

MINUTES OF THE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
IKM-MANNING COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

IKM-Manning Directors Absent: Dennis Kasparbauer

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Thomas Ward, Principals Brian Wall, Sharon Whitson

Curriculum Director: Denise Wall

Secretary: Mary Heller

Guests: Marlene Borkowski, Pam Kusel, Kathy Lage, Alexis Lesle, Larry Lesle, Melissa Lesle, Jeff Petersen, Laurie Petersen, Greg Polzien

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 Barry to approve the agenda, with movement of Item 6.2 Approve or Deny Parent Request for Issuance of Student School License prior to Discussion Items, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence. Superintendent Ward sent a thank you in board packets to board members for serving the children of our District. He noted that the district would have trying times ahead with the uncertainty of the direction of the State of Iowa in education and the cut of \$1 trillion dollars in the federal budget which will drastically impact federal funds.

**Administration Reports**

Principal Wall reported on the first two days of school. He then invited all to the Assembly that will be held in the high school on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Aaron Thomas, son of the late Ed Thomas, Head Football Coach of Parkersburg Community School District will be the speaker. He will talk to students and staff of overcoming adversity and character issues. Having been through the tornado that hit Parkersburg, and the death of his father, by a student, Principal Wall feels this will be a very worthwhile assembly for all who attend.

Principal Whitson reported that the first two days of school have gone very well; Response to Intervention program (RTI) was implemented the first day of school; student enrollment at the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> level is up 3 students from last year; open house at the Manilla center was very well attended; the basketball hoops purchased through the Omaha Community Foundation grant of \$2,500 are a great asset for the Middle School playground; and, last but not least, thanked the board on behalf of the middle school staff for the completion of placing mini split heating/cooling units on the second floor of the Manilla center.

Principal Hammrich reported that the annual SAI conference was once again very informative, thanking the board for the opportunity to attend; open house for elementary at the Irwin and Manning centers was extremely successful; preparations are being made for the Preschool playground at the Manning center; Ipads have been received through the BP Grant for the Kindergarten class at the Irwin center; the district has ordered Ipads for the two remaining classes at the Manning center for use at the Kindergarten level district wide;

Curriculum Director Denise Wall updated board members on the districts' Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report. She then discussed reports from the Department of Education and No Child Left Behind with board members.

Superintendent Ward noted in board packets that four contractors, Detlefsen Electric, Solls' Service Inc., Drees Heating & Plumbing, Inc., and Kasperbauer Service, Inc., had been contacted in regards to placing mini split heating/cooling units on the second floor of the Manilla center. Detlefsen Electric and Solls' Service Inc. were not interested in the project at this time due to time constraints. Drees Heating & Plumbing, Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$32,191 and Kasperbauer Service, Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$29,000. Kasperbauer Service, Inc. was offered, and completed the project prior to the first day of school.

Superintendent Ward thanked board members for their participation in the August 13<sup>th</sup> opening day for employees; noted that he is in the process of choosing student representatives for board meetings; noted that currently district enrollment shows an increase of 12 students over fiscal year 2011-2012. He then discussed the Iowa Safe Routes 2 School Program, noting that there would be no cost to the district if the participation is approved. A committee will be formed to look at this which will include board members Amy Ferneding, Scott Hodne, and Eric Ramsey. Safe Routes 2 will be on future agendas.

Superintendent Ward noted that the AEA will have a Preliminary Site Visit Preparation session for those districts with upcoming site visits on September 13, 2012. Dr. Ward and other staff members of IKM-Manning will be attending this session.

6.2 Approve or Deny Parent Request for Issuance of Student School License. Discussion was held on the approval of a Student School License for students who live less than one (1) mile from their center of attendance. A board policy which defines the criteria for Student School Licenses will be approved at a special meeting of the board on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Superintendent Ward and the Board directed Principal Wall to approve or deny the requests of Alexis Lesle and Nicholas Petersen for Issuance of a Student School License based upon the criteria which will be approved in the Student School License Board Policy.

## **Discussion Items**

5.1 Discussion on Grade Level Learning Centers. The board began initial discussion on grade level learning centers at this time. Dr. Ward noted that a continuance of current centers is not in the best interest of the district financially or the best learning for the students, and that the district needs to look at all options carefully before making decisions on the course of action that will be taken. Superintendent Ward and board members will tour all IKM-Manning centers for reference in future discussions. There were no decisions made at this time, the board will continue to discuss learning centers in future meetings.

## **Action items**

### 6.1 Approve Consent Agenda.

The consent items were presented to board members for their inspection. Ferneding made the motion seconded by Juhl to approve consent items A through E as follows. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Minutes

B. The payment of August 2012 bills in the Operating Fund in the amount of \$118,794.58, in the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$33,262.50, in the PPEL Fund in the amount of \$5,312.16, and in the Activity Fund in the amount of \$7,114.47.

