



Mastering New Worlds

Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board of Education Meeting April 7, 2011

The Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board held an education meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2011, in the board room in the administration center.

Pres. Paterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Paterson, DeWall, Johnson, Hewitt at 7:10, Swartzendruber, Lawler at 7:17, Jacobsen

Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Schroeder, Principals Davis and Holloway, Laura Horan.

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

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

School Improvement Coordinator Laura Horan facilitated the evening's discussion using key elements from a Personalized Learning Symposium of leading educators and business leaders that took place in Boston last August. Five policy and system enablers for creating and sustaining personalized learning for all students are: 1. Redefine use of time (Carnegie Unit/Calendar); 2. Performance Based, Time-Flexible State Assessment; 3. Ensure Equity in Access to Technology Infrastructure; 4. Funding Models that Incentivize Completion; and 5. P-20 Continuum and Non-grade Band System. In order to convert the education system over to a personalized learning format there would need to be changes in practices and policies.

Principal Davis informed the group that she will be retiring at the end of the school year. However, she stated that she would like to still be involved with MNW at some level.

Superintendent Egli spoke to the group on the possibility of sharing an Elementary principal with Prairie Valley. A group of administrators from both districts met recently to discuss the idea. In any event, the needs of the students' will be a top priority. Another meeting between the two districts will take place next week, with more information being brought to the regular business meeting in two weeks.

Schedule A and B contracts were presented. Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen to approve 3.54% total package increase in salary for the teacher, coach and sponsor contracts presented. All ayes, motion carried. Mr. Egli commented that this was a good year to provide a teacher increase that could be absorbed through attrition and the sharing agreement.

Motion by DeWall, second by Lawler to approve the low bid from Shimkat Motors for a 2010 Chrysler Town & Country Minivan with a purchase price of \$21,200. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lawler, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the 28E Agreement for Superintendent sharing with Prairie Valley. Prairie Valley will purchase one-third of Superintendent Egli's contracted salary and benefits under this agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hewitt, second by DeWall, to approve a sharing agreement with Fort Dodge for girls' soccer and tennis. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments:

Mr. Lawler wanted to congratulate the JH/HS band and vocal students on their recent accomplishments. We have a fine arts department that is second to none. Board members also commented that the musical was excellent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President