REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, September 10, 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, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA
Dennis Grue made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular August 13, 2019, Special August 23, 2019; August 2019 Payroll Warrants 38920-38937, $101,587.85; August 2019 Claims Warrants 78181-78241, $70,577.54, Voids 78200 $6,618.06, 78213 $6,264.58; August 2019 Student Activities – 25731-25732, $5,360.00; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2019-2020 school year; Extra Duty Assignments as proposed for the 2019-2020 school year; Resignation of Scott Glew – Custodian. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried unanimously. The approved warrant and check listings; and the approved list of 2019-2020 Extra Duty Assignments are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS
AMSTERDAM STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2019-2020
Mike Swan made a motion to approve the 38 Amsterdam Student Attendance Agreements for the 2019-2020 school year as proposed, which includes 15 – 7^{th} graders and 23 – 8^{th} graders. Matt White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The list of Amsterdam student names with an approved Student Attendance Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD POLICY 5314 SUBSTITUTES
Matt White made a motion to approve the revision to BP 5314 Substitutes as proposed. Dennis Grue seconded the motion, and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved Board Policy 5314 Substitutes is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EMPLOYMENT 2019-2020
Ethan Severson 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 Ben Kane – Special Education Paraprofessional. The motion was seconded by Matt White and it carried with no dissenting votes.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS
REFLEX/PROTECT
Ben Gladwin did a presentation on the Reflex Protect products that are used in school districts as a self-defense tool during an active shooter or active threat situation. If our school district decides to purchase these products, the staff will be trained on how to use the products during the upcoming January 27th PIR day.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY CAPSTONE PROJECT
Bernadette McCrory introduced the five MSU engineering students and reviewed the Capstone Project process for the K-4 Playground and 5-8 Playground projects that the MSU students will be designing in partnership with our school district.

DISCRETIONARY NONRESIDENT STUDENT BP 3141
The Board had a discussion about our current Discretionary Nonresident Student BP 3141 and whether it is currently meeting our needs. The administration told the Board about the current challenges they face and discussed a possible revision to the current policy to be able to accommodate circumstances that occur, clarify employment more specifically, while continuing to maintain consistency, fairness, legality and enforceability of the policy. The Board is willing to discuss revising the policy but wants to be very careful with any proposed changes. Kaleva Law is working with our administration on any proposed revisions that would be brought to the Board for final approval.

FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE
Superintendent Blessum went over the outstanding issues and said that they are all being addressed at this time.

RE-ESTABLISH COMMITTEES
Superintendent Blessum is beginning the process of re-establishing several committees which will include Board Trustees, staff, and community members. The committees need to be re-established so that the school district can move forward with important decisions affecting the education and safety of Manhattan students and staff. Anyone interested in serving on a committee, approximately once a month from 4-5 pm, please contact Superintendent Blessum.

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 2019 Common PIR day is scheduled at Manhattan School on Friday, September 27, 2019. Over 200 participants are registered. Trustees were encouraged to attend.

2. The Trustees would like to have a discussion in the future about our radio station and how we can utilize it for broadcasting games, concerts, etc.
3. Elizabeth Kaleva will be scheduled to conduct a 2-hour Board training sometime in November. The Trustees preferred a night separate from the regular November Board meeting for the training.
4. MCEL (Montana Conference of Education Leadership) will be held in Billings, MT. on October 16-18. Trustees were encouraged to attend this conference.

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

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

Board Approved 10/8/2019