REGULAR MEETING, JULY 9, 2019
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, July 9, 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, Ethan Severson, and Matt White.

Superintendent Jeff Blessum, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, 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 and extended a special welcome to our new Superintendent Jeff Blessum and our new 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher.

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 June 11, 2019, Special June 27, 2019; June 2019 Payroll Warrants 38807-38900, $1,148,444.02; June 2019 Claims Warrants 77981-78132, $281,505.00; June 2019 Student Activities 25705-25729, $35,549.50; Employment Contract as proposed with Jeff Blessum as Superintendent. 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
FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE
A meeting has been scheduled this week with the building committee and other involved parties to discuss the financial obligations and development of the proposed softball fields. Any discussion and information will be brought back to the full Board at their next regular meeting.

INCREASE IN PROPOSED BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR 2019-2020
At last month's regular Board meeting, Head Cook Shawna Longie proposed a $0.25/meal increase to each of our lunch and breakfast prices, including adults. After additional discussion, Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed $0.25/meal increase. Mike Swan seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, prices will be as follows:
Breakfast – K-12 $1.75; Adults $2.05
Lunch - K-6 $2.65; 7-8 $3.00; 9-12 $3.25; Adult $4.00

PROPOSED MULTI-DISTRICT COOPERATIVE TRANSFER
Mike Swan moved to approve the transfer of $175,000 from the 2018-2019 High School General Fund budget into our Multidistrict Cooperative Fund 282 on June 30, 2019. Dennis Grue seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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 Linsey Kallestad – Student Activities clerk. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Dennis Grue 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 Joshua Mostad – 7-12 Industrial Technology teacher. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried with no dissenting votes.

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 Jordan Dreessen – Driver's Education Instructor. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried with no dissenting votes.

TRANSPORTATION
Trustee Mike Swan reviewed the team bus purchase proposal from Harlow's, which includes purchasing two newer team buses at a package price of $100,000 for both buses. Currently, the school district has a contract until 2022 to use the Harlow's owned Tiger Bus a minimum of $7,000 miles per year, and the district would still be obligated to fulfill this minimum even if the school district purchases the two team buses from Harlow's. Because of the Tiger Bus mileage requirement, several Trustees were reluctant to purchase the two additional team buses and were concerned that this might be too much for the district to manage financially right now until we can be released from the Tiger Bus in 2022. If the district purchased the team buses, Harlow's would still manage the buses on our behalf and charge us for their services. The Board received input from Athletic Director Pat Lynch via phone who agreed that purchasing two newer team buses would be ideal with regard to gender equity, but one bus would be ok and doable, along with the existing Tiger Bus.

After additional discussion, Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2012 team bus as proposed with a rated capacity of 48 from Harlow's for $51,500. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Trustee Mike Swan will now talk with Harlow's about the cost and design of wrapping the team bus, which will be similar in design to the existing Tiger Bus.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS
BOARD POLICIES
The Board held a 2nd reading on the following policies as recommended by the MTSBA in their February 2019 Policy Notes:
Required Revisions - 1112, 1113, 1425, 1512, 1700, 2100, 2160, 2168, 3110, 3125, 3225, 4301, 4315, 4340, 4410, 5012, 5223, 5256, 8225, 8425, 8425P
Recommended Revisions - 1610, 2410P
Recommended New - 1512F, 2600, 2600P, 5120P
Deleted - 8425F

PRINCIPALS' REPORT
High School Principal Jason Slater, and new 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher gave a brief report to the Board on what they have been working on during the summer months to prepare for the upcoming school year.

The Trustees requested that the Principals review and use consistent terminology between all of our school handbooks, which are currently up for Board approval at the August meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Blessum gave a report to the Board on the following topics:

1. A special thanks and appreciation to the Board and staff for the warm welcome to the Manhattan school and community.
2. There are some immediate issues pending at the school that will be addressed first and discussions have already started on these issues during the first few days on the job.

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

Board Approved 8/13/19