REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 14, 2020

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, April 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

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

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 attended the meeting electronically.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular March 10, 2020, Special March 17, 2020, Special March 26, 2020; March 2020 Payroll Warrants 39191-39230, $515,497.84; March 2020 Claims Warrants 78680-78742, voids 78681, 78688, 78728, $152,906.00; March 2020 Student Activities Checks 26102-26128, 26140, $16,856.60; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2019-2020 school year; Resignation from Lexi Glaus – HS Business Education teacher; Resignation from Kelsi Vincent – $5^{th}/6^{th}$ grade Science teacher. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried unanimously. 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

AMSTERDAM TUITION AGREEMENT 2020-2021

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Tuition Agreement with Amsterdam School District as proposed. Dennis Grue seconded, and it carried unanimously. The 2020-2021 Amsterdam Tuition Agreement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD POLICIES

BP 3141 DISCRETIONARY NONRESIDENT STUDENT – 3^{RD} READING; BP 1900 TEMPORARY COVID-19 EMERGENCIES POLICIES AND 1901 COVID-19 USE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS DURING PERIODS OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

The Board held a third reading on BP 3141 Discretionary Nonresident Student. Matt White moved to approve BP 3141 Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy as proposed. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue, which carried with no dissenting votes. After discussion, Mike Swan moved to approve BP 1900 Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Policies, and BP 1901 COVID-19 Use of Transportation Funds during Periods of School Closure as proposed. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried with no dissenting votes.

The approved policies BP 3141, BP 1900, and BP 1901, are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

HARLOW'S BUS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT REVISION 2019-2020 DUE TO THE SCHOOL CLOSURE

After discussion, Dennis Grue made a motion to approve the Harlow's bus transportation contract revision for the 2019-2020 school year due to the school closure, with the option to revisit the contract if needed. The school will pay 100% of the contract through 3/31/2020 (134 days) and 67% for the remainder of the school year (44 days). Ethan Severson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The approved transportation contract payments for the 2019-2020 school year due to the school closure are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

MHSA APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP WITH BELGRADE SCHOOLS FOR SOCCER

Ethan Severson moved to approve the MHSA Cooperative Sponsorship with Belgrade Schools for Soccer beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was seconded by Matt White, which carried with no dissenting votes. The cooperative agreement will be voted on by Belgrade Schools in May, as it needs to be approved by both schools in order for MHSA to consider it. The approved MHSA Cooperative Agreement from Manhattan School is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EMPLOYMENT 2020-2021

Brand Robinson moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with the elementary tenured and non-tenured teachers as proposed, to include the following teachers who will achieve tenure with this contract: Kate Davis, Hayley Pettit, Beverly Richardson, and Amanda Swenson. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Ethan Severson moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with the high school tenured and non-tenured teachers as proposed, to include no teachers achieving tenure with this contract. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

The approved elementary and high school tenured and non-tenured teacher lists are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

MUST INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES

The school district has received the renewal rates for our 2020-2021 health insurance and will be meeting with the insurance committee soon to discuss our options.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 5, 2020

The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Mike Swan and HS Trustee Ethan Severson. The two incumbents filed for the two open positions, so they will both be elected by acclamation. The election information brochures were mailed by the school district on April 15, 2020, and the ballots will be mailed by the Gallatin County Elections on April 17, 2020. The trustees asked Superintendent Blessum to do a short video about the tax increase in the proposed General Fund Operating Levy requests that will be completely offset by tax decreases in other funds. PTO will also help get this information out to our voters using social media.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, and High School Principal Jason Slater updated the Board on the status of their schools since the school closure, including academics, grading, athletics, attendance, kindergarten screening, and graduation.

Athletic Director Pat Lynch reported that MHSA said schools must be back in session by May 4th in order for spring activities to continue their season. Lynch told the Board that John Sillitti was chosen as a 2020 Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Shawna Longie updated the Board on our hot lunch status since the school closure and that beginning April 1st, we have been approved by a waiver to operate a SFSP-Summer Food Service Program at our district. This will allow ALL children 18 & under to get free lunches at our school, which will be prepared and distributed weekly.
2. Mark Longie updated the Board on our facilities and the custodial staff.
3. Ann Heisler and Andrea Rice updated the Board on the procedures being followed for our classified staff and the FFCRA leave that they may qualify for during the school closure.
4. The school district was notified that our Elementary K-4 and 5-8 received Regular Accreditation, and our High School 9-12 received Advice Accreditation status due to a teacher endorsement issue.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

_____ ATTEST: _____

Robert Brownell, Chairman Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved May 12, 2020