

REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, September 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Vice-Chairman Swan called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: Rob Brownell.

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

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 Leah Vanden Toorn, Chris Zacher, Brooklyn Lynch, and Hudson Johnson 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.

Jennifer Carlson expressed her concern regarding an issue that presented on the first day of school regarding student introductions to include the student's pronoun. She acknowledged that the issue was dealt with and resolved prior to this Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular August 17, 2021; Board Minutes – Special August 23, 2021; August 2021 Payroll Warrants 39871-39890, \$119,409.12; August 2021 Claims Warrants 79890-79942, voids 79915, \$184,806.94; August 2021 Student Activities Checks None; Resignation from Laura Sandidge as Day Custodian effective 8/28/2021; Resignation from George Vossen as Evening Custodian effective 9/10/2021; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year; Discretionary Leave request from Cheryl Curry, September 9-14, 2021, for a total of 4 days. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson 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

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve an employment contract with Eric Dighans as a Day Custodian for the 2021-22 school year. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract with Allen Severeid as a Driver's Education Instructor for the regular 2021-22 school year at the new rate of \$27/hour. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ALL SEASONS CLEANING CONTRACT 2021-2022

Superintendent Ayers reviewed the details regarding a cleaning contract with All Seasons Cleaning to provide custodial services as an independent contractor in the K-4 Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year due to being unable to hire custodians. Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed 2021-2022 contract with All Seasons Cleaning, LLC. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The approved contract is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2021-2022

Bryan Petersen made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the one FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year received and approved by Willow Creek School District. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement from Willow Creek School District for the 2021-2022 school year is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Matt White made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the three FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for the 2021-2022 school year received and approved by Amsterdam School District. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements from Amsterdam School District for the 2021-2022 school year is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

2410P BOARD POLICY UPDATE

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an update to Board Policy 2410P High School Graduation Requirements. The updated language allows for flexibility in who the District has agreements with from year to year. The motion was seconded by Bryan Petersen and carried unanimously. The approved 2410P policy is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

APPOINT TRUSTEE TO MANHATTAN PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD

The Manhattan Public School Foundation Board made a request for a Trustee to be appointed to the Manhattan Public School Foundation Board as the School Board Representative. The most recent School Board Representative was Dennis Grue, who has stepped down as he is no longer a School Board Trustee. After discussion, the Board tabled the appointment until next month.

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 the 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. The school district needs additional substitute teachers and the employment application is on the school website if interested.

BOARD POLICY 3150 – PART TIME ATTENDANCE

The Board held a 1st reading on Policy 3150 Part-Time Attendance. Superintendent Ayers received guidance from MTSBA to add one additional requirement to those seeking part-time enrollment. This additional requirement is to maintain consistency with other policies regarding course selections. This policy update will go to a second reading in October.

BOARD POLICY 4330 – COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board held a 1st reading on Policy 4330 Community Use of School Facilities. Superintendent Ayers proposed amending the fee schedule for facility rentals.

Because MHSAs rules and regulations prohibit the school district to waive fees for coaches, this update will help keep the fees equitable for coaches seeking to use the school facilities for summer camps. This policy update will go to a second reading in October.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

The three Principals shared their appreciation for staff, students, and parents for a successful kick off to the 2021-22 school year. K-4 Principal Neil Harvey shared that DIBBLES and MAP testing will be starting up and RtI team work is underway. 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher echoed thanks to his staff and families. Mr. Fisher also shared that RtI programs in the 5-8 building are already underway and emphasized teacher focus on offering support to students in need. High School Principal Jason Slater gave congratulations to Rotary Student of the Month for September, Sarah Kreitzer. Mr. Slaters also shared that he hosted a MTSS staff training and that the high school has adopted a MTSS behavior rubric to be used in the high school to promote consistency.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The current facility use report was shared with the Board. Superintendent Ayers read the strategic objectives in the District's five goal areas to be implemented over the next two years. Mr. Ayers said that our school district will be hosting the common PIR day for School Services of Montana on September 24, 2021, to provide training to staff on SEL (Social Emotional Learning) strategies. The District is also considering offering onsite COVID testing by request only. Additional information about COVID testing will be discussed at the October meeting.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 10/12/2021