

Public Hearing Minutes
Regarding the Proposed Reorganization of
IKM Community School District and Manning Community School District

Conducted by
Heartland AEA 11 and Loess Hills AEA 13
Board of Directors

February 15, 2010

The public hearing for the proposed reorganization of the IKM Community School District and the Manning Community School District was held via conference call due to inclement weather. Blowing and drifting snow and deteriorating road conditions made for hazardous driving and travel was not advised. The meeting was held at the Manilla Memorial Hall in Manilla, Iowa, where IKM Community School District Superintendent Jeff Kruse, Manning School District Superintendent Roger Schmiedeskamp and attorney Derrick Franck were personally present. A quorum of the Board of Directors of Loess Hills AEA 13 and a quorum of the Board of Directors of Heartland AEA 11 participated telephonically. Materials relevant to the hearing were electronically distributed to participating board members. A microphone and speaker were also set up in the hall so every one could hear and participate in the hearing.

The electronic meeting was called to order by Glenn Grove, chief administrator of Loess Hills AEA 13 at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board secretaries from each AEA took roll call.

<i>Heartland AEA 11</i>		<i>Loess Hills AEA 13</i>	
Jane Bell	Absent	Randy Brown	Present
Margaret Borgen	Present	Nancy Coziahr	Present
Earl Bridgewater	Present	Ed Gambs	Present
Bruce Christensen	Present	Marland Gammon	Present
Cal Halliburton	Absent	Ken Lee	Present
Steve Rose	Present	Ken Petersen	Present
Marcy Sparks	Present	Richard Schenck	Absent
Nels Turnquist	Present	Karen Thomsen	Absent
Ann Wilson	Present	Charles Watson	Present

Loess Hill AEA 13 Administrative Staff present: Glenn Grove and Linda Perdue.

Heartland AEA 11 Administrative Staff present: Sheila King and Jenny Ugolini.

Additional Participants present: Jim Hanks, Derrick Franck, Jeff Kruse, Shelley Foster, Diane Casey, Tom Casey, Bret Richards, Rich Wiig, Lynn Barry, Barbara Wuestewald, Pat Wuestewald, Janette Hansen, Denise Philipp, Chris Macumber, JL Rasmussen, Virginia Rasmussen, Jenny Linde, Scott Renze, Judy Erb, Dennis Kasparbauer, Dave Heller, Kenny Juhl and Mary Heller.

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Ann Wilson and seconded by Ken Petersen to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

<i>Heartland AEA 11</i>		<i>Loess Hills AEA 13</i>	
Jane Bell	Absent	Randy Brown	Aye
Margaret Borgen	Aye	Nancy Coziahr	Aye
Earl Bridgewater	Aye	Ed Gambs	Aye
Bruce Christensen	Aye	Marland Gammon	Aye
Cal Halliburton	Absent	Ken Lee	Aye
Steve Rose	Aye	Richard Schenck	Absent
Marcy Sparks	Aye	Karen Thomsen	Absent
Nels Turnquist	Aye	Ken Petersen	Aye
Ann Wilson	Aye	Charles Watson	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction and Explanation of Hearing

Jim Hanks, attorney for the joint Boards of Loess Hills AEA 13 and Heartland AEA 11, identified materials that were provided to board members, including an agenda, a copy of the petition for reorganization, reorganization plans from both AEAs, a letter from the Department of Education acknowledging receipt of the petition, a map that outlines the boundaries of the new district, motion options for the Boards and voting guidelines.

The public hearing was held to present evidence and arguments by the petitioners and to share information from other interested parties.

Jim Hanks confirmed with Loess Hills AEA 13 that the affidavit regarding the number of registered voters for each districts was true and the petition for reorganization met Iowa Code, Section 275.12 signature requirements. The petition also conformed to the reorganization plans adopted by each AEA's Board of Directors. No objections were filed against the petition by the February 5, 2010 deadline.

Public Hearing

Presentation of Evidence and Arguments by Petitioners

Derrick Franck, attorney for the petitioners, explained the petition for the merging of the IKM and Manning Community School Districts. IKM and Manning have been involved in district sharing since the 2003-04 school year. The combined districts operate out of three sites located in Manning, Manilla and Irwin. They share staff members, teachers and business office staff and are already quite integrated. The districts also share transportation of students between existing districts, and programs meet state standards. There is a sense of community that has been aided by the success of the districts shared athletic programs.

The combined population of the shared districts is 5,117 with 52 percent of residents residing in the IKM district and 48 percent in the Manning district. The combined districts' assessed value is \$263M with IKM worth \$158M and Manning worth \$105M. The petition asks that the two districts be merged into the IKM-Manning Community School District. The new school district would consist of all territories in the two districts. The petitioners believe that the reorganization complies with the AEAs' reorganization plan and no further study is necessary. The petitioners request that the combined AEA

Boards of Directors call a special election for the April special election date and conduct other proceedings as necessary for the reorganization as requested in the petition.

