

MINUTES OF THE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
IKM-MANNING COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

IKM-Manning Directors Present: Amy Ferneding, David Heller, Scott Hodne, Kenny Juhl, Eric Ramsey, Lynn Barry

IKM-Manning Directors Absent: Dennis Kasparbauer

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Thomas Ward, Principals Wendy Hammrich, Brian Wall, Sharon Whitson, Curriculum Director Denise Wall, Student Representatives Patrick Bruck and Elizabeth Halbur

Secretary: Mary Heller

Guests: Andrea Gawley, Kathy Lage, Amy Keller, Rose Miller

Location: IKM-Manning Central Office in Manilla

Call Regular Meeting to Order/Approve Agenda

Vice President Scott Hodne called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the agenda. Ferneding made the motion seconded by Juhl to approve the agenda as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Communications

There were no communications.

Administration Reports

Principal Wall noted that the 1st semester will end at Christmas break. He then discussed schedules for student semester tests.

Principal Hammrich noted that through student activities such as Donuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, the Preschool and Elementary Christmas programs, it has been very nice to connect with parents. She then noted a special thank you to Marisa Merkel in regards to Christmas programs; the Pennies for Pantry and service projects of elementary students to help those less fortunate at Christmas time; and the Manning Fire Department Poster Contest that students participated in.

Principal Whitson discussed the Pennies for Presents middle student council project, noting that Mrs. Musfeldt uses this revenue wisely to help those less fortunate at Christmas time; the middle school students who traveled to Glidden to share their Robotic Lego Activities; the 8th grade reading class who traveled to Ames to see "A Christmas Carol"; middle school sports; the upcoming middle school fun day; and middle school Christmas programs, commending the band and vocal music instructors for all of their hard work.

Curriculum Director Denise Wall, along with Kathy Lage and Molly Reisz discussed Iowa Core Professional Development Initiatives, Comprehensive Assessment relating to the teaching staff; weekly teacher inservice schedules; and presented information on where teachers see themselves in the Professional Development area.

Student Representatives Patrick Bruck and Liz Halbur updated the board on high school activities including, concert band; the choir singing at the Plaza in Manning; jazz band; large group speech; girls and boys basketball; student preparation for semester tests; Student Council penny wars where money will go to high school student families in the community; Student Council collection for the Food Pantry; and the upcoming fun day with dodgeball, movies and games for students.

Superintendent Ward shared a Student Representation on Boards of Education article with board members, commending the board for their participation in this and the students for serving on the Board. He then noted that in all IKM-Manning programs to date, student and instructor performance is heads above other schools; discussed finances advising the board that the district has a 5.24 Solvency Ratio at this time and to be diligent in monitoring the maximum unspent authority of the district; discussed the need for equipment upgrades in the custodial and maintenance areas of the Irwin and Manilla sites of the district, noting that he will put a plan together for the board to review in January; reported on the telephone upgrade and Auditorium projects at the Manning site; reviewed the Fire Safety Report received for the Manning site; and discussed the evaluation of Administration and Teaching Staff which is included in the Governor's Blueprint.

Discussion Items

5.1 Discussion on Pre-School Funding. Superintendent Ward noted at this time that in the past funding was received from the Department of Education for preschool students who turned age 5 prior to September 15. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, funding from the Department of Education will only be available if these students are in an AK program. This change has affected 9 students in the IKM-Manning preschool program, at a reduction of \$27,467.00 to 2012-2013 revenues for the district. A possible solution to this lack of funding would be to have a ½ day preschool and ½ day AK program at the Irwin site utilizing current staff. Superintendent Ward and Principal Wendy Hammrich will put information together for the board to review.

5.2 Iowa Core Implementation Plan. Kathy Lage and Molly Reisz were present to discuss the Iowa Core Implementation Plan. In addition to Comprehensive Assessment and Teacher Professional Development discussed earlier in the meeting with Curriculum Director Denise Wall, they discussed technology throughout the district, noting that students can now connect with teachers through their Gmail accounts; and that the district is working with Partnerships of Businesses with reference to 21st Century Skills.

5.3 Superintendent Goals. Superintendent Ward reviewed Superintendent Goals at this time, asking board members for suggestions of what they might like to see in these goals.

Action items

Approve Consent Agenda.

The consent items were presented to board members prior to the meeting, for their inspection. Ramsey made the motion seconded by Ferneding to approve consent items A through E as follows, and the motion carried unanimously:

6.1 Approve Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

B. The payment of December 2011 bills in the Operating Fund in the amount of \$169,123.78, in the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$7,911.48, in the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$57,026.25, in the Management Fund in the amount of \$1,692.00, in the Activity Fund in the amount of \$13,992.04, and in the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$16,093.31. Also noted at this time was the note repayment from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$452,514.50.

C-E. Activity, Food Service, and Board Secretary/Manager Reports, to approve the monthly

financial statements for the Operating, Management, Capital Projects, Debt Service, PPEL, Activity, and Food Service Funds, of the IKM-Manning Community School for the month of November, 2011.

6.2 Approve Students Request for a Career Diploma. Ferneding made the motion seconded by Juhl to approve the requests of Alex Dammann and Jared Smith for 2011-2012 Career Diplomas, providing all Career Diploma requirements are met, and the motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Approve District Participation in the Compass Health Plan. Heller made the motion seconded by Ramsey to participate in the Compass Professional Health Services Plan for one quarter to educate employees; give employees options for Wellness Programs; and hopefully lower insurance costs by employees making more educated decisions in their healthcare. The district will evaluate the savings on health care costs at the end of the quarter. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6.4 Approve Life Touch Photography Contract. Barry made the motion seconded by Ferneding to approve the contract with Life Touch for 2012-2013 school pictures and the motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Ward will consult with Principals to set up a date next fall for said pictures.

Personnel Item.

7.1 Approve Contract. Heller made the motion seconded by Juhl to approve the position of Amanda Burnette as Paraeducator for a three year old IKM-Manning district student attending the Harlan Head Start program. For the 2011-2012 school year this will be a 114 day position at a salary of \$8,300.00. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Board Reports.

Superintendent Ward and board members Hodne and Ramsey discussed the very valuable information received at the Iowa Association of School Boards Convention. The board will vote for Michael V. Sexton, as the District #4 IASB Board Member to fill an expired three year term ending January, 2015.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, Barry made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Ferneding and the motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Scott Hodne, Vice President

Attest:

Mary K. Heller, Secretary