



Mastering New Worlds

Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board of Education Meeting September 1, 2011

The Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board held an education meeting on Thursday, September 1, 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, Hewitt arrived at 7:02, Swartzendruber, Lawler, Jacobsen left at 7:57. Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Schroeder, Principals Duncan, Holloway and O'Brien, Laura Horan, Julie Tague, Doug Gaul, Sam Wood, Austin Thielmann, Matthew Callahan, Trenton Meiners, Stacey Origer, Mary Anne Walsh, Molly Felton, Reid Keller, Audrey Sturtz, Christine Sturgeon, Tina Kastendieck.

Motion by DeWall, second by Johnson, to amend the agenda to include item – Approve Lane Change. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Swartzendruber, to approve Doug Gaul's poultry raising proposal. Mr. Gaul plans to construct a 16x20 metal shed to raise market broilers in for class projects and FFA projects. The projected cost of the project is approximately \$5,000. The district will cover ½ of the cost. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lawler, second by Hewitt, to approve Mr. Gaul's request for an out of state trip to the National FFA convention in Indiana. The group will be gone from October 18th to October 22nd. They will be riding on a chartered bus with other FFA chapters. The cost of the trip is paid for by FFA. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Swartzendruber, to approve a request from Julie Tague to start a FCCLA chapter, which is a Family and Consumer Science organization. FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. The organization provides opportunities for active student participation at local, state and national levels. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen, to approve Mrs. Keller's request for three out of state trips to Minnesota State University for musicals. The drama club students will attend these musicals. The group will attend Rent on October 9th, Alter Boyz on November 20th and Phantom of the Opera on April 17th. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lawler, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the following open enrollments:

One boy, grade 3 in from Fort Dodge due to move of residence,

One girl, grade K in from Fort Dodge,

Two girls, grades 2 and 4 out to Humboldt due to move of residence.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Johnson, to deny an open enrollment request from an 11th grade girl out to Fort Dodge. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Lawler, to approve the resignation of Julie Tague as flag sponsor, with much appreciation for her years of service. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the following contract:

Jodi Jacobsen, Home School Assistance Teacher, \$1,000.00.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen, to approve a contract with Rose Davis. She will be an independent consultant for the district. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen, to approve a lane change for Julie Hewitt from BA to BA15. All ayes, motion carried.

Several of the teachers who are new to the district were present to introduce themselves and meet the board members.

Laura Horan presented assessment data from the 2010-2011 school year. Grades 7, 8 and 11 did not meet NCLB's federal Adequate Yearly Progress goal in reading in the Low SES subgroup, therefore the Jr./Sr. High building has been placed on the watch list for the 2011-2012 school year. The district will be looking very closely at students at each building level to assess needs.

Mrs. Horan also shared that the ITBS and ITED tests have undergone a variety of updates. She hopes the reading passages will be more engaging with the updated test. Iowa testing has pushed back the release of an online version of the tests for two years. The Iowa Tests will be administered during the week of November 14th.

Laura also informed the group of the professional development plan for the 2011-2012 school year. The district will continue with Iowa Core, particularly focusing on alignment, Characteristics of Effective Instruction, and technology integration.

Elementary Principal Jim Duncan shared that the elementary is off to a great start to the school year. A new reading program called Daily 5 has been implemented and everyone seems very excited about it. Jill Siefken and Christine Sturgeon are planning a literacy night in October to involve the community and expand the knowledge of what people can do outside of school to promote literacy.

Mr. Duncan also informed the group that four-year-old preschool has begun and three-year-old preschool is scheduled to start on Friday, September 2nd. He was present at the preschool open house and felt the students and parents felt very welcome and comfortable. There are 51 four-year-old students enrolled and 24 three-year-old students.

Jr./Sr. High Principal Shawn Holloway shared with the group that his building is also off to a great start. There are several new teachers in the building with Ryan Harman and Kevin Wood mentoring the new teaching staff. The staff will be working on two more of the 5 Characteristics of Effective Instruction

this year. The kids seem to be doing well, and there have been very few negative situations. Laptops were distributed on the second day of school, and everything went very smoothly with that.

Mr. Holloway addressed concerns about upper classman budging in the lunch line. He does not view this to be bullying, but rather an effective way to slow everyone down in the hallways on their way to lunch. Mr. Holloway feels that there is less running to get to the front of the line if everyone knows that seniors eat first, then juniors and so on. He supports the board and will make adjusts to the lunch line issue if it continues to be a concern.

Rabiner Treatment Center Principal John O'Brien reported that Rabiner is also off to a great start. There were several students who came to the public school buildings over the summer to help with summer projects. It was a great opportunity for the students to get off campus. Rabiner is also piloting a new program called Achieve 3000. The program helps in reading and reduces content for someone who struggles. Mr. O'Brien also shared that he has implemented an incentive for the students. If the students go twenty days without a seclusion they will get a pizza party. So far there have been no seclusions. The students at the Jr./Sr. High have been very welcoming to the Rabiner students who are attending public school.

Comments:

Mr. Egli informed the group that the district will be looking at the At-Risk program. The At-Risk money funds a number of associates, the alternative program, second chance reading and part of a counselor's salary. Since the District's failure to make AYP occurred with At Risk students, we need to make sure these dollars are being put to use effectively.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President