REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2020
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, January 14, 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 at 7:50 p.m., 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.

Football Head Coach Chris Grabowska introduced the senior students on the football team. The high school football team made into the Class B State Championship game which was hosted by Manhattan for the first time in history. The Eureka Lions came out on top, but the entire school & community is very proud of the dedication, effort, and hard work of our coaches and student athletes year after year. The Board congratulated them on this accomplishment and wished them continued success.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month Robert Bowen 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.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS PART 1
Dr. Bernadette McCrory told the Board that MSU will be coming to our school for a hands on engagement event in May. Dr. McCrory also gave an update on the playground projects; the preliminary designs are done pending admin approval, the MSU students are planning to attend the Board meeting in February with the proposed final design and bids to complete the project.

Harlow's bus manager Hal Illum gave a report to the Board on the current status of their bus contract with Manhattan. Cameras have been installed in all of the buses; retention of bus drivers is a big issue and it is starting to take a toll on being able to provide bus drivers for activity/athletic trips in order to fulfill the school's needs; the 2 district owned team buses are saving the school district about 10-15% over contracting the buses; the 2 district owned team buses have had some issues and Harlow's has helped with any fixes that are not the school's responsibility. After additional discussion on the shortage of bus drivers, the school will try to help advertise and recruit drivers whenever possible.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular December 10, 2019; December 2019 Payroll Warrants 39071-39115, $525,188.63; December 2019 Claims Warrants 78479-78548, $124,466.34; December 2019 Student Activities – 25906-25987, 25992, $45,799.91; write-off outstanding district warrants and activities fund checks over one year old; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2019-2020 school year; Employment contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with the following current employees: Brad Ballantyne – $5^{th}/6^{th}$ grade Boys Basketball coach; Discretionary leave request from Bev Richardson as requested; Final reading Board Policy 8455 Non-Lethal CS Gel; Final Reading of the following Board Policies as proposed in the MTSBA Fall 2019 Policy Notes: New – 8550, Required Revisions – 1420, 1420F, 1441, 3130, 5430F, Recommended Revisions – 8301. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried unanimously. The approved warrant and check listings, the list of outstanding checks over one year old approved for write-off, and the 8 approved Board policies as proposed, are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

AUDIT REPORT

Dennis Grue moved to approve the audit report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as completed by Strom & Associates. The motion was seconded by Matt White, which carried with no dissenting votes.

EMPLOYMENT

Matt White 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 Emily Millard as Assistant JH Boys Basketball coach, and Josh Schoenfeldt as .5 FTE Custodian. Dennis Grue seconded, which carried unanimously.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS PART 2

FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE

Superintendent Blessum gave a brief report to the Board on the results of the recent onsite civil rights review and the DOL safety audit. All recommendations and infractions have been addressed and will be completed by the required date.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Strategic Planning committee is reviewing the last full strategic plan document that was completed; the Curriculum committee will be looking at the information from the Montana Educational Curriculum Consortium (MECC), as the school district is a member of this curriculum consortium; the Technology committee has sent a survey to teachers for their input on technology issues.

MHSA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

High School Principal Jason Slater reviewed the MHSA Proposals that will be voted on at the 2020 MHSA Annual Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 5, 2020

District Clerk Ann Heisler reviewed the annual school election calendar and key dates with the Board. 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.

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

1. The tentative interview dates for the new Superintendent will be February 4th and 5th, 2020. The Board will meet on January 22nd to pick the four finalists that will be interviewed.
2. The 2020-2021 school calendar recommendation should be ready for Board approval in February.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Executive Session
Chairman Brownell determined that the matter of the Superintendent's Evaluation involves individual privacy and public disclosure would not be in the best interest of the Superintendent. He called an Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Following Executive Session, Chairman Brownell reconvened the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

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

Board Approved February 11, 2020