REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, November 14, 2023, 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, 6-12 Principal Miranda Howells, Clerk Ann Heisler, and Executive Assistant Amanda Dyksterhouse 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.

Lori Toner shared information about the You Matter Club for students in grades 3-5. The club was facilitated by elementary students two years ago with help from now retired elementary school counselor, Mrs. Woolbaugh. The student leaders of the club gave a presentation on the purpose of the club, how it began, what they do, positive impacts, and future plans. Kindness and friendship are the main components of the club. The new elementary school counselor Jenn Campbell and teacher Lori Toner will be working with the You Matter Club student leaders and will help to facilitate their ideas. They will also be continuing Thoughtful Thursdays and all students will be encouraged to complete the Thoughtful Thursday challenge.

The Girls Cross Country team, consisting of seven girls, were recognized and congratulated by the Board for their State Championship win, along with Coach Sarah Jambor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Chairman Brownell read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA
Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular October 10, 2023; October 2023 Payroll Warrants 3140904-3140948, $592,004.88; October 2023 Claims Warrants 3081447-3081501, void 3081499, $220,899.72; October 2023 Student Activities Checks 27529-27640, $16,941.16; the current Substitute, Volunteer, Student Worker, and Athletic Worker Lists for the 2023-2024 school year; The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings, the approved substitute, volunteer, student worker, and athletic worker lists are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS
EMPLOYMENT 2023-2024
Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract with Sami Goodman as part-time 6-12 Administrative Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year. Matt White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Matt White made a motion to approve an employment contract with Amelia Ortiz as Evening Custodian for the 2023-2024 school year. Ethan Severson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15-PASSENGER 2015 FORD TRANSIT VAN

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 15-passenger 2015 Ford Transit 350 Wagon XLT from Kendall Ford of Bozeman from Student Activities Funds. The Manhattan Booster Club will be donating $15,000 toward the purchase price of the van. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

MONTANA ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY GRANT APPLICATION AND MANHATTAN SCHOOL ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed Montana Advanced Opportunity Grant Application for FY2025. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved grant application is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the Manhattan School Advanced Opportunities Strategic Plan. Ethan Severson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The approved strategic plan is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

CONSCIOUS CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the proposed Conscious Classroom "Mindfulness, Movement, and Yoga Curriculum". Bryan Petersen seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

LEHRKINDS BEVERAGE CONTRACT

After discussion, the Lehrkinds Beverage Contract was tabled until the next regular Board meeting in December in order to clarify language in the contract regarding lost profits.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2023-2024

Ethan Severson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the one FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year received and approved by Bozeman School District. Matt White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement from Bozeman School District is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Matt White made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the two FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for the 2023-2024 school year received and approved by Three Forks School District. Bryan Petersen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements from Three Forks School District are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

ESTABLISH BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

Superintendent Ayers shared that with the large number of policy changes made in the past and anticipated upcoming policy changes, it is recommended that a Board policy committee be established. Chairman Brownell appointed Mike Swan and Bryan Petersen to serve on the Board policy committee.

UPDATE TO 3413-F2 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION STATEMENT

The new update to 3413-F2 Religious Exemption Statement requires no notarization and submission of the form is only required once for each student. The updated 3413-F2 Religious Exemption form is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

DATE OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING
The winter concerts are the same week and night of the regularly scheduled December 12, 2023, Board meeting, therefore, the next regular Board meeting was rescheduled to Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the HS Activities Room.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT
The K-5 Principal Jeff Blessum's report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The 6-12 Principal Miranda Howells, 6-12 Athletic Director Brad Ballantyne, and the Manhattan Booster Club reports are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Ayers informed the Board that the 1st Quarter District Newsletter has been shared with the public. The Superintendent Advisory Council met today with agenda topics including the 4-day school week and open enrollment. The Safety Committee will be meeting during the PIR day with the E3 App being one of the topics of discussion. The Wellness Committee will also be meeting during the PIR day with plans to host a wellness fair in February or March. The MTSS Grant Committee meets once a month. Superintendent Ayers also shared that our enrollment numbers are down 78 students in the last two years with the three-year average also being down which is significantly affecting budgets. The model policy from MTSBA regarding open enrollment should be received soon with hopes to bring it to the Board in January. There have been lots of questions revolving around open enrollment from the community. Superintendent Ayers said that he will be putting 4-day school week measurable data on the website after 1st semester and he also mentioned that the district received an OCR letter regarding handicapped accessibility on our football field.

CLAIMS
Vouchered claims for the month of November 2023 were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

_____ ATTEST: _____
Robert Brownell, Chairman Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 12/11/2023