

REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 17, 2018

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, April 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Rob Brownell, Dennis Grue, Mike Swan, Kelly Duncan, and Ethan Severson.

Members Absent: Brand Robinson.

Superintendent Scott Chauvet, Principals Scott Schumacher and 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 for March 2018, Hope Szymczak, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

Cheer Advisor Kody Dustin and her cheerleaders were recognized and congratulated by the Board for all of their dedication and hard work during the season, and their outstanding performance at the cheer competition in Lewistown.

Superintendent Chauvet discussed the recent gun threat events at the high school involving the written threats on the wall of the boy's bathroom stall. Manhattan Police Chief Dennis Hengel and Gallatin County Sheriff's Office Captain Jake Wagner, took control of the lockdown situation and the investigation at the school district. The first priority was always student and staff safety. They commended our staff and administration for staying calm and keeping the students' safety above everything else. There was also discussion about what could be done better in any future situations, as well as a text messenger system that would have been helpful in notifying parents of the lockdown situation. Several community members spoke about their appreciation in how the situation played out, as well as a parent who feels we have a lot of improvement that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The Board and administration reassured the community that the school district has a safety plan in place and this plan is constantly being reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Brownell read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. Andrea Wass commented on the girls' basketball program and her concern in finding a head coach soon.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular March 13, 2018; March 2018 Warrants, March 2018 Student Activities; the current Substitute Teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year; Coaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year as follows: Assistant HS Track – Charles Rasnick, Head JH Track – Valerie Todd, Assistant JH Track – Eric Wandishin and Jamie Brusa;

Resignations at the end of the 2017-2018 school year as follows: Mikal Jones – HS Teacher and all coaching positions, Darcy Diegel – Elementary Special Education Teacher, Dan Heisler – 3/7 HS Math Teacher. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue 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 gave the Board an update on our building project. The Monthly Bond Project Report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT 2017-2018

Dennis Grue made a motion to approve and acknowledge the FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year received from Bozeman School District. Mike Swan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The approved FP-14 Student Attendance Agreement for 2017-2018 is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

AMSTERDAM TUITION AGREEMENT 2018-2019

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Tuition Agreement with Amsterdam School District as proposed. Kelly Duncan seconded, and it carried with no dissenting votes. The 2018-2019 Amsterdam Tuition Agreement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

AUDIT REPORT 2016-2017

After discussion, Ethan Severson moved to approve the audit report for the 2016-2017 fiscal year completed by Strom & Associates. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue, which carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ABOUT TECHNOLOGY POSITION

The Board discussed the need for changing our current technology coordinator position for the 2018-2019 school year with Todd Lucier. The Administration is proposing his position to teach one high school business class 1/7 and then increasing the technology coordinator position from half-time to 6/7. After additional discussion about the increased time for district technology needs, Mike Swan moved to approve moving Todd Lucier's position for the 2018-2019 school year to 1/7 teaching, and 6/7 technology, and this new technology position will be revisited in a year to see if it is meeting the school district's needs. Dennis Grue seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

EMPLOYMENT 2018-2019

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year with Jason Slater as High School Principal. The motion was seconded by Kelly Duncan, which carried unanimously.

Dennis Grue made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year with Cheryl Curry as Elementary Special Education Teacher. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan, which carried unanimously.

Dennis Grue moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2018-2019 school year with the elementary tenured teachers as proposed, to include the following teachers who will achieve tenure with this contract: Andrea More. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Dennis Grue made a motion to approve teacher contracts for the 2018-2019 school year with the elementary non-tenured teachers as proposed. Kelly Duncan seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Ethan Severson moved to approve teacher contracts for the 2018-2019 school year with the high school tenured teachers as proposed, to include the following teachers who will achieve tenure with this contract: Jordan Harler. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan, which carried with no dissenting votes.

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve teacher contracts for the 2018-2019 school year with the high school non-tenured teachers as proposed. Mike Swan seconded, and it carried with no dissenting votes.

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

**BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 8, 2018**

The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. The mail ballot election is being conducted by the Gallatin County Election Administrator. The ballots will be mailed to all registered voters on April 18, 2018. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Kelly Duncan and Dennis Grue. Both incumbents, along with Matt White, have filed a nomination petition with the school district clerk.

INSURANCE RATE UPDATE

The school district received notification from our current health insurance carrier MUST that our rates for the 2018-2019 school year will increase approximately 4.0% for each of our plan options. The insurance committee is scheduled to meet soon to go over the 2018-2019 MUST renewal with our new Insurance Agent Julie Blockey and to discuss options and proposals she received from other vendors.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Principals Scott Schumacher and Neil Harvey updated the Board on recent and upcoming events 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. An open house will be scheduled in August during the Potato Festival for the community to see the completed building project.
2. Safety in our schools is a top priority and all threats are considered credible threats.
3. A special thank you and appreciation to all staff resigning at the end of this school year – Mikal Jones, Darcy Diegel, and Dan Heisler.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved May 15, 2018