

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Board of Education  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2008**

Present: Avery, Cook, Derrer, Harden, Musselman, Ross  
Absent: Moser\*  
Central Office Staff: Nurnberger, Moeke, Meeder  
Administration: Naumcheff, Riemersma, Oppermann

President Ross called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center

**Approval of Agenda-** there were no changes made to the agenda

Avery/Cook to approve consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2008 and special meetings held on April 29, May 5 and May 7, 2008; B) Monthly Finance, approve accounts payable checks for the date and amounts of: GENERAL FUND- 4/15/08- \$9,779.53; 4/28/08- \$36,377.37 SINKING FUND- 4/28/08- \$421.22; C) ISD Budget D) Resolution to opt out of Section 105 and 105c of State Aid Act Schools of Choice plan. This option results from the board's decision (on April 12, 2004) to adopt policy to implement the TBAISD Inter-District Open Enrollment Plan as approved by all schools that comprise the intermediate school district. E) Set Public Hearing date on Proposed 08/09 Budget for June 17 at 5:15 pm.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Correspondence-** none

**Communications or Expressions from the Public-** none

\* Frank Moser arrived at 4:04 p.m.

**Lynn Stephens-** President Ross introduced Lynn Stephens, the district's forestry manager. Mr. Stephens briefly spoke to the contract and the proposed species to be cut. He stated he will evaluate the harvest performance for the district and said he would vouch for the mill and loggers. The contract is good through December 31, 2008 and likely, due to a high inventory currently at the mill, the project may begin late summer/fall. Board members discussed forestry revenues, what is presently in the fund and possible uses for the monies from the current project. The Finance Committee will discuss this at their next meeting scheduled for May 19, 2008.

The formation of the required forestry commission was discussed. President Ross stated that three members need to be appointed to the commission; one for a four-year term, one for a three-year term and one for a two-year term. By unanimous consent of the Board, the commission members will be Frank Moser, the Superintendent and Lynn Stephens.

**Committee Reports-** Superintendent Nurnberger reported the Finance Committee will meet Monday, May 19 at 4:30 pm. Principals will have documentation for the committee regarding the three items that were removed from the agenda. The Policy Committee inquired about previous action adding "designee" to the volunteer policy. Superintendent Nurnberger stated he did contact NEOLA about the change.

**Principals'/Superintendent's Report-**

**Elementary School Principal** Trent Naumcheff reported the district-wide Volunteer Recognition Reception was held at the elementary May 12. Deb Strine was chosen as the outstanding volunteer for the elementary for this school year. Preliminary indications for YES grades and AYP are the elementary and

middle schools both look good. No appeals are planned at this time. Young Authors will be held in-district this year, on May 16. On Monday, May 19 the third and fourth grade students will have a field and track competition. Fourth grade graduation is planned for June 4.

**Middle School Principal** Bob Riemersma distributed a middle school calendar for May and June. He also had information sheets about *Parent Internet Safety Night* scheduled for May 20 and *Academic Night* to be held on May 22. Minutes from the PLC meeting held on May 7 were shared. Mr. Riemersma said staff is still looking at co-teaching, at the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade level. We will need people who want to make that commitment. Bill Avery said he wanted to clear up a misconception and voiced he felt, for co-teaching to work, it has to be done right. Mr. Riemersma said middle school's AYP is looking good and May 21 is the deadline for appeals. Every teacher will be working on the School Improvement goals. Jeannie Hoogerhyde was selected as middle school's outstanding volunteer.

**High School Principal** Jamie Oppermann reported that recent ninth and tenth grade NWEA testing will be used for English placement, perhaps math. Former welding teacher, Jim Thomas, went through the welding equipment that has been stored since he retired. The value of the items is uncertain and the thought is perhaps an auction would be a good way to dispose of the items. The high school's outstanding volunteer is Jim Taup. Mr. Oppermann proudly announced that of the thirty wood shop projects taken to Regional competition at Mesick on May 2, twenty placed in the top four, qualifying for States. On May 7-10, thirteen of those twenty projects placed at State competition.

