

REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, November 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Rob Brownell, Brand Robinson, Matt White, Bryan Petersen, and Ethan Severson.

Members Absent: Mike Swan.

Superintendent Brian Ayers, High School Principal Miranda Howells, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, Clerk Ann Heisler, and Executive Assistant Jamie Heaps were present throughout the entire proceedings. Guests attending the meeting are on the list attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brownell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Brownell recognized the visitors in attendance. Travis Kabalin shared an update on the softball field project and thanked many companies and individuals who have made generous donations of time, labor, and resources to keep costs to the District minimal. Mr. Kabalin reported that our softball team will be able to use the new field this spring to kick off their 2023 season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Brownell read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items.

Kristen Walter shared her frustration on the transition to a 5th and 6th grade intramural basketball program this year and shared that she would have liked to have more communication from the school prior to that decision being made.

Cory Taylor shared his concern regarding the condition of the Junior High Football helmets and he did not want the district to miss a potential opportunity to receive a donation for new helmets.

Superintendent Ayers will follow up with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Taylor to address their concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular October 11, 2022; October 2022 Payroll Warrants 3140427-3140463, \$589,215.12; October 2022 Claims Warrants 3080750-3080817, void 3080785, void 3080786, void 3080800, \$146,772.77; October 2022 Student Activities Checks 27058-27100, void 27085, \$9,270.62; the current Substitute, Volunteer, and Student Worker Lists for the 2022-2023 school year; Resignation of Hayley Moon as 5-8 Administrative Assistant effective 10/31/2022. The motion was seconded by Bryan Petersen and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings, and the approved substitute, volunteer, and student worker lists are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST

High school student Jordan Wagner addressed the board and answered questions they had about his plans after graduation. Ethan Severson moved to approve the early graduation request from Jordan Wagner pending meeting all graduation requirements. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and carried unanimously.

2022-2023 EMPLOYMENT

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2022-2023 school year with Keri Opheim as High School Special Education Paraprofessional. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2022-2023 school year with Jenni Holzworth moving from 5-8 Special Education Paraprofessional to 5-8 Administrative Assistant. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Matt White made a motion to approve a one-time payment of \$500 to Jean Hutchings for temporary head cook duties. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW NAME FOR THE OLD MAIN GYM

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed new name for the K-4 gym from Old Main Gym to the Jim Oriet Gymnasium. Bryan Petersen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2022-2023

Brand Robinson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the three Elementary FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for the 2022-2023 school year received and approved by Amsterdam School District and Three Forks School District. Bryan Petersen seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements from Amsterdam School District and Three Forks School District are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Ethan Severson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the two High School FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for the 2022-2023 school year received and approved by Belgrade School District and Willow Creek School District. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements from Belgrade School District and Willow Creek School District are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

MTSBA FY24 REVENUE DUES ESTIMATE

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed MTSBA FY24 Revenue Dues Estimate as proposed. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMERCIAL ENERGY NATURAL GAS PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Superintendent Ayers approved the Commercial Energy Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Amendment as follows: 18-Month Energy Safe (Fixed) Price of \$5.14/dkt for all gas delivered beginning December 1, 2022, through May 31, 2024. The Commercial Energy Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Amendment is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, and High School Principal Miranda Howells shared student scores from the fall assessments. These assessments showed an increase in proficiency in both ELA and Math. Upcoming events, including parent teacher conferences, in all buildings were shared with the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ayers discussed the work that is being done by the standing committees and other information that was in the district's first quarter newsletter. The District will be sending out surveys to stakeholder groups to determine if there is any interest in moving to a 4-Day School Week in the future.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of November 2022, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 12/6/2022