

MINUTES OF THE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
IKM-MANNING COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013  
7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

IKM-Manning Directors Absent: None

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

Achievement Report: Denise Wall

Student Representatives: Kim Hodne, Dillon Muhlbauer were absent from this meeting.

Secretary: Mary Heller

Guests: Kathy Blake, Joy Blom, Elizabeth Book, Marlene Borkowski, Lora Darling, Candi DeCarlo, Jean Ferneding, Judy Jacobsen, Pam Kusel, Kathy Lage, Lorine Linde, Shari Lohrmann, Julie Meneough, Marisa Merkel, Scott Moran, Greg Polzien, Jill Richards, Rhonda Sievertsen,

Location: IKM-Manning Central Office in Manilla

**Call Regular Meeting to Order/Approve Agenda**

President Dennis Kasparbauer called the regular December meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the agenda. Due to inclement weather the meeting date was changed from December 20, 2012, to January 3, 2013. Hodne made the motion seconded by Juhl to approve the agenda and the motion carried unanimously.

**Communications**

On behalf of the IKM-Manning Education Association, Kathy Blake presented to the board the Initial Salary Proposal for the 2013-14 school year. The IKM-Manning Board of Education will respond to the IKM-Manning Education Association with a Counter Proposal at the January 17, 2013 meeting of the board. Superintendent Ward noted that he, along with Amy Ferneding, David Heller, and Dennis Kasparbauer, will serve on the Board of Education Negotiation Committee.

**Administration Reports**

Principal Hammrich noted that a representative from the office of the Shelby County Sheriff has offered to visit the IKM-Manning elementary building in Irwin to discuss security options being implemented and assist in reviewing safety ideas for the building. The Shelby County Sheriff noted to Principal Hammrich that these efforts could possibly be coordinated with the office of the Carroll County Sheriff to see if a visit could be made to the IKM-Manning elementary building in Manning through Carroll County.

Principal Whitson noted that the Student Council Pennies for Presents fundraiser was very successful once again, bringing in \$1,880.00, which allowed the student council to present gift cards to 28 residents at the Terrace Apartments in Manning; 34 students in the middle and elementary schools from all 3 communities; 4 elderly in Irwin, and 8 elderly in Manilla. Mrs. Musfeldt and the Middle Student Council students are very appreciative of the opportunity to have this yearly fundraiser.

Principal Wall presented information to the board with reference to the grading of students who participate in the Driver Education program. The district has two programs, winter and summer. Principal Wall asked the board to review the information received so that determining a Driver Education Grading System could be a possible action item at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the board.

Denise Wall reported on district achievement at this time, noting that preparation is being made for winter DIBELS and NWEA testing at the middle school level.

Superintendent Ward invited interested board members to join him in attending a meeting in Cedar Rapids on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, to visit with State Representatives and discuss Iowa School District Allowable Growth; he noted that the two snow make up days would be February 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>; asked board members to consider the Early Retirement Incentive Policy sent to them prior to the board meeting as he would like this to be an action item at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the board; noted that the Site Visit has been approved and that details of the visit have not yet been received from the Department of Education; and noted that Program Review will be an added item on all future agendas.

Superintendent Ward presented to the board an initial listing of district projects that need to be addressed which includes, 1) the roof in the 5-6 wing at the Manilla Site; 2) the entrance at the Manning Site; 3) high school lockers; and 4) Infrastructure in all buildings to handle technology.

### **Discussion Items**

- A. School Building Configuration. Dr. Ward began school building configuration with the recommendation to the board that 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms be located in Manning beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, this move being the beginning of consolidation of the districts' elementary classrooms. He noted that he did not feel the closing of the building was an option for the district at this time, and that transporting grades K-3 from Irwin to Manning, and Manning to Irwin is not in the best interest of students. Due to the uncertainty of Allowable Growth to the district, further plans at this time may need to be tentative. If there is Zero Allowable Growth to Iowa school districts in fiscal year 2014, the district will lose an approximate \$85,000 in revenue. The board reviewed and discussed many possibilities at this time, directing Dr. Ward to provide a summary of possibilities, including costs for each to the board at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the board.

### **Action items**

- A. Approve Consent Agenda. The consent items were presented to board members for their inspection. Ramsey made the motion seconded by Hodne to approve consent items A through F as follows. The motion carried unanimously.
  - i. Minutes
  - ii. The payment of November 2012 bills in the Operating Fund in the amount of \$62,928.77, in the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$54,200.00, in the Activity Fund in the amount of \$11,121.86, and in the Nutrition Fund in the amount of \$29,870.81.
  - iii. Approval of the August, 2012 financial statement for the Activity Fund of the IKM-Manning CSD.
  - iv. Approval of the August, 2012 financial statement for the Nutrition Fund of the IKM-Manning CSD.
  - v. Approval of the August, 2012 financial statement for the Operating, Management, Capital Projects, Debt service, and PPEL Funds of the IKM-Manning CSD.
- B. Set Calendar Hearing Date. Superintendent Ward presented to board members a draft of the 2013-2014 School Calendar for their review. Ferneding made the motion seconded by Hodne to set February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. as the hearing date and time to consider an Early Start Waiver Request for the 2013-2014 school year and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approve Board Resolution Regarding Sequestration. Ferneding made the motion seconded by Hodne to approve the Board Resolution Regarding Sequestration, wherein the IKM-Manning Board of Education urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Personnel Items**

- A. Approve Resignation. Hodne made the motion seconded by Juhl to approve the resignation of Jackie Branning, 9-12 Para-educator, at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2012-2013, and the motion carried

unanimously. Dr. Ward noted at this time that the district has advertised for a replacement for this position.

- B. Approve Contract. Hodne made the motion seconded by Ramsey to approve the offering of a 2012-2013 MS Music Activities contract to Elizabeth Book and Don Struve, each at 2.5% of BA Step 8, of the Building Schedule B, as they will share this duty. The total amount of each contract is to be \$1,021.70. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Board Reports/Communications**

- A. Next Regular Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Education will be January 17, 2013, in the Central Office/Manilla. The time of this meeting will be set at a later date. A counter proposal to the IKM-Manning Education Association, Driver Education grading system, Early Retirement Incentive Policy, and District Equity Coordinator will be agenda items for the January 13, meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, Hodne made the motion to adjourn seconded by Heller and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.

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Dennis Kasparbauer, President

Attest:

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Mary K. Heller, Secretary