

## **REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 11, 2022**

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

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

Superintendent Brian Ayers, High School Principal Jason Slater, 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.

Rotary high school student of the month Riley Hill was recognized by the Board.

Tigers of the Month 5-8 students Kenzlee Swenson, Cooper Petersen, Helen Raaf, and Payton Schuelke were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

## **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**

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular December 7, 2021; December 2021 Payroll Warrants 39995-40041, \$575,428.41; December 2021 Claims Warrants 3080137-3080184, voids 3080150, 3080154, \$144,369.23; December 2021 Student Activities Checks 26690-26753, 26780, \$23,170.63; write-off outstanding district warrants and activities fund checks over one year old - 39195, 39512, 39535, 77761, 78065, 78086, 78283, 78356, 78368, 78385, 79305, 26074, 26090, 26116, 26283; Resignation from John Sillitti as High School Counselor, Head Cross Country Coach, and Head Track Coach effective 1/5/2022; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year; Discretionary leave request from Lisa Calkins for February 22-25, 2022 (4 days). The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings, the list of outstanding checks over one year old approved for write-off, the approved substitute teacher and volunteer list, are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **2022-2023 EMPLOYMENT**

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve an employment contract with Dinah Olson (Sime) as HS Head Volleyball coach for the 2022-23 school year. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS**

Ethan Severson moved to approve the 2021-2022 early graduation requests from Noah Kamerman, Mariesa Orona and Alaysia LaFournaise, pending meeting all graduation requirements. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

## **2021-2022 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MEA**

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the extension of the 2021-2022 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Manhattan Education Association (MEA) due to Covid-19 that was first approved at the regular October board meeting. The extension will go through the end of the school year on June 2, 2022. The approved 2021-2022 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) extension is 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 reviewed the change to the CDC recommendation regarding isolation time after receiving a positive Covid-19 test result. The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan has been changed to reflect the updated CDC recommended isolation time. The isolation time for someone within the school district who tests positive for Covid-19 will be 5 days rather than 10 days if the required conditions are met. The change to our Safe Return Plan Contact Tracing is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

### **MHSA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS**

High School Principal Jason Slater reviewed the MHSA Proposals that will be voted on at the 2022 MHSA Annual Meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022.

### **ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 3, 2022**

District Clerk Ann Heisler reviewed the annual school election calendar and key dates with the Board. The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Rob Brownell and Brand Robinson. Nominating Petitions for the open positions must be filed with the District Clerk by March 24, 2022, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Principal Neil Harvey reviewed the success of the winter events in the elementary school. Mr. Harvey updated the Trustees on MAP and Dibbles testing. 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher shared that the food drive collected by students fed over 60 families. Mr. Fisher also shared that the winter concerts went well and the 5-8 students and staff are focusing on teamwork throughout the month of January. High School Principal Jason Slater gave a quick overview of the last month including the very successful assembly with Terrance Talley.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The school facility use report was given to the Trustees. Superintendent Ayers gave a quick overview of the Superintendent Advisory Councils and the positive things coming from those meetings. Minutes from those meetings will be shared with the Trustees. Mr. Ayers also gave an overview of upcoming committee meetings and the PIR schedule.

### **SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Executive Session**

Chairman Brownell determined that the matter of the Superintendent's Evaluation involves individual privacy and public disclosure would not be in the best interest of the Superintendent. He called an Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Following Executive Session, Chairman Brownell reconvened the meeting at 12:10 a.m.

Matt White made a motion to approve an additional one year to Superintendent Brian Ayers' current employment contract. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

**CLAIMS**

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 12:15 a.m.

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Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

**Board Approved 2/8/2022**