

MINUTES OF THE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
IKM-MANNING COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

IKM-Manning Directors/Student Representatives Absent: Lynn Barry, Elizabeth Halbur

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

Secretary: Mary Heller

Guests: Elizabeth Book, Marlene Borkowski, Andrea Gawley, Ashley Ingwersen, Judy Jacobsen, Pam Kusel, Kathy Lage, Cory McCarville, Virginia Rasmussen, Jill Richards

Location: IKM-Manning Central Office in Manilla

Call Regular Meeting to Order/Approve Agenda

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

Communications

Andrea Gawley asked for a report on the process of the Driver Education program in relation to students receiving a grade for this program that is not a required course of the district. It was explained IKM-Manning Driver Education students are graded and do get credit for this course if taken. This particular grade does not affect the total credits a student needs for graduation from IKM-Manning, but will affect the students' grade point.

The IKM-Manning Education Association presented to the board their Initial Salary Proposal for the 2012-2013 school year at this time. A copy of said Initial Salary Proposal is available in the Office of the Superintendent in Manilla. The district will respond with a Counter Proposal in a timely manner.

Administration Reports

Principal Hammrich discussed the many activities of celebration in the Irwin and Manning Elementaries for the 100th day of school, with a "100 Pair to Share" collection of shoes, and perishable Breakfast food items for Carroll County Food Pantry being among these activities. She then thanked Ashley Ingwersen for all of her hard work in completing and obtaining an Outdoor Play Environment Grant in the amount of \$1,918.00. for the district; noted that QRS funding has been applied for; thanked parents for their participation in the "Time For Kids" drive; and noted February 22nd in Manning and February 24th in Irwin as days for the upcoming ECC Screenings.

Principal Wall discussed his participation in the City of Manning Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee, as a representative of the school district, noting that when strengths of the communities were discussed all representatives discussed the importance of the school district in all communities of the district. When threats of the communities were discussed, all representatives noted the declining enrollment of the district being a threat for all communities of the district.

Principal Whitson reported on Star, DIBELS, Daze, and Jamestown student testings that are in progress at the middle school; and upon request, discussed student Cell phone protocol in the middle school, noting that students may bring cell phones to school but that they must remain in their bags, lockers, or cubbies throughout the day. Student cell phone usage is not allowed in the classroom. Students are not allowed to carry cell phones with them throughout the day, due to the many situations of use in the classroom if carried by the student, which interfere with the instruction/learning process of the classroom. The middle school will be making changes in the Middle School Handbook regarding electronic devices and procedures to be followed at school.

Curriculum Director Denise Wall discussed the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP), and upcoming CSIP site visit at IKM-Manning in 2012-2013. A Community Needs Assessment, along with surveys for school personnel and students will be made available online and by paper copy this spring in preparation of this site visit. The School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) is very instrumental in the formation of the Needs Assessment and Surveys.

Student Representative Patrick Bruck updated board members on high school activities including, Pink Out night at the January 20th basketball games, wherein 415 shirts were sold to raise \$1,400.00 for cancer research; the winter dance on January 20th; District Large Group Speech on January 21st; basketball at Treynor on January 21st; the Fine Arts Trip to Omaha on January 22nd; and the Western Valley Conference tournament which begins the week of January 23rd. Patrick noted that seniors are very busy applying for scholarships, and that the suggestion box will hopefully be ready for use the week of January 23rd.

Superintendent Ward informed board members of the ISFIS Budget Workshop on February 9th in Council Bluffs, noting that he, Mary Heller, and Beth Dickson would be attending this workshop; presented to board members an expenditure report comparison of the IKM district and the Manning District for the years 2009-10 and 2010-2011, and the IKM-Manning district to date for their review; presented to board members, also for their review, an Expenditure Summary By 4 Main Functions report; scheduled a Budget Work Session for Monday, February 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Office in Manilla; and noted that he will now schedule a Superintendent Coffee in Irwin.

Discussion Items

5.1 Discuss Student Learning Goals. Curriculum Director, Denise Wall discussed the IKM-Manning District Long Range Goals and the IKM-Manning District Student Learning Goals at this time, that were presented to the board for their review in board packets. These goals were written and revised by the SIAC Committee. A copy of said goals are hereto attached and available in the office of the Superintendent in Manilla. These goals will be on the agenda for approval at the February meeting of the board.

5.2 Student Class Sizes. Superintendent Ward and Principal Hammrich discussed 2011-2012 Elementary classes and 2012-2013 Elementary class size projections. Recommendations for adjustments in the 2012-2013 Irwin and Manning elementaries were discussed at this time.

Action items

Approve Consent Agenda.

The consent items were presented to board members prior to the meeting, for their inspection. Hodne 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 January 2012 bills in the Operating Fund in the amount of \$221,261.19, in the Management Fund in the amount of \$20.30, in the PPEL in the amount of \$4,654.70, in the Activity Fund in the amount of \$14,557.60, and in the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$16,556.55.

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 December, 2011.

6.2 Approve District Move into the Western Athletic Conference. The Western Iowa Conference has approved the expansion from eight (8) schools to ten (10) schools for the following reasons: 1) add to the future long-term stability of the conference; 2) add schools with quality programs to enhance the competitive nature of the conference; and 3) add to the overall success and reputation of the conference.

IKM-Manning Community Schools has received formal invite to join the Western Iowa Conference beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, with a response being necessary by February 1, 2012. Activities Director, Cory McCarville, discussed the many positive points in joining this conference.

Heller made the motion seconded by Hodne to accept the Western Iowa Conference invitation to join the WIC conference beginning with the 2012-2014 school year, and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Item.

7.1 Approve Resignation. Ramsey made the motion seconded by Ferneding to approve the resignation of Pat Wuestewald as Junior High Football Coach at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, and the motion carried unanimously. The board thanks Coach Wuestewald for his years of service in this position.

Board Reports.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for February 16, 2012 in the IKM-Manning Central Office. Request for Early Start Waiver, Approve IKM-Manning District Long Range Goals and IKM-Manning District Student Learning Goals, and Approve Redistricting Boundaries, will be among the action items for this meeting. The board will also have a Budget Workshop on February 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Office.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, Ramsey made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Ferneding and the motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dennis Kasparbauer, President

Attest:

Mary K. Heller, Secretary