



MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114

Board of Education Board Meeting

6:30 PM, June 10, 2026

Manhattan District Office

15414 W. Smith Rd.

Manhattan, IL 60442

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Visitors to Be Heard
5. Recognitions/Presentations/Information
 - a. Recognitions
 - Retirement of Mr. Carl Minuth — Resource Teacher at Manhattan Junior High School
 - Outgoing PTO Board Members - Cassie Beno, Megan Laxton, and Stacy Ludwig
 - Adelyn Reichel, winner of Anna Mac's young author contest and club sponsor, 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Donovan.
 - Track and Field State Qualifiers
 - b. Presentations
 - Spring Benchmark Data - Presented by Mrs. Donovan
 - c. Information
 - FOIA requests since the May Board of Education meeting
 - Lauterbach & Amen, LLP: The audit has recently begun, and we are in our 3rd year working with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. The auditors will be on site the week of July 6th.
6. Administrator Reports
7. Superintendent Report

Dr. Aherne will present his report to the board.
8. Public Hearing On Amended FY26 Budget
 - a. Public Comment
9. Action Items
 - a. Resolution to Approve the FY26 Amended Budget
 - b. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - Special Meeting Minutes: May 6, 2026

- Regular Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2026
 - Closed Session Minutes: May 13, 2026
 - Committee of the Whole Minutes: May 27, 2026
2. Destruction of Closed Session Recordings
 - Special Board Meeting Closed Session: October 16, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting Closed Session: November 13, 2024
 3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 4. Acknowledgment of Lincoln-Way Special Education Minutes
 5. Approval of June Disbursements
 6. Approval of July Payroll
- c. Approval of the Personnel Report
- d. Acceptance of Gifts to District
- Per Board Policy 8:80, any donation, contribution, or gift to the district with a value over \$500 requires formal acceptance by the Board of Education. The following gifts have been offered and meet the stated criteria:
- Manhattan Junior High School received \$500 from the Athletic Boosters and \$500 from the Band Boosters for the memorial garden that will honor Chance Hunnicutt and Danny Balyes.
 - Wilson Creek received \$1000 from Addison Township Foundation
- e. Approval of Drop Ceiling Installation at Anna McDonald School.
- f. Approval of ComEd Energy Saving Program for Anna McDonald School
- g. Approval of the FY27 Student Handbook
- h. Adoption of the Manhattan District 114 Board Policy Customization Manual
- The IASB Board Policy Manual Customization began in the Fall of 2025 with an initial policy manual questionnaire meeting. Board members Brian Anderson, Chris Boswell attended the meeting with the IASB representative, along with Dr. Aherne and Kim Maher. The first draft of the new manual was received at the end of January. Each section of the manual was compared to our current manual. Once complete, we met once again with IASB for the editing meeting. During this meeting, district review notes and questions were addressed as well as another set of customization questions from IASB.
- The MSD114 Board Policy Manual Draft was completed in April. The board reviewed the draft manual at the following meetings:
- April 29th Special Meeting (1st reading)
 - May 13th Regular Meeting (2nd reading)
 - May 27th Committee of the Whole (3rd reading)
- The pending draft will be updated with language as discussed by the board during previous readings and PRESS Issues 120 and 121. Required resolutions from policies 2:125-E3 and 5:20-E will also be adopted.
1. Adopt Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements (2:125-E3)
The adoption of this resolution is required as part of the Board Policy Manual Customization process.
 2. Adopt Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment (5:20-E)

This adoption is required as part of the Board Policy Manual Customization process.

- i. Approval of Board of Education 2026-2027 Goals
The board participated in a goal workshop on May 6th with Katie Bulava from IASB to develop goals for the 2026-2027 school year. The following are the goals developed by the board:
 - The District will develop (by FY 27) and implement (by FY 28) a plan to reduce expenses in relation to revenue growth.
 - The District will develop (by FY 27) and implement (by FY 28) a sustainable curriculum renewal cycle.
 - The District will develop and implement (by FY27) a plan to increase diversity in staff.
 - The District will develop (by FY27) a long-range facilities management plan.
- j. Adoption of Prevailing Wage
Manhattan 114 always pays prevailing wage rates and, by state requirements, will continue to pay the prevailing wage rates and insist that contractors working for our district do so.
- k. Approval of Interfund Transfers/Budget Revision - FY26
This is part of the closing out of the fiscal year. We must ensure that all functions have a positive balance and that we do what is necessary to avoid deficit spending in any of the funds. These are only line item transfers within the already approved budget.
- l. Approval for the Superintendent to Authorize Payment of Additional Invoices Received Before the End of FY26.
- m. Approval Treasurer's Bond Renewal for FY27
A School District Treasurer Bond is a mandatory financial guarantee that protects public school funds from theft, fraud, or mismanagement by the district treasurer. Under the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/8-2), all public school treasurers must be bonded before they can lawfully receive, hold, or disburse any state or district funds.
 1. Approval of Appointments For FY27
 - Treasurer - Joe Trsar
 - Treasurer of Activity Accounts - Dr. Aherne
 - Depositories - First Bank of Manhattan, Old Plank Trail, Bernardi Securities
 - Attorney - Petrarca, Gleason, Boyle, & Izzo, LLC, Himes, Petrarca & Fester, and Tressler, LLP
 - Auditor - Lauterbach & Amen, LLP
- n. Approval of Recertification of Serious Safety Hazard Areas – FY27
This annual item allows the district to transport students who live less than 1-½ miles from their school due to railroad tracks, no sidewalks, or other hazardous conditions.
- o. Authorization of Budget Preparation For FY27

10. Board Reports
 - a. Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report
 - b. Illinois Association of School Boards Report
11. New/Old Business
12. Correspondence and Announcements
13. Closed Session

Board President Statement: Action is expected/not-expected to be taken when coming out of Closed Session

 - a. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Evaluation, Performance and/or Dismissal of Specific Employees, and/or Specific Individuals Who serve as Independent Contractors (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Risk Management (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12); Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Placement of individual students in special education.
 1. Potential Action to Approve the Personnel Matters including, New Hires of Employees, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence, Non-Renewals of Employment, and/or Employment Contracts
 2. Potential Action to Approve Postings for New Positions
 3. Potential Action to Approve Vendor Contracts
 4. Potential Action on Student Disciplinary Matters
14. Adjournment

NEXT MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole: June 24, 2026, at 6:00pm

Regular Board Meeting: July 15, 2026, 6:30 p.m.