

REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2021

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, December 7, 2021, 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 Madalynn Eickelberg was recognized by the Board.

Senior students Alaysia LaFournaise, Mariesa Orona, and Noah Kamerman introduced themselves to the Board and said they are requesting early graduation. These early graduation requests will be reviewed by the Board for approval at the January 2022 meeting.

Tigers of the Month 5-8 students Lina Christiansen, Seth Revell, Kaytriel Heaps, and Caleb Rehm 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

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular November 9, 2021; November 2021 Payroll Warrants 39959-39994, \$583,208.72; November 2021 Claims Warrants 80067-80120, 3080121-3080136, void 80081, \$156,306.06; November 2021 Student Activities Checks 26655-26689, 26703, void 26678, \$29,488.24; Resignation from Chelle White as Kitchen Aide effective 11/19/2021; Resignation from Sheala Perkins as Kitchen Aide effective 12/2/2021; Resignation from Chelsey Fauque as Kitchen Aide effective 12/2/2021; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year; Coaching staff contract renewals for Patrick Hutchins as JH Head Wrestling, Torger Sikveland as 5th/6th grade Girls Basketball, and Adam VanZee as 5th/6th grade Girls Basketball. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings and the approved substitute teacher and volunteer list are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2021-2022 EMPLOYMENT

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract with Tori Lucier as HS Assistant Girls Basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Matt White made a motion to approve an employment contract with Torger Sikveland as Assessment Coordinator for the 2021-22 school year. Ethan Severson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve an employment contract with Kristen Walter as JH Assistant Girls Basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve an employment contract with Tracy Grabowska as JH Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2021-22 school year. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract, pending a successful fingerprint background check with Sandra Spencer as Kitchen Aide for the 2021-22 school year. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MHSA APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MCS FOR FOOTBALL

Bryan Petersen moved to approve the MHSA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities Renewal Agreement with Manhattan Christian School for Football for the school years of 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved MHSA Cooperative Sponsorship Renewal Agreement with MCS for Football is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES – 3RD READING

The Board held a third reading on the following policy update: **2221P** – School Closure Procedures, which was moved for approval by Mike Swan and seconded by Brand Robinson. The policy update carried unanimously. The approved policy update 2221P 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 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. OPI will review our Safe Return Plan in December 2021. The District also submitted an update to OPI of our ARP-ESSER Plan.

In January, the Board will need to discuss the current 2021-2022 MOA with the MEA regarding Covid-19 and determine whether or not to extend it.

FACILITY PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE – SOFTBALL FIELDS

Superintendent Ayers updated the Trustees regarding the proposed softball fields project that was discussed at the Facility Planning and Building Committee meeting. In 2019, the Board committed \$50,000 of district funds to pay for the project. The project stalled in 2020 due to Covid-19. The district would like the project to move forward at this time, depending on updated costs to complete the project. Several donors have stepped up to help fund the project or to provide in-kind services. Stahly Engineering agreed to simplify the design to cut the original estimated cost for their services. After the design is revised, another meeting will be scheduled for next steps. Construction could possibly start in March 2022.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Superintendent Ayers said that our Adult Education Coordinator Ginny Francis is putting together a course description list and registration information for the Spring of 2022 and that will be included in the 2nd quarter district newsletter. Classes will remain free of charge and district residents will have priority sign-ups over non-district residents.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Principal Neil Harvey reviewed the upcoming events in the K-4 elementary school including the winter concerts, Santa visiting classrooms and class parties. 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher shared the work that Peer Helpers are doing including the food drive and candy grams. Mr. Fisher also shared that mid-year math assessments are underway. This is a new practice this school year. High School Principal Jason Slater gave a quick overview of the last month. Mr. Slater shared the attendance rate and addressed the issue of high-risk students and 1st semester drop outs. Mr. Slater has scheduled school assemblies for K-12 students with Terrance Talley in December 2021.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The school facility use report was given to the Trustees. Superintendent Ayers gave a quick overview of the Superintendent Advisory Councils that have started up and are meeting prior to the winter break. The goal is to create opportunities to listen and learn from a variety of stakeholders to lay a foundation for deeper community engagement. Mr. Ayers also invited the Trustees to the District Christmas party to be held on December 18, 2021.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of December 2021, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 1/11/2022