REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met for a Board workshop, November 12, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. The workshop topic was Boardsmanship/Legal Obligations and was led by Elizabeth Kaleva.

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, November 12, 2019, 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, and Ethan Severson.

Members Absent: 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.

Third grade teacher Lori Toner told the Board that she had each of her students write a letter to Tara Ramsey, U.S. Department of Education, about what they liked about our school. Each student read their letter to the Board. The students also received a personal letter back from Ms. Ramsey in response to their individual written letter.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month Michael Madsen was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

Bernadette McCrory and Dr. Loribeth Evertz gave the Board an update on the MSU Capstone Playground Project. The project survey received over 100 responses and the data collection will be done at the end of this week. The preliminary designs will be completed in January 2020. Additional funding is being sought through various grant applications The KaBOOM grant will require matching funds from the district, so it will need Board approval at their next regular meeting.

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
Dennis Grue made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular October 8, 2019; October 2019 Payroll Warrants 38983-39027, $513,518.63; October 2019 Claims Warrants 78300-78402, $210,796.73; October 2019 Student Activities – 25794-25866, 25878, $17,734.56; Voids 25799, 25855, 25856, 25857,

25858, 25859; 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: Jean Hutchins – from Kitchen Assistant to Assistant Cook, John Dodd – kidsLINK Tigers Afterschool Program Assistant, Dani Davison – 5th/6th grade Girls Basketball, Richie Pemberton – HS Assistant Boys Basketball; Discretionary leave request from Bridget Woolbaugh April 14-17, 2020; Final reading Board Policy 5314 Substitutes; 1st Reading Board Policies as proposed in the MTSBA Fall 2019 Policy Notes. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried unanimously. The approved BP 5314 and the approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

SANDERSON STEWART PROPOSAL

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the Sanderson Stewart Agreement for Engineering Services in the amount of $13,900 for conceptual-level improvements, traffic-related observations, and recommendations for the Manhattan Elementary, Junior High, and High School facilities. Dennis Grue seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes. The Sanderson Stewart Agreement for Engineering Services is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

CUSTODIAN SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

Brand Robinson moved to approve the proposed Custodian Shift Differential of $1.50/hour effective January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried with no dissenting votes. The Custodian Shift Differential language is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

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 Darla Emerson – Special Education Paraprofessional, Shauna Fulbright – FT Kitchen Assistant, Dillon Hoppe – HS Assistant Wrestling, and Kristen Walter – 5th/6th grade Girls Basketball. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue, which carried unanimously.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The district will hire Kaleva Law Office to lead the Superintendent Search process for a new Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year.

FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE

Superintendent Blessum gave an update to the Board on the locker room door locks, installation of the water softener system, wrestling wall mats, and the outside door sweeps.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Superintendent Blessum gave an update to the Board on the progress of the school committees that are currently being re-established. The Wellness committee is completing the District Wellness Assessment Tool, and the Safety committee is sharing the Reflex Protect videos and tentative plans for staff training.

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 Facilities Use Agreements have generated income over $2500 and the school has used some of this money to purchase additional gates that will be used by various groups using the school.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of November, 2019, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

_____ ATTEST: _____

Robert Brownell, Chairman Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 12/10/2019