REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 9, 2020
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, June 9, 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, Mike Swan, Ethan Severson, and Matt White.

Members Absent: Brand Robinson.

Superintendent Jeff Blessum, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 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
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. No comments were made.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS - The Board Information Items was moved up to accommodate the schedule of guest speakers. All Trustees were in favor of the agenda change.

ELEMENTARY READING CURRICULUM
Melissa Tovaas from School Services of Montana (SSoM) and Sarah Hendrickson, Manhattan's Reading Specialist, did a presentation on our new K-4 reading curriculum Collaborative Literacy purchased from the Center for the Collaborative Classroom. The last update to our reading program was in 2008.

SANDERSON STEWART PRESENTATION
Engineers Mike Russell and Joey Staszcuk from Sanderson Stewart, did a brief presentation to the Board on their recently completed traffic study regarding the flow of traffic in and out of the school parking lots during peak times, including morning, afterschool, athletic events, etc. They focused on safety, traffic backup, and pickup/drop off. They have given administration a full written report, including the results of the traffic study, proposed improvements and recommendations involving little to no cost, potential cost sharing with the Town of Manhattan for road improvements and ADA compliance. They noted the importance of buy in from the police and fire departments, staff, students, PTO, etc. which would involve open communication about what our intent is if any changes are made.

CONSENT AGENDA
Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular May 12, 2020; May 2020 Payroll Warrants 39265-39299, $534,442.58; May 2020 Claims Warrants 78799-78892, $362,871.60; May 2020 Student Activities Checks 26132-26143, 26151, $1,559.00; Resignation from Sonja Johnson – Paraprofessional;

3% salary increase to 2020-2021 administrator and salaried positions per list; Classified staff wage schedule for 2020-2021; Summer School 2020 High School – Heather Klonsinski, Carole Stickley; Summer School 2020 Elementary – Julie Frank, Sara Vacarro, Laurel Stillman, Sarah Hendrickson, Sheri Johnson; Contract renewal for the 2020-2021 school year with Rock Creek Teletherapy. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried unanimously. The list of administrator and other salaried position salaries for 2020-2021, the classified staff wage schedule for 2020-2021, and the approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS
ADDITION OF GIRLS WRESTLING FOR 2020-2021
Mike Swan made a motion to approve the addition of girls wrestling to our MHSA activities beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Ethan Severson seconded, which carried unanimously.

MHSA DUES FOR 2020-2021
Matt White moved to approve the proposed 2020-2021 MHSA Annual Dues, Liability Catastrophe Plan insurance premium, and Concussion insurance. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried with no dissenting votes.

It was reported that Belgrade School District did not approve the proposed soccer cooperative with Manhattan School District beginning in 2020-2021, so our Board approved MHSA Cooperative Agreement will not be sent to MHSA and will be voided.

COLLECTIVE GAINING AGREEMENT FOR 2020-2021
Superintendent Blessum reviewed the 2020-2021 Collective Gaining Agreement proposal which will be a 1-year agreement; 3% increase to the base, which moves the base to $31,850; increase to the monthly employer insurance contribution as follows: Employee only $33/month increase - Total $571/month, Employee/Spouse $51/month increase – Total $835/month, Employee/Children $48/month increase – Total $800/month, Family $63/month increase – Total $1,020/month. The MEA has approved and ratified the proposed agreement. Mike Swan moved to approve the 2020-2021 Collective Gaining Agreement as presented. Matt White seconded, which carried unanimously. The approved changes to the 2020-2021 Agreement are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EMPLOYMENT 2020-2021
Ethan Severson moved to approve an employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a successful background check, with Kay Adams – HS Business teacher, Charli Chapman – HS Head Girls Basketball coach, and Dinah Olson – HS Assistant Volleyball coach. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT
K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, and High School Principal Jason Slater updated the Board on the completion of the 2019-2020 school year with the successes and challenges of online learning due to COVID-19; the status of summer school, the current teacher openings for 2020-2021, and other topics of interest in each of their schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Blessum gave a report to the Board on the following topics:

1. A special thanks and appreciation to the entire staff for all of their hard work during the COVID-19 school closure and the many changes and accommodations that needed to be made in all areas of the school.

2. A review of each committee that was started during the 2019-2020 school year and the expectation that the work continues in each of these committees.
3. A 2-day workshop by SAM (School Administrators of Montana) will be held July 27-July 28 to help schools reopen safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our entire administrative team will be attending this workshop.
4. Our incoming Superintendent Brian Ayers told the Board that he will finish his online classes by the end of June to receive his superintendent certification. He will be contacting each Trustee soon to setup a meeting with each one, and looks forward to leading our school district successfully.

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

_____ ATTEST: _____
Robert Brownell, Chairman Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved July 14, 2020