

REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, September 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Trustee Severson called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: Rob Brownell

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

Trustee Severson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Trustee Severson recognized the visitors in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Severson read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Matt White made a motion to pull the approval of the graduation extra duty assignment from the consent agenda and table it until next month. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular August 11, 2020; August 2020 Payroll Warrants 39404-39422, \$128,153.16; August 2020 Claims Warrants 79077-79112, void 79083, \$39,291.71; August 2020 Student Activities Checks 26165-26172, 26180, \$13,901.86; Resignations from Chris Nagel - Custodian effective 8/10/2020, and John Dodd – Afterschool Assistant effective 9/9/2020; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2020-2021 school year; Wise Woods Preschool Contracted Services for the 2020-2021 school year; 2020-2021 Extra Duty Assignment list as proposed, excluding graduation; 2020-2021 Coaching renewals as follows: Erin Wells – JH Assistant Girls Basketball, Patrick Hutchins – JH Head Wrestling, Mikal Jones – JH Head Track, Dani Davison – JH Assistant Volleyball; Internal position changes as follows: Chelsey Fauque – from PT Kitchen Aide to FT Kitchen Aide, Nadel Campbell – from Custodian/Kitchen Aide to 5-8 Special Education Aide, Jamie Heaps – from Substitute teacher to Supt Executive Assistant. 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; and the approved extra duty assignment list are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS

Brand Robinson moved to approve the 2020-2021 Early Graduation requests from Hannah Opeim and Tristan Lucas, pending meeting all graduation requirements. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WORK RELEASE REQUESTS

Matt White made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Work Release requests from Ryan Baeth and Jaiden Freese. Mike Swan seconded, which carried with no dissenting votes.

2020-2021 EMPLOYMENT

Mike Swan moved to approve an employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a successful background check with the following: Bria Coder – 5-8 Special Education Aide, Nigel Clark – Custodian, RaeAnna Pulfer – Afterschool Assistant. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried with no dissenting votes.

2020-2021 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MEA

Matt White moved to approve the proposed 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement with the MEA. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

BOARD POLICIES – 1ST READING TITLE IX POLICY UPDATES

The Board held a 1st Reading on the MTSBA proposed Title IX Board Policy updates as follows: 3210, 3225, 3225P, 3225F, 3226, 3310, 5010, 5012, 5012P, 5012F, 5015.

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 expectations and compliance in each of their schools, number of remote and homeschool students, and our spectator policy for Fall sports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. The Strategic Plan Committee (Policy 1610) will be meeting soon to review our current goals and will report back to the Board any updates and/or changes.
2. There are several pending issues that have been prioritized this school year with other more immediate issues resulting from COVID-19 and the reopening of our schools. These pending issues, including getting the various committee meetings scheduled, traffic study results from Sanderson Stewart and making changes as recommended, and the Athletic Wall of Valor, will begin to be addressed as soon as possible.
3. The Administration recognizes & appreciates the extra time that teachers are putting in with the full in school teaching and remote learning platforms that are necessary this year due to COVID-19.
4. The school district received money from the Governor's CRF (Coronavirus Relief Fund) and from the ESSER CARES (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) to be used for COVID related expenditures. The balances available were reviewed as of the Board meeting date.
5. It was discussed that the increase in homeschooled students in our district due to COVID-19 could have a significant financial impact on our general fund budgets next school year. The district will carefully monitor our student enrollment counts particularly during the two OPI official enrollment count dates in October 2020 and February 2021.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Trustee Severson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 10/13/2020