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 Nutrition Funds, of the IKM-Manning Community School Districts for the month of July, 2012.

6.3 Approve 2012 Legislative Priorities. Ramsey made the motion seconded by Ferneding to approve Legislative Priorities as follows on behalf of the IKM-Manning Community School and the motion carried unanimously.

#3 Supports continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks consistent with the Iowa Core focused on improving student achievement, including the following state actions:

- . Provide and fund technical assistance to help school districts fully implement the Iowa Core.
- . Develop or obtain high-quality summative and formative assessments, aligned to the skills students should know and be able to do to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- . Include and fund all the components of successful standards systems; assessments aligned to high expectations, improved and aligned instruction and quality professional development.

#5 Supports a funding mechanism for school districts' transportation costs that does not directly or indirectly impact funding for the educational program.

#11 Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts and AEAs. Our priority is to increase and maintain the state cost per pupil and the spending authority associated with it to build a strong base for future education resources with full state funding of the state's share of the cost per pupil.

#18 Supports the repeal of the legislated school start date and restoration of local school district authority to determine when it is in the best interest of students to start school.

#33 Opposes and seeks to repeal unfunded mandates.

6.4 Approve Date for 2012-2013 District Tour. General consensus of the board is to schedule a District Tour for Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The agenda for the District Tour and Special Meeting which will follow the tour will be posted on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Personnel Items.**

7.0 Approve Contracts. Juhl made the motion seconded by Heller to approve 2012-2013 Certified Staff lane changes as follows, due to the completion of courses in the summer of 2012, and the motion carried unanimously.

Jim Blankman	BA Step 7	\$39,855	To	BA+10 Step 7	\$40,868
Jay Dreyer	BA+10 Step 12	\$45,934	To	BA+20 Step 13	\$47,961

Heller made the motion seconded by Barry to approve the following positions in the Food Service area for the 2012-2013 school year and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne Bornhoft	JMC Student Lunch Program/Manilla	2 Hr/Day	\$10.95/Hour
Carolyn Rutherford	Serve Student Lunch /Manilla	3 Hr/Day	\$10.95/Hour

Ferneding made the motion seconded by Ramsey to approve the following position in the Custodial area, due to the resignation of Mike Swanson, for the 2012-2013 school year and the motion carried unanimously. This is a probationary position based on the needs of the district and evaluation of Dr. Ward.

Kendra Montange	Custodial/Manilla	5 Hr/Day	\$12.05/Hour
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On July 19, 2012 the board approved changes in Secretary and Aide salaries, due to longevity. For publication purposes, these changes are listed below:

Teacher Aides	Kristie Borkowski	\$15,015
	Jackie Branning	\$15,151

	Amanda Burnette	\$15,015
	Joyce Dammann	\$15,763
	Margaret Goeser	\$15,899
	Shelley Gruhn	\$15,287
	Bonnie Heller	\$16,035
	Lori Hinners	\$15,559
	Mari Jahn	\$16,981
	Christie Knudson	\$15,423
	Catherine Kramer	\$15,015
	Jenny Muhlbauer	\$15,491
	Becky Rademacker	\$15,559
	Barb Saunders	\$17,254
	Sherrri Steffes	\$16,171
	Brenda Struve	\$15,287
	Sandra Vahl	\$17,108
	Janell Vollstedt	\$15,287
Secretaries	Chris Macumber	\$26,442
	Sonia Nulle	\$23,664
	Shannon Rogge	\$20,743
	Lana Schwieso	\$23,370

Superintendent Ward informed board members that Voluntary Coaches in the IKM-Manning District must have board approval for district insurance purposes. It was noted at this time that any and all future Voluntary Coaches must have board approval prior to any student instruction. Ferneding made the motion seconded by Ramsey to approve Bruce Irlbeck, Wendall Kahl, and Jim Keegan as Voluntary Football Coaches for the 2012-2013 season. On vote, Ayes: Ferneding, Hodne, Juhl, Ramsey Naves: Barry, Heller. The motion carried.

#### **Board Reports and Communications.**

The 2012-2013 District Tour and Special Meeting will be August 21, 2012 at 7:45 a.m. beginning in the Manilla center with travel to the Manning center for the first tour. The next regular meeting of the board will be September 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the IKM-Manning Central Office, Manilla. An E28 Agreement with the City of Manilla for use of Schram Park will be an agenda item at the September meeting of the board.

#### **Adjournment.**

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

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Scott Hodne, Vice President

Attest:

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Mary K. Heller, Secretary