

REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2018

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, October 9, 2018, 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. The following new teachers for the 2018-2019 school year were introduced to the Board: Jessica Peressini, Mariah Saltzman, Krystin Slater, Cheryl Curry, Amanda Johnson, Wes Kragt, and Tracey Bolich.

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

Matt White made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular September 11, 2018; September 2018 Payroll Warrants 38365-38415 \$482,845.79, September 2018 Claims Warrants 77337-77415 Void 77395 \$1,930,709.59, September 2018 Student Activities 25208-25265 and 25308 \$13,646.79; the current Substitute Teacher list and Volunteer list for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan 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

Karen Hedglin’s monthly bond project report was distributed and reviewed by the Board. The punchlist items will be completed over MEA; the stage lights will be installed towards the end of November; solutions are being looked at for the volleyball standards and the mezzanine visibility. The Monthly Bond Project Report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EMPLOYMENT 2018-2019

Brand Robinson moved to approve employment contracts (pending a successful fingerprint background check and pre-employment physical if required) for the 2018-2019 school year with the following: Charli Chapman – Test Coordinator, Chris Nagel – Custodian, Michelle Shepherd – Kitchen helper, Eddie Holgate (replaces Kim VanderArk) – HS Assistant Football. Dennis Grue seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes.

APPROVE ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO 18-19 HANDBOOKS

All of the language, including school safety language, has been updated and is now consistent in the K-4 handbook, the 5-8 handbook, and the 9-12 handbook.

Principal Scott Schumacher went over the 2018-2019 additional changes to the 5-8 teachers handbook and the 5-8 student handbook. Mike Swan made a motion to approve the updates to the 5-8 teachers handbook as presented. The motion was seconded by Matt White, and it carried unanimously. Mike Swan made a motion to approve the updates to the 5-8 student handbook as presented. Dennis Grue seconded, and it carried unanimously.

AMSTERDAM STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2018-2019

Dennis Grue made a motion to approve the Amsterdam Student Attendance Agreements for the 2018-2019 school year as proposed, which includes 20 – 7th graders and 17 – 8th graders. Matt White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The list of Amsterdam student names with an approved Student Attendance Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

OPI OFFICIAL ENROLLMENT COUNT DATE

On the OPI Fall Enrollment Count date of October 1, 2018, total enrollment was 758 students; 262 in grades K-4, 225 in grades 5-8, and 271 in grades 9-12. The district will contact OPI and see if either the Elementary or High School qualifies for a budget amendment due to an unanticipated enrollment increase. The official student counts as submitted to OPI are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

SECURITY CAMERA INSTALLATION DISCUSSION

Superintendent Chauvet told the Board that the school district is getting proposals to install additional indoor security cameras throughout the existing high school and new gym areas as recommended for student and staff safety.

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. Parent Teacher conferences will be held on November 13 and 14, along with the annual book fair; the Strength Team is scheduled to be at the school on November 30.

Trustee Ethan Severson expressed concern about the recent school-wide athletic discount card fundraiser that students participated in. He would like school-wide fundraisers to be brought to the Board for their approval first in the future. He also requested that the timing of fundraisers be considered, so that our community remains supportive of all of them.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. The MCEL conference is next week in Missoula for any interested Trustees.
2. Superintendent Chauvet will be participating in six online special education webinars.
3. Superintendent Chauvet would like to schedule a planning session with the Board in the upcoming months.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of October, 2018, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman
Board Approved November 13, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk