved, Bush seconded, to approve the 2008-2009 budget. The proposed tax rate for the MNW School District is 10.64729. All ayes, motion carried.

Paterson moved, Hewitt seconded, to approve the resolution that the Board of Directors of the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. This is an amount the district is allowed to tax for, \$112,461, that would be lost due to the decline in student population. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Paterson, second by Bush, to approve the low bid from School Bus Sales for a 2009 Bluebird, 72 passenger school bus at a cost of \$77,596. All ayes, motion carried.

Pres. Fitzgerald opened the public hearing for the early start date for 2008-2009 school year. The proposed start date would be August 21, 2008. No public was present. Supt. Egli explained the process of coordinating our calendar with area schools. The hearing was closed.

Bush moved, Paterson seconded, to approve the 2008-2009 calendar with the early start date of August 21, 2008. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hewitt, second by DeWall, to approve the open enrollment application for a 2008-09 kindergartener from Fort Dodge. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hewitt, second by Bush, to approve the cooperative sponsorship of boys' soccer and swimming with Fort Dodge Senior High. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hewitt, second by DeWall, to approve the Beginning Administrator Mentoring and Induction Program with School Administrators of Iowa. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Paterson, second by DeWall, to approve the following new members for the School Improvement Advisory Committee: Dana Plath (Good Samaritan Center), David Plahn (Red Power), and Don Schuttler (Manson Industries). All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Paterson, to approve the following resignations:

Nick Schumacher – HS Science

Kristy Smith – K-8 Guidance Counselor

Deanne Eldridge – HS cook

All ayes, motion carried.

The board received from Supt. Egli a recommendation to terminate a teacher/coach contract. Motion by Paterson, second by DeWall, to receive and file Supt. recommendation for termination of teacher/coach contract. All ayes, motion carried.

Supt. Egli gave reasons for his recommendation and informed the board that the teacher has not requested a hearing and that the timeline has expired. DeWall moved, Hewitt seconded, to terminate the teacher/coach contract of John Morse for reasons the superintendent stated in notice of termination. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bush, Hewitt, DeWall, Paterson, Fitzgerald. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Paterson, second by DeWall, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

800 Section – Facilities

403.4 et al Licensed Employee Voluntary Early Retirement .

All ayes, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President