



*Mastering New Worlds*

## Manson Northwest Webster Community School Board of Education Meeting October 21, 2010

The Manson Northwest Webster School Board held their regular business board meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010, in the board room at the Administration Center.

President Paterson opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Paterson, DeWall, Swartzendruber, Jacobsen, Lawler arrived at 7:10. Absent: Johnson, Hewitt.

Others present: Supt. Egli, Board Secretary Schroeder, Business Mgrs/Treas. Davis and Wood, Wade Campbell, and Mark Pugh.

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

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

Motion by Jacobsen, second by DeWall, to approve the reports, bills and minutes of 09/16/10 annual meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the second reading of the following policies:

501.9 – 501.19 – Portion of Students section

All ayes, motion carried.

Wade Campbell from School Bus Sales was present to share information about propane powered school buses and a school bus leasing program. Mr. Campbell proposes the school district should lease six 72 passenger propane school buses, and two 84 passenger diesel school buses. Currently the district is paying approximately \$2.59 per gallon for diesel. At current rates, the cost of propane would be substantially lower at \$1.15 per gallon with an additional \$.50 government tax credit, bringing the cost of propane to \$.65 per gallon. The district would need to add a pump station to the tank at the Barnum center at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

Motion by DeWall, second by Jacobsen, to approve the Master Contract for the 2010-2011 school year. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Swartzendruber, second by DeWall, to approve the following open enrollment requests:

One 1<sup>st</sup> grade girl in from Pomeroy Palmer for the 10-11 school year due to move of residence. One Kindergarten girl in from Prairie Valley for the 11-12 school year. One 10<sup>th</sup> grade boy out to Prairie Valley for the 10-11 school year due to move of residence. Five girls, grades 1, 3, 9, 11 out to Fort Dodge for the 10-11 school year due to move of residence.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobsen, second by Lawler, to approve the following contracts:

Marty Hart, Junior High boys basketball coach, Lane D, Step 9, \$1622.00;  
Marie Zinnel, Elementary Associate, \$8.00 per hour, 7.5 hours per day for 146 days.  
All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Egli briefly shared with the board current figures on the early retirement incentive. There are currently 12 retirees who are receiving early retirement funds this year and next for a total disbursement of over \$55,000 per year. Egli stated that several retirees will come off of the fund in two years, but savings could be realized in the General Fund if more retirements are accepted. The policy will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Mr. Egli also shared preliminary enrollment figures for the 2010-2011 school year. We currently have 554.2 resident students and 93 open enrolled in students. There are 72 open enrolled out students.

A request was considered for consuming alcohol at a wedding reception in the old elementary gym. The board has limited alcohol consumption to the multipurpose room for weekend events only. Because there is no cover for the gym floor, the board's consensus was that it would not take action to expand alcohol use to the gymnasium at this time.

Motion by Lawler, second by Swartzendruber, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

502.1 – 502.14 – Portion of Students section

All ayes, motion carried.

Comments:

Mr. Jacobsen shared his continuing concerns about the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students' contact with the 9-12 students. He mentioned that he has been approached by 2 other community members who share his concern. Mr. Jacobsen feels that the promises that were made regarding keeping the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders apart from the 9-12 students have not been kept. He stated that he particularly is opposed to budging of older students in the lunch line.

Mr. Egli wanted to congratulate the Cross Country team on their accomplishments this season. The boys cross country team qualified for State Cross Country meet and Taylor Huseman qualified for Individual State Cross Country.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Board President