



## Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board of Education Meeting May 7, 2009

The Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board held an education meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2009, in the boardroom at the elementary center.

Pres. Paterson opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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

Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Wallace, Principals Davis and Holloway, Deb Mefferd, Cindy DeWall, Brent Lamphier, Mitch Lewis, Max Wood.

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

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

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, May 10-16, Supt. Egli recognized the board for their commitment to excellence for the students of the district.

High school Principal Shawn Holloway reported that next year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers met to plan for next year's move of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades into the high school building. The group worked on room and teacher assignments, the schedule, handbooks and other major changes. The two grades will be kept in the same area of the high school as much as possible. He announced meetings will be held with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents to address current policies.

Mr. Holloway shared that MNW has been chosen to give a presentation on a professional development collaboration with Van Meter School at the Model Schools Conference in Atlanta, GA this summer. The two schools are both part of the Iowa High School Grant and have been collaborating with each other this past year on professional development. Brian Nelson and Mr. Holloway will be MNW's representatives.

At present, our high school students are allowed to make up high school credits at Iowa Central Community College. Mr. Holloway suggested that we can do this ourselves at the high school using the Odyssey software and can then better control course content. He will bring this item back for board action at a later date.

Brent Lamphier, Mitch Lewis, and Max Wood gave a power point presentation on this spring's French Club trip to France. The French teacher is Madame Mefferd.

PK-8 Principal Rose Davis updated the group on how the buildings are organizing for the moves and the moving schedule this summer. She said the current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be touring the high school on May 27 and the elementary students will tour the Barnum center on that same day. She said the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be somewhat departmentalized with courses taught by designated teachers.

She informed the board that the child care surveys indicated a need for day care with an even greater need for after school child care. The process to implement the after school care will be a priority since it is easier to implement. The day care has many more regulations and will be a future goal.

Mrs. Davis said the OK-6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers selected a new math series called Everyday Math. Next year's professional development plan will focus on the math series with training by the company representative during several inservices.

Fifth and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will continue Guided Reading with co-teacher planning sessions utilizing teacher/leader Jodi Jacobsen who has taken training this year for such a task.

Supt. Egli reported that FBG Custodial Services were present this week to talk to the custodians. FBG suggested starting at least two staff a couple of weeks prior to the July 1 start date due to the building moves. Egli noted that MNW will join around 100 other Iowa schools that utilize the Skills Iowa computer-based assessment and tutorial program made available to the state by a congressional appropriation through Tom Harkin. The assessment portion of the software allows teachers to create computerized tests aligned with Iowa standards and benchmarks. The tutorial software incorporates math, reading, writing, vocabulary, and language arts.

Madame Mefferd presented three concerns she had about the trips to France for board feedback. She asked for suggestions on how to handle student behavior problems, whether to send the student back immediately or some other way to handle the problems. She is concerned whether the trip should include grades 10-11 and 12, or should just 11-12 go. Her third concern was the time of year. She has typically taken the trips just before Easter but wonders if a summer trip should be considered. The board gave her their input including enforcing behavior consequences and calling parents. A suggestion was made to have the trip in early June. Mrs. Mefferd will bring the items back to the board at a later date for final approval.

The board approved a Classified Early Retirement Request from Dean Fox on a motion by Bush, second by Lawler. All ayes, motion carried.

Lawler moved, Swartzendruber seconded, to approve holding summer classes at the high school at a cost of \$250. These classes would help a student make up a course failure. Of that fee, \$200 would go the school to help pay the Odyssey Ware fee and \$50 to the instructor/proctor. The fee by Iowa Central Community College had been \$250, but they have suspended summer classes. All ayes, motion carried.

Lawler moved, Swartzendruber seconded, to approve the Class of 2009 pending all graduation requirements are met. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hewitt, second by Swartzendruber, to approve Allers Associates Architects, PC to oversee asbestos removal and the dismantling of the selected portions of the current elementary building. Phase I's maximum compensation would be \$2,600 to design and oversee construction of new exterior doors where the remaining building will be. Phase II for asbestos removal and demolition is \$15,500. Hiring an expert is necessary due to state and federal laws governing the alteration of and removal of asbestos from a school building. All ayes, motion carried.

Administrator, assessment specialist coordinator, and technology coordinator contracts were presented. Motion by Hewitt, second by Swartzendruber, to approve a 2% total package increase in salaries. All ayes, motion carried.

Support staff contracts were presented. Motion by Hewitt, second by Johnson, to approve a 3% total package increase in salaries. All ayes, motion carried.

Supt. Egli asked the board to inspect the south high school parking lot. He is concerned that the slurry application project approved at last month's meeting may not be enough to take care of the problem and that an asphalt overlay may be necessary. He will bring a new quote to the May 21 meeting.

Comments: Mr. Egli commented that Rockwell City/Lytton was holding a public meeting that evening to compare Southern Cal and MNW.

Motion to adjourn by Swartzendruber, second by Bush. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Board President