

REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 9, 2019

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, April 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 Scott Chauvet, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Scott Schumacher, 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 Schools Rotary Student of the Month Michael Nehring, 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

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular March 12, 2019; March 2019 Payroll Warrants 38674-38711, \$474,531.46; March 2019 Claims Warrants 77772-77835, Voids 77773, 77778, 77814, \$104,312.55; March 2019 Student Activities 25589-25633, 25640 Voids 25588, 25595, \$36,971.22; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2018-2019 school year; Employment contracts for the 2018-2019 school year with Mikal Jones – Head JH Track coach, and Lauren Nielson – Head JH Golf coach. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously. The approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

BUILDING FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATE

The building committee met and discussed the overall site plan of the district, including additional parking and softball fields.

EMPLOYMENT 2018-2019

Matt White made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical as needed, with Linsey Kallestad as kidsLINK Afterschool Program Coordinator, and Lynn Harvey as kidsLINK Afterschool Program Assistant. Ethan Severson seconded, which carried unanimously.

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical as needed, with Jennifer Franco as School Nurse. Dennis Grue seconded and it carried unanimously.

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical as needed, with James Shepherd as Assistant JH Track coach. Mike Swan seconded, which carried with no dissenting votes.

EMPLOYMENT 2019-2020

Ethan Severson moved to approve an employment contract for the 2019-2020 school year with Mikal Jones as PE/Health teacher. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue and it carried unanimously.

Mike Swan moved to approve an employment contract for the 2019-2020 school year, pending a successful background check with Lexi Oldenburger as Business Ed teacher. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Michelle Mayo asked to speak to the Board about the anticipated Superintendent recommendation for nonrenewal of her elementary teaching position as she is a non-tenure teacher. She spoke in support of herself, as did several other community members. She would like to be considered for any position open in the district.

Dennis Grue moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with the elementary tenured and non-tenured teachers as proposed, to include the following teachers who will achieve tenure with this contract: Sarah Hendrickson, Saralynn Vaccaro, and Raymond Debruycker. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Dennis Grue moved to accept the nonrenewal of non-tenured teacher Michelle Mayo as recommended by Superintendent Chauvet. The motion was seconded by Rob Brownell. After additional Board discussion, the vote was taken and the motion failed with two Yes votes – Grue, White; and three No votes – Swan, Robinson, Brownell.

Mike Swan moved to table the decision on the renewal of Michelle Mayo for the 2019-2020 school year until the next Board meeting. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Ethan Severson moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with the high school tenured and non-tenured teachers as proposed, to include the following teachers who will achieve tenure with this contract: Joel Christiaens, Rebecca Frank, Suzanne Rowe, and Kim Wegner-McCauley. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

The approved elementary and high school tenured and non-tenured teacher lists are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

AMSTERDAM TUITION AGREEMENT 2019-2020

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Tuition Agreement with Amsterdam School District as proposed. Matt White seconded, and it carried unanimously. The 2019-2020 Amsterdam Tuition Agreement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

AUDIT REPORT

Dennis Grue moved to approve the audit report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as completed by Strom & Associates. Ethan Severson seconded, which carried with no dissenting votes.

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BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 7, 2019

Due to the number of candidates filing a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for the open trustee positions on the Manhattan School Board of Trustees, District No. 3, Gallatin County, State of Montana, was equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustee election is not necessary. Therefore, the Manhattan School Trustee Election was cancelled on Friday, April 5, 2019.

The two trustees, Rob Brownell and Brand Robinson, will formally be re-elected by acclamation and sworn in at the May 14, 2019, Board meeting.

FOUNDATION BANQUET & AUCTION

Trustees, staff, and community members were invited and encouraged to attend the Manhattan Public Schools Foundation banquet & auction, on Friday, April 26, 2019, beginning at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Scott Schumacher, 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 Chauvet gave a report to the Board on the following topics:

1. The results of the Special Education monitoring were received from OPI. The school did an excellent job and are moving in a positive direction.
2. Our school has announced a “dude, be nice” nationwide program at our school during the week of May 13-17, with a kick-off assembly on Friday, May 10. The program promotes kindness and compassion within schools and communities.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 5/14/2019