

REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 2016

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, October 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Rob Brownell, Steve Heersink, Brand Robinson, Mike Swan, and Kelly Duncan.

Members Absent: Dennis Grue.

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 September 2016, Giulia Weeda, 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. No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Heersink made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular September 13, 2016; the current Substitute Teacher list for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Kelly Duncan and it carried unanimously.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE

Karen Hedglin gave the Board an update on our building bond project. The project is currently in final design development. The design has gone to Dick Anderson Construction (DAC) and they will complete the construction cost estimate by October 27, 2016. The building committee will then meet with DAC to review the construction cost estimate.

PERSONNEL

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following employment contracts for the 2016-2017 school year: Martha Wallace – ELL teacher’s aide at 18 hrs/week; Suzanne Rowe – Life skills Special Education teacher 1.0 FTE; Becky Frank – Volunteer Speech & Drama coach. The motion was seconded by Kelly Duncan, which carried with no dissenting votes.

MATH CURRICULUM

Brand Robinson moved to adopt the Eureka Math Curriculum for the Elementary School K-4 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Mike Swan seconded, and it carried unanimously. Grades 5-8 will adopt the Eureka Math Curriculum in upcoming years to be phased in one additional grade per year beginning with Grade 5 in 2017-2018 and moving up.

RENTAL ON MOBILE HOME

As a result of our longtime teacher moving out of the school district's mobile home, Rob Brownell made a motion to allow Administration the ability to enter into a new rental agreement with the rent to remain at the current price of \$700/month. Steve Heersink seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMERCIAL ENERGY NATURAL GAS PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the Commercial Energy Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Amendment as follows: Two Year Energy Safe (Fixed) Price of \$3.00/dkt for all gas delivered beginning December 1, 2016, through November 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson, which carried with no dissenting votes. The Commercial Energy Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Amendment is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS:

MCEL CONFERENCE

The Montana