

REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 10, 2017

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, January 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Vice-Chairman Grue called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Dennis Grue, Steve Heersink, Brand Robinson, Mike Swan, and Kelly Duncan.

Members Absent: Rob Brownell.

Superintendent Scott Chauvet, Principal Scott Schumacher, 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 December 2016, Cody Dykstra, was recognized by the Board.

The High School Science Olympiad team, Daniel Carlson and Isaac Boyd, placing 2nd out of 46 teams, were recognized and presented the Science Olympiad award medals by the Board. The Science Olympiad teams at the school are coached by Walt Woolbaugh and Val Todd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Grue read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular December 12, 2016; write-off the outstanding checks over one year old; and the current Substitute Teacher list for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried unanimously. The list of outstanding checks over one year old approved for write-off is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE

Karen Hedglin, Manhattan School Owner's Rep, gave the Board an update on our building bond project. The next set of construction drawings are complete and have been on file in the District Office for review and comments. Karen mentioned that very little input has been received on the drawings, so they feel that most people are satisfied with the direction the project is going. Groundbreaking is on schedule for February or March 2017. The necessary building permits are being applied for at the state level and the Town of Manhattan.

The Board extended a special thank you to Karen, Slate Architecture, and Dick Anderson Construction for all of their dedicated time and hard work on this building bond project.

Also, Karen Hedglin, as a representative of McKinstry, gave the Board the 1-year post project energy savings report that was a requirement of the Energy Upgrade Project at the Elementary School that was completed in the fall of 2015. McKinstry will continue to provide the energy savings report to the school district for 3-years post project.

PERSONNEL

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following coaching contracts for the 2016-2017 school year, pending a successful background check: 8th grade Head JH Boys Basketball – Mike Stenberg, 8th grade Assistant JH Boys Basketball – Seth Halverson, 7th grade Head JH Boys Basketball – Torger Sikveland, 7th grade Assistant JH Boys Basketball – Andy Powner. Kelly Duncan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

MHSA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

Superintendent Scott Chauvet reviewed the MHSA Proposals that will be voted on at the 2017 MHSA Annual Meeting on January 14-16, 2017, in Great Falls, Montana. The Board gave their input and direction on how our school district representatives should vote on the proposals that will be presented.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS:

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 2, 2017

District Clerk Ann Heisler reviewed the annual school election calendar and key dates with the Board. The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Mike Swan and Steve Heersink (HS Trustee only and must live in the Amsterdam School District No. 75). Nominating Petitions for the open positions must be filed with the District Clerk by March 23, 2017, in order for the candidate’s name to appear on the ballot.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES – 2ND READING

The Board held a 2nd Reading on the following policies: New Policies – 7225 Crowd Funding; 8205 Meal Charge Policy; 8210 Procurement Policy for School Food Purchases. Revised Policies – 2510 School Wellness.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Principal Scott Schumacher updated the Board on recent and upcoming events in the elementary school, as well as the projects he has been working on.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

1. At the Superintendent MASS meeting, the Legislative Session was discussed and the expectations for education overall.
2. Winter sports are in full swing and going well.
3. The school district is looking forward to finally breaking ground on our building bond project.
4. The school district has addressed the concerns from the OCR (Office of Civil Rights) regarding website accessibility issues on the Manhattan School District website. We are currently awaiting a response from the OCR to see if the changes made will satisfy their requirements.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Vice-Chairman Grue adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved February 14, 2017