

REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 12, 2022

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mike Swan, Brand Robinson, Matt White, Bryan Petersen, and Ethan Severson.

Members Not Present: Rob Brownell

Superintendent Brian Ayers, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, Athletic Director Pat Lynch, 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

Vice-Chairman Swan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Vice-Chairman Swan recognized the visitors in attendance.

Tigers of the Month 5-8 students Kye Fatouros, Trey Aune, Savannah Droge, and Keagon Metcalf were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mike Swan read a letter on behalf of Chairman Rob Brownell who could not be in attendance for this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular March 8, 2022, Special March 24, 2022; March 2022 Payroll Warrants 40122-40164, voids 40122, 40123, \$565,858.57; March 2022 Claims Warrants 3080299-3080336, void 3080330, \$129,919.26; March 2022 Student Activities Checks 26867-26887, 26903, void 26876, \$8,709.06; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2021-2022 school year; Unpaid leave request from Steve Whitney for April 6-8, 2022 (1.5 days); Resignation from Eric Dighans as custodian effective 3/25/2022; Resignation from Bonnie Peterson as SPED paraprofessional effective 4/8/2022; Resignation from Jason Slater as High School Principal effective 6/10/2022. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings, the approved substitute teacher and volunteer list, are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2021-2022 EMPLOYMENT

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve an employment contract with Mikal Jones as Junior High Head Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Matt White made a motion to approve an employment contract with Kennon Douglas as Junior High Assistant Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

2022-2023 AMSTERDAM TUITION AGREEMENT

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Tuition Agreement with Amsterdam School District as proposed. Matt White seconded, and it carried unanimously. The 2022-2023 Amsterdam Tuition Agreement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

HARLOW'S BUS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Ethan Severson moved to approve the proposed 5-year Harlow's bus transportation contract from 7/1/2022-6/30/2027. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson, which carried unanimously. The 2022-2027 Harlow's bus transportation contract is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

CHANGE TO 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Ethan Severson moved to approve the proposed change to the 2022-2023 school year calendar to change a vacation day from February 17, 2023, to January 27, 2023, to enable our school district to host the 2023 State Speech and Drama meet. Bryan Petersen seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved 2022-2023 school calendar is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

2022-2023 EMPLOYMENT

Matt White moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year with the K-4 tenured teachers as proposed, to include Caroline Bark (Daigh) and Adam Zan Zee, who will achieve tenure with this contract. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Bryan Petersen moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year with the 5-8 tenured teachers as proposed, to include Samuel Howell and Kathleen Walker, who will achieve tenure with this contract; and to approve teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year with the 5-8 non-tenured teachers as proposed. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Ethan Severson moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year with the High School tenured teachers as proposed, to include Mikal Jones, Joshua Mostad, and Kraig Rieger, who will achieve tenure with this contract; and to approve teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year with the high school non-tenured teachers as proposed. Matt White seconded and the motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Brand Robinson moved to increase Marisa Stewart's tenured teacher contract from .57 FTE to 1.0 FTE in the 2022-2023 school year. Ethan Severson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The approved K-4, 5-8, and high school tenured and non-tenured teacher lists are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES – 2ND READING

The Board held a 2nd reading on the following policy updates: **7400** Credit Card Use moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Brand Robinson; **8460** Naming School District Facilities moved by Ethan Severson and seconded Matt White. The 2 aforementioned policy adoptions and/or update motions were carried unanimously. The approved policy updates are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES – 1ST READING

The Board held a 1st reading on the following policy updates: **1520** Board Staff Communications moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Brand Robinson; **2161P** Special Education Procedures moved by Brand Robinson and seconded by Matt White; **2167**

Correspondence Courses, not to include the optional language, moved by Bryan Petersen and seconded by Ethan Severson; **2168** Distance, Online, and Technology Learning moved by Brand Robinson and seconded by Ethan Severson; **2170** Digital Academy Classes moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Bryan Petersen; **2312** Copyright moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Matt White; **2510** School Wellness moved by Brand Robinson and seconded by Ethan Severson; **3121** Enrollment and Attendance Records moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Bryan Petersen; **3310** Student Discipline moved by Matt White and seconded by Brand Robinson; **3413F1 and 3413F2** Immunization Exemption Forms moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Matt White; **3416** Administering Medicines to Students moved by Bryan Petersen and seconded by Brand Robinson; **5223** Personal Conduct moved by Matt White and seconded by Bryan Petersen; **5228P** Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers moved by Ethan Severson and seconded by Matt White. The 14 aforementioned policy adoptions and/or update motions were approved on 1st reading because they reflected changes made during the 2021 legislative session and all carried unanimously. The approved policy updates are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

Superintendent Ayers said that he is not recommending any changes to our Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at this time. School Nurse Maggie Secrest is keeping Superintendent Ayers informed on the COVID cases at the school district, which is being monitored closely.

RESIGNATION OF HS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH CHRIS GRABOWSKA

Superintendent Ayers informed the Board that Chris Grabowska is stepping down as the high school head football coach and commended his years of service to the program.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 3, 2022

The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Ballots will be mailed on Friday, April 15, 2022. The two Trustees up for re-election are Rob Brownell and Brand Robinson. Incumbents Rob Brownell, Brand Robinson, and newcomer Bernadette McCrory, have filed for the two open positions. Community outreach to share information about the trustee election and the high school general fund operating levy consisted of townhall meetings, flyers, advisory council meetings, social media, Belgrade News, radio stations, and the district newsletter.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey shared the STEM projects and events that will be taking place in the elementary school. Mr. Harvey also informed the Board that the K-4 students have SBAC testing beginning on April 25, 2022.

5-8 Principal Eric Fisher commended the 7th and 8th grade students that competed at the Academic Olympics in Bozeman. Mr. Fisher also shared that SBAC testing will be starting in April as well.

High School Principal Jason Slater gave a quick overview of the last month including attendance rates, and upcoming ACT testing. Activities Director Pat Lynch updated the Trustees on the athletic and activities programs in the high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school facility use report was given to the Trustees highlighting the upcoming Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters State Match.

Superintendent Ayers informed the trustees of the upcoming continued efforts to share information regarding the upcoming high school general fund operating levy.

Superintendent Ayers also addressed the issue of bullying in the district and shared information regarding steps being taken to implement additional supervision and in-school suspension procedures.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 5/10/2022