REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2020
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, February 11, 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, 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 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.

Manhattan High School Chemistry & Physics Teacher Joel Christiaens was recognized and congratulated by the Board on winning the KTVM Gold Star award for February 2020.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month Ruby Stenberg was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

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
Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular January 14, 2020, Special January 22, 2020; January 2020 Payroll Warrants 39116-39146, $498,900.38; January 2020 Claims Warrants 78549-78618, $147,017.31; January 2020 Student Activities Checks 25988-26057 and 26064, voids 25988, 26004, 26017, 26027, $25,987.92; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2019-2020 school year; Resignation from Dennis Heckel – Custodian effective January 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried unanimously. The approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS
PLAYGROUND DESIGNS
Dr. Bernadette McCrory, along with her MSU students, gave an update and presentation on the proposed designs of the playground projects. The next step is to finalize the designs and put it out to Bid. They will report back to the Board in a few months. Dr. McCrory told the Board that the school did not receive any funding through the KABOOM! Grant, so they will pursue other grant opportunities if possible.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR
After discussion, Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. Matt White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The approved 2020-2021 School Calendar is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT
Ethan Severson moved to approve the 2020-2022 Superintendent Contract with Brian Ayers as proposed, which removed the residence sentence and added a $4,200 tuition reimbursement upon completion of the Superintendent endorsement program. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried with no dissenting votes.

ADMINISTATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
Mike Swan moved to approve the following Principal employment contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with the additional days as noted: Neil Harvey - K-4 Principal 207 days; Eric Fisher - 5-8 Principal 212 days; and Jason Slater - High School Principal 217 days. Brand Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT
Mike Swan made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2019-2020 school year, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical as needed, with Jodi Smith - F/T Custodian, Pamela Hurst - kidsLINK Afterschool Program Assistant, Dane Clements – kidsLINK Afterschool Program HS Assistant, Mikayla Bracha – kidsLINK Afterschool Program HS Assistant. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue, which carried with no dissenting votes.

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. Nominating Petitions for the open positions must be filed with the District Clerk by March 26, 2020, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for Manhattan Elementary School District No. 3 and Manhattan High School District No. 3, Gallatin County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be held by mail ballot conducted by the County Election Administrator with all qualified electors in Manhattan Elementary School District No. 3 and Manhattan High School District No. 3 participating.

The purpose of the election is to elect two (2) Trustees for a three year term. One trustee position is for Manhattan School District No. 3, and one position is for a Manhattan High School trustee from the Amsterdam School District No. 75.

Dennis Grue moved to approve an additional levy to operate and maintain the General Fund for FY 2020-2021 in the Manhattan Elementary School. Matt White seconded and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Brand Robinson moved to approve an additional levy to operate and maintain the General Fund for FY 2020-2021 in the Manhattan High School. Ethan Severson seconded and it carried with no dissenting votes.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Ann Heisler, school district election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of Manhattan School District No. 3 is hereby directed to notify the County Election Administrator the date of holding said election, and request her to close registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law.

The Gallatin County Election Administrator is further instructed to submit a written mail ballot plan to the office of the Montana Secretary of State in a timely manner and to publish and post notice of the election in a manner and at the times required by law, and to appoint a sufficient number of judges and to conduct the election as required by law.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS
FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE
Superintendent Blessum told the Board that the recommendations and infractions from the onsite civil rights review and the DOL safety audit have all been completed.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE
Superintendent Blessum gave the Board a brief update on the committees that have met this past month.

SPRING ENROLLMENT COUNT – FEBRUARY 3, 2020
On the OPI Spring enrollment count date of February 3, 2020, the Elementary K-4 School had 254 students; the 5-8 School had 236 students; and the High School had 255 students with two approved early graduates. Total district enrollment is 745 + 2 early graduate students.

MEA REQUEST TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS
Superintendent Blessum reported to the Board that he received a letter from the Manhattan Education Association (MEA) requesting their desire to open negotiations for the Collective Gaining Agreement for the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school years.

BP 3141 DISCRETIONARY NONRESIDENT STUDENT – FIRST READING
The Board held a first reading on BP 3141 Discretionary Nonresident Student.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT
K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, and High School Principal Jason Slater updated the Board on upcoming events and activities in each of their schools, as well as the projects they have been working on.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
There was no additional information reported from Superintendent Blessum.

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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

Board Approved March 10, 2020