

REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 2020

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, October 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Rob Brownell, Dennis Grue via phone, Brand Robinson, Mike Swan, Ethan Severson, and Matt White.

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

Chairman Brownell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Brownell recognized the visitors in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Brownell read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. A community member asked about the status of the softball field project. Chairman Brownell expressed a special thanks to everyone who reached out to him with the recent passing of his mom.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular September 8, 2020; September 2020 Payroll Warrants 39423-39460, \$579,238.44; September 2020 Claims Warrants 79113-79177, \$251,538.93; September 2020 Student Activities Checks 26173-26216, 26228, \$12,256.75; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2020-2021 school year; Mikal Jones - 2020-2021 Extra Duty assignment of Graduation; Coaching renewals as follows: Erin Wells – from JH Assistant Girls Basketball to JH Head Girls Basketball, Dani Davison – JH Assistant Girls Basketball. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson 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

2020-2021 EMPLOYMENT

Brand Robinson moved to approve an employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a successful background check with the following: Sheala Perkins – Part-time Kitchen aide, Lauren Nielson – Part-time EL (English Language) Teacher aide. The motion was seconded by Matt White, which carried unanimously.

AMSTERDAM STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2020-2021

Matt White made a motion to approve the 38 FP-14 Amsterdam Student Attendance Agreements for the 2020-2021 school year as proposed, which includes 21 – 7th graders and 17 – 8th graders. Mike Swan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The list of Amsterdam student names with an approved FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement on file for the 2020-2021 school year is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT 2020-2021

Mike Swan made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year received and approved by Amsterdam School District. Matt White seconded, and it carried unanimously. The FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

HARLOW'S TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT ADDENDUM 2020-2021

After discussion, Ethan Severson moved to approve the Harlow's Transportation Contract Addendum as proposed for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried with no dissenting votes. The contract addendum is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EARLY RELEASE/TEACHER PREP TIME

After discussion, Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the Early Release/Teacher Prep Time every Friday at 1 pm beginning October 23, 2020, due to COVID-19. The motion was seconded by Matt White, which carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICIES – 2nd READING TITLE IX POLICY UPDATES

The Board held a 2nd Reading on the MTSBA proposed Title IX Board Policy updates as follows: 3210, 3225, 3225P, 3225F, 3226, 3310, 5010, 5012, 5012P, 5012F, 5015. Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the Title IX policy updates as proposed. Mike Swan seconded, which carried with no dissenting votes. The approved Title IX policy updates are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

OPI OFFICIAL FALL ENROLLMENT COUNT DATE

On the OPI Fall Enrollment Count date of October 5, 2020, total enrollment was 727 students (overall down 21 from 19-20) which includes 237 in grades K-4 (down 17 from 19-20), 241 in grades 5-8 (up 6 from 19-20), and 249 in grades 9-12 (down 10 from 19-20). The official student counts as submitted to OPI are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

PRINCIPALS' AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, High School Principal Jason Slater, and Athletic Director Pat Lynch, updated the Board on COVID-19 volunteer, visitor, and facilities use restrictions, remote learning, MAP testing, student recognition and positive experiences, red ribbon week, homecoming week, and the current status of post season games for volleyball and football.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ayers gave a report to the Board on the following topics:

1. The Strategic Plan Committee (Policy 1610) continues to be a high priority to review our current goals and report back to the Board any updates and/or changes.
2. The entire Administration continues to recognize & appreciate the extra time that teachers are putting in with the full in school teaching and remote learning platforms.
3. An extra special thanks and appreciation to our nurse Maggie, who is doing an excellent job of communicating & supporting our students and parents during this pandemic.
4. Parent Teacher conferences will be held remotely this year on November 11th-12th due to COVID-19 concerns. The annual elementary book fair will be open to students only.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of September 2020, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 11/10/2020