On the morning of May 8 vandalism was discovered at the high school. The situation was quickly taken care of and is currently under investigation. A reward totaling \$350 is being offered in hopes that those responsible for the action will be identified. Induction to the National Honor Society is taking place this evening. Freshman orientation will be held on May 14. The Senior Awards ceremony is scheduled for May 29. Graduation will be on June 1 at 2 pm. Underclassman Awards will be given at 8:25 am on June 2. Bill Avery asked where things were with the metal shop. Superintendent Nurnberger said Ed McCarty compiled a list of items not being used. A decision will be made by the end of the week regarding possibly auctioning the items.

**Superintendent-** Mr. Nurnberger stated he is working on forming committees for the two open principal positions. According to board rotation, Cathy Harden and Frank Moser are the next two board members to participate in the process. The hope is to for the committees to meet soon, develop profiles for each position and at the second meeting, select candidates for interviews. The new superintendent will become involved at that point.

The projected date the district's new web page débuts is June 17. Last week Trent Naumcheff, Shelly James, Jessica Avery-Helwig and Shelly Meeder attended a conference offered by the Department of Education, regarding Title I and School Improvement. Business manager, Shelly Meeder spoke to the importance of meeting AYP. Our middle school is currently in Phase 0-delay. We want to avoid Phase I by making AYP for two consecutive years. In Phase I, districts are subject to state mandated consequences involving a 20% set-aside of Title I funds. Trent Naumcheff, the district's Title I director, is working along with Shelly James to stay on top of this serious issue.

#### **Communications or Expressions from the Public- none**

#### **Action Items**

Moser/Cook                      approve contracts with Professional Forest Care for timbering the district's Helena Township parcel

YES:    7

NO:     0

Motion carried.

The Board took a short break from 4:50 pm until 5:00 pm. President Ross stated that the Board will adhere to the time schedule on the agenda. He added that the members had ten questions that they would ask the candidate. Mike Washburn told the audience that this was with final part of the search process. At the end

of the second interview he said the Board would take a short break and after that the committee that visited candidate's school districts would share their findings. Superintendent Nurnberger would give an update of the candidate's visits to the district.

**Interview with Jeff Liedel-** Board members asked Mr. Liedel a variety of questions from a list prepared previous to the meeting. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Liedel was given time to give the Board a final comment.

Between 5:37 and 5:44 the Board took a short break.

Personnel Committee's Overview of Site Visits- The committee members reported that each visit was very impressive. Since the districts are similar in size, both candidates wear several hats and seem to do an outstanding job in this capacity.

**Interview with Jeff DiRosa-** Mr. DiRosa's interview began at 6 p.m. He was asked the same questions asked earlier in the evening. Mr. DiRosa gave a closing statement and the interview concluded at 6:35 pm.

Mr. Washburn acknowledged the district visits by both candidates, hosted by Mr. Nurnberger. Each visited the offices, with bus drivers and with staff after-school at the HS Commons. He suggested tomorrow night will be pretty critical and needs to be done correctly. Board members will have time to give thought from this evening until Wednesday evening at 7 pm. He suggested members go to the handbook. He reminded the members a lot of time was taken to develop a characteristic profile and ultimately decided we want someone with experience. Mr. Washburn recommended the Board go to the brochure that was created, review the reaction forms and think about the impressions shared from the site visits. More than anything, look for the right fit. Tomorrow evening members will each be asked to identify the person they think should be superintendent. Responses will be placed on a flip chart. President Ross will entertain a motion, to enter into negotiations with the person selected. Finally, on May 21 at 4:00 p.m. the Board will meet and formally approve a contract.

**Item for Future Consideration-** Amy Derrer suggested the finance committee look at what was spent last year then consider how to make recognition for this year's retirees. Bill Avery stated that monies for that type of activity has to come from private funds. Business manager, Shelly Meeder, added that expenses such as that are not allowable. Kim Musselman said she remembered members of the Board purchasing a cake.

Derrer/Moser to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

YES: 6  
NO: Avery  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary