



**Manson Northwest Webster Community School
Board of Education Meeting
September 18, 2008**

The Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board held their annual organization meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008, in the board room at the elementary center.

Vice Pres. Hewitt opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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

Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Wallace, Business Mgr./Treas. Davis, Bryan Willer

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

Mrs. Hewitt welcomed the group and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

DeWall moved, Swartzendruber seconded, to approve the reports, bills and minutes of 8/21 and 9/4. All ayes, motion carried.

Business Mgr./Treas. Davis presented a financial report for the fiscal year ending 6/30/08. Superintendent Egli noted that the District's problems will not come from a lack of cash but from dwindling spending authority that is reflected in the using up of Unspent Balance. His financial report and projections will be coming out in October.

Motion by DeWall, second by Lawler, to approve the second readings of the following policies:

- 1001.6 – 1001.12 - Fiscal Year Section
- 1002 Section – Budget
- 1003 Section – Public Sales and Promotions
- 1004 Section – Investments

All ayes, motion carried.

Board Secretary Wallace read the official Abstract of Votes for the recent school board election. District 1: 298 votes cast. Duane Paterson 280, Dan Poppinga 10, Scattering 8; At Large: 246 votes cast, Tom Anderson 40, Brent Johnson 169, Dan Poppinga 23, scattering 14; District 2: 325 votes cast. Steve Pelz 121, Zuella Swartzendruber 193, scattering 11.

Motion by DeWall, second by Swartzendruber, to adjourn the retiring board. All ayes, motion carried.

Recognition: Board members expressed their appreciation for the outstanding leadership and dedication that outgoing board member and president Don Fitzgerald gave to this service on the board. His terms ran from 1996 to 2008. All felt he was focused on what was best for kids and a leader for positive change.

Mrs. Wallace called the organizational meeting to order. She then administered the oath of office to two of the newly elected board members, Zuella Swartzendruber and Brent Johnson. She had previously administered the oath of office to Duane Paterson on September 12 because he knew he would be absent at this meeting.

The floor was opened for nominations for president and vice president. Hewitt nominated Paterson as president, with Dewall seconding. Lawler nominated Hewitt as vice president with DeWall seconding. DeWall moved to cease nominations with Lawler seconding. All ayes. Vote on nominations were all ayes with Paterson elected president and Hewitt vice president. Wallace administered the oath of office to Hewitt.

HS band instructor Bryan Willer brought two new designs for props to be used by the color guard. Swarzendruber moved, DeWall seconded, approval for either new design. All ayes, motion carried.

DeWall moved, Swarzendruber seconded, approval of the Post Secondary Enrollment Options (ICCC classes) list. Forty-six students are taking 77 classes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Swartzendruber, second by Lawler, to approve a contract for Sharon Freed for \$500 to supply home school assistance to one student. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Lawler, to approve a lane change request for Deedra Harman from BA+15 to BA+30. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lawler, second by DeWall, to approve two open enrollment applications in from Fort Dodge due to family's move of residence. All ayes, motion carried.

Supt. Egli reported that the first Facilities Use Committee meeting for this year had taken place. The committee has requested that the two buildings be evaluated by experts. Egli indicated that Facilities Cost Management Group has offered to get involved in the evaluating and planning sessions with the committee as it tries to project future needs and costs.

Motion by DeWall, second by Johnson, to approve the Teacher Quality Money Distribution as presented by the MNWEA. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Swartzendruber, to appoint Paterson as the delegate to the Iowa Association of School Boards assembly in November. All ayes, motion carried.

Lawler moved, Swartzendruber seconded, to appoint Paterson as representative to the Webster County Conference Board and Johnson to the Calhoun County Conference Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Johnson, to cast MNW's vote for Prairie Lakes AEA director for Todd Lundgren. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by DeWall, second by Swartzendruber, to table the second reading of the 700 Series-Support Services. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments:

Supt Egli commented on the special school election to be held on Oct. 7. The referendum is needed to approve a Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS) for the state-wide penny sales tax, he said. Now that the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) has been replaced by the state-wide penny tax, a new RPS must be approved, even though it will be essentially the same as the RPS that applied to LOST. He emphasized this will not be a new tax.

He further explained, the Revenue Purpose Statement allows the school district to continue to spend sales tax revenue on school improvements such as building projects, infrastructure repairs, transportation (i.e. buses and vans), technology, recreation (playgrounds), and equipment expenditures also allowable in the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). The MNW District also used the sales tax revenue to reduce the PPEL levy by .67 per thousand of assessed evaluation

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President Pro Tem