

ATTACHMENT NO. VIII-J: Memorial Gift to Manchester Elementary in Honor of Mr. Harold Swezey

Potential motion: Move to accept a memorial gift in honor of Mr. Harold Swezey.

Recommended action: Approve the motion.

In honor of Mr. Harold Swezey, a former employee of North Boone, his family directed a memorial gift in the amount of \$645.00 to Manchester Elementary. This gift is to be used for the purchase of playground equipment. Please accept this donation in Mr. Swezey's honor.

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October 22, 2010

Dear Dr. Baule and North Boone School District Members,

Last April, a former employee of the North Boone School District passed away. Mr. Harold Swezey was a custodian at Manchester and also served as a bus driver for the district for many years. His enthusiasm and dedication for the district he worked for was very genuine. Because of this, the Manchester Grade School Gym was dedicated in his honor.

As part of an honor to Mr. Swezey, his family suggested memorials are directed to the Manchester Elementary Playground Equipment Fund. At this time, we have been given \$645.00 to put towards playground equipment.

Please recognize this donation from Mr. Swezey's family and join me in thanking the family for their monetary contribution.

Respectfully,

*Kristina M. Crawford*

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Dear Ms. Crawford,

I recently was in the Northern Illinois area for a 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion and spoke with one of my old school mates, Cathy Swezey Hicks. She spoke of recently losing her father, Harold, who was the janitor while I attended Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Swezey were wonderful custodians (Mrs. Swezey worked in the kitchen) and were loved by all who knew or worked with them.

Cathy explained Manchester's existence was tentative and the School Board was considering closing the school and consolidating with another. She explained the school needed a playground and was recommending donations be made in the name of her parents. As such, I am enclosing a check for \$100 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Swezey.

Manchester Elementary provided the basis of a solid education for me. Though I didn't appreciate it at the time, as I progressed through life's challenges I drew on the basic foundation that education provided. I've since obtained a Master of Social Work and my work duties require the administration of 3,010 employees and a budget of 480 million. I would not be successful today without the working tools provided by Manchester and its fine teachers.

In my county, most public schools have a student population in the thousands. Unfortunately, with the class sizes the teachers do not have the ability to spend quality time with the students. Subsequently, the dropout rate is high. It was good karma to have experienced what Manchester offered. I am thankful for the caring atmosphere of teachers who provided me with extra attention that made a difference.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Gauger, Chief Deputy