No one asked to speak at the public hearing. It was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Deliberation and Decision by Boards

A MOTION was made by Steve Rose and seconded by Ken Petersen that the joint Board enter findings that it has jurisdiction over these proceedings, that there reside within the proposed district at least 300 persons of school age who were enrolled in public schools the previous year, that neither of the districts have approved the issuance of general obligation bonds during the six-month period preceding the petition, that a petition describing identical boundaries has not been voted on less than six months from the date the petition was filed and that the petition for reorganization of the IKM and Manning Community School Districts be sent to a vote, with boundaries to be set by further action of this board. A roll call vote was taken.

<i>Heartland AEA 11</i>		<i>Loess Hills AEA 13</i>	
Jane Bell	Absent	Randy Brown	Aye
Margaret Borgen	Aye	Nancy Coziahr	Aye
Earl Bridgewater	Aye	Ed Gambs	Aye
Bruce Christensen	Aye	Marland Gammon	Aye
Cal Halliburton	Absent	Ken Lee	Aye
Steve Rose	Aye	Richard Schenck	Absent
Marcy Sparks	Aye	Karen Thomsen	Absent
Nels Turnquist	Aye	Ken Petersen	Aye
Ann Wilson	Aye	Charles Watson	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

A friendly MOTION was made by Marcy Sparks and seconded by Ann Wilson to amend the motion to include the following language "...that the proposed method of election of school directors be approved..." A roll call vote was taken.

<i>Heartland AEA 11</i>		<i>Loess Hills AEA 13</i>	
Jane Bell	Absent	Randy Brown	Aye
Margaret Borgen	Aye	Nancy Coziahr	Aye
Earl Bridgewater	Aye	Ed Gambs	Aye
Bruce Christensen	Aye	Marland Gammon	Aye
Cal Halliburton	Absent	Ken Lee	Aye
Steve Rose	Aye	Richard Schenck	Absent
Marcy Sparks	Aye	Karen Thomsen	Absent
Nels Turnquist	Aye	Ken Petersen	Aye
Ann Wilson	Aye	Charles Watson	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Ken Petersen and seconded by Earl Bridgewater to hereby move that the boundaries for the proposed school corporation be fixed in accordance with those boundaries set forth in the petition for reorganization and that an election be conducted pursuant to law. A roll call vote was taken.

Heartland AEA 11

Jane Bell	Absent
Margaret Borgen	Aye
Earl Bridgewater	Aye
Bruce Christensen	Aye
Cal Halliburton	Absent
Steve Rose	Aye
Marcy Sparks	Aye
Nels Turnquist	Aye
Ann Wilson	Aye

Loess Hills AEA 13

Randy Brown	Aye
Nancy Coziahr	Aye
Ed Gambs	Aye
Marland Gammon	Aye
Ken Lee	Aye
Richard Schenck	Absent
Karen Thomsen	Absent
Ken Petersen	Aye
Charles Watson	Aye

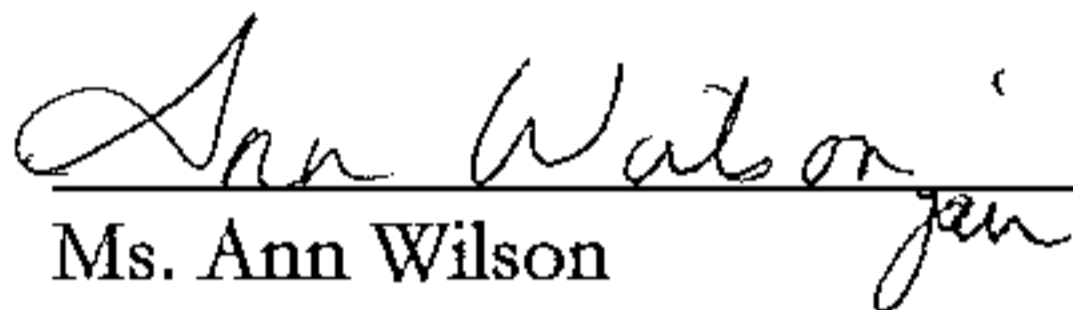
Motion passed unanimously.


The petition has been approved with boundaries set and the matter will proceed to an election scheduled for April 6, 2010 for residents to approve the merger.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 515/270-9030 ext. 14441, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.


 Ms. Ann Wilson
 Board President


 Ms. Jenny Ugolini
 Board Secretary

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