

REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 13, 2018

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, March 13, 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, Kelly Duncan, and Ethan Severson.

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

Trustee Kelly Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Brownell recognized the visitors in attendance.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month for February 2018, Hannah Boyd, 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. Chairman Brownell reassured the community that Manhattan Schools will continue to address safety in our schools by exploring what this means for our school district and what can be done to protect our students. Intruder and other training for our staff will become a priority.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Kelly Duncan made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular February 14, 2018; Warrants for February 2018 as follows: Payroll 38027-38078: Total \$444,862.95, Operational Claims 76750 -76807: Total \$1,440,882.64; Activities 24948-25030, 25066; Voids 24962, 24963, 25017-25023: Total \$31,565.37; Resignations of Eddy Holgate as the Head Softball coach for the 2017-2018 school year and Lori Brown-Chauvet as the Special Ed/Curriculum Director at the end of the 2017-2018 school year; the current Substitute Teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year; Lisa Calkins – discretionary leave request; Coaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year as follows: Head Golf – Pat Lynch, Assistant Golf – Steve Whitney; Head Softball – Randall Cygan, Assistant Softball – Dennis Elgas; Head HS Track – John Sillitti, Assistant HS Track – Dustin Cichosz and Adriana Norris. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried unanimously.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE

Jeff Davis gave the Board an update on our building project. The Monthly Bond Project Report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 8, 2018

The Annual School Election will be held by mail ballot on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, and conducted by the Gallatin County Election Administrator. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Dennis Grue and Kelly Duncan. Nominating Petitions for the open positions must be filed with the District Clerk by March 29, 2018, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

The 2018-2019 General Fund Preliminary Budget Data information was reviewed. After discussion, Ethan Severson made a motion to set the High School General Fund levy election amount to \$0 as recommended by Superintendent Chauvet. Mike Swan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dennis Grue made a motion to set the Elementary School General Fund levy election amount to \$0 as recommended by Superintendent Chauvet. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Therefore, General Fund levy elections will not be held in either the Manhattan Elementary or the Manhattan High School at the school election on May 8, 2018. A summary of the 2018-2019 General Fund Preliminary Budget Data is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Nonvoted Levies as required by SB 307 for the ensuing fiscal year. Kelly Duncan seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes. The approved Notice of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies to be published in the Belgrade News is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

CONSIDER ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS AND OPEN HS PRINCIPAL POSITION

The Board continued the discussion regarding the possible change in the number of principal positions at the district. Currently, the school has two Principals (K-8 and 9-12) and it is being proposed to add another principal position to have a total of three Principals (K-4, 5-8, 9-12) beginning next school year. After further discussion on the pros and cons, Dennis Grue moved to approve the realignment of our current administrators and open a high school principal position for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously.

ACCEPT 5TH GRADE MOVE

Given the fact that the additional principal position was approved, the Board then considered the pros and cons of moving the 5th graders to the new middle school wing that would include grades 5-8, instead of grades 6-8. Mike Swan made a motion to approve moving the 5th grade classrooms to the new middle school wing, along with the 6-8 grades. Dennis Grue seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS:

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR MAY 2018

Because of the Annual School Election on May 8, 2018, the regular Board meeting in May will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school activities room.

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. The Belgrade News will be publishing articles written by Superintendent Scott Speaks on various topics of interest.

2. As the building project is getting closer to the April move, the staff is encouraged to stay calm and not panic. There will be support and help during the classroom move, and we will get through it together.
3. An open house will be scheduled in August or September for the community to see the completed building project.
4. Board Policy books will be maintained electronically for Trustees and community access on the school website.
5. Safety in the schools is a high priority and next year doors will be locked down as we will not have students moving between schools.
6. Intruder training will be scheduled for all staff.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved April 17, 2018