

**REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, November 14, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Vice Chairman Grue called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Dennis Grue, Brand Robinson, Mike Swan, Kelly Duncan, and Ethan Severson.

Members Absent: Rob Brownell

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**

Vice Chairman Grue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Vice Chairman Grue recognized the visitors in attendance. Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month for October 2017, Josh Neth, and for November 2017, Hannah Madsen, were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

Cross Country Head Coach John Sillitti introduced the students on the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams who were both State Class B Champions for this year. The Board congratulated them for all of their dedication and hard work.

Two students from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class of Andrea More gave a how-to presentation on a topic they had chosen to do a paper and demonstration on in her English class. They both did an excellent job and the Board thanked them for sharing their projects with them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chairman Grue read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. Manhattan resident Dave Hebner told the Board that there is a group of community members leading a request to the Gallatin County Commissioners to “Save the Nixon Gulch Bridge” and requested letters of support from the Board. It is still uncertain who will take ownership of the bridge after it is replaced, but the group is asking for the future preservation of the bridge in some capacity. A parent of children attending Manhattan Elementary School expressed her concern about an alleged bullying problem at our school district. She requested the Board to review our bullying policies and asked them to be made stronger to prevent continued bullying issues at the elementary school.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular October 10, 2017; the current Substitute Teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year; Coaching staff renewals as follows: Jacob Robidou – Head HS Boys Basketball, Todd Lucier – Assistant HS Boys Basketball, April Wilhelm – Assistant HS Girls Basketball. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried unanimously 5-0.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS:**

**FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE**

Karen Hedglin gave the Board an update on our building project and reviewed the schedule and budget. A staff tour of the building project will be on Tuesday, November 21, after the

early release. A community tour of the building project will be scheduled sometime in December. The Monthly Bond Project Report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

After discussion, Mike Swan moved to approve the proposed Declaration of Public Utility and Access Easement with the Town of Manhattan and the Manhattan School District No. 3. Brand Robinson seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes 5-0. The Easement was recorded with the Gallatin County Clerk & Recorder #2598903. The recorded Declaration of Public Utility and Access Easement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

### **PERSONNEL**

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve employment contracts for the 2017-2018 school year with the following: Jennifer Smith as EL/HS Special Ed Paraprofessional, Tanner Hupka as Assistant HS Boys Basketball, Hayley Pettit as Assistant HS Girls Basketball, Andy Powner as Assistant JH Boys Basketball, and Kaitlyn Vanderby as Assistant JH Boys Basketball. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried unanimously 5-0.

### **FP-14 STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS 2017-2018**

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve and acknowledge the FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for the 2017-2018 school year received from Three Forks School District (3 agreements), Willow Creek School District (4 agreements), and Amsterdam School District (1 agreement). Mike Swan seconded, and it carried with no dissenting votes 5-0. The approved FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for 2017-2018 are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

### **BOARD POLICIES – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING**

The Board held a 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on the following policies:

REVISED Policies – Required: Policy 1005FE, Policy 1006FE, Policy 1009FE, Policy 3224, Policy 3416, and Policy 5122F;

NEW Policies – Policy 1014FE, Policy 1014FE-F1, Policy 3124.

After discussion, Mike Swan moved to approve the policies as presented. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson, which carried unanimously 5-0.

### **BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### **BOARD POLICIES**

Superintendent Chauvet reviewed Board Policy 4330 Community Use of School Facilities; and Board Policy 5430 Volunteers. With the new building project currently in construction, the Board would like to update our current policies to address how the community and volunteers will have access to using the new facilities. Superintendent Chauvet presented a few options and the Board had a lengthy discussion on renting out our kitchens and weight room. Additional information will be gathered by administration and the Board will continue to review and fine tune the policies.

### **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. Manhattan School is helping MSGIA with website accessibility and how to help other schools that receive a similar OCR complaint.

2. Winter sports season has started, including the newest sport of wrestling that was added at Manhattan Schools for the very first year.
3. Superintendent Chauvet attended a meeting at the Oasis about rural small towns in Montana. He mentioned that everything in Manhattan revolves around the great school district that we have and we should be very proud of the reputation that the school holds for the whole town.

**CLAIMS**

Vouchered claims for the month of November, 2017, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Vice Chairman Grue adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

**Approved December 18, 2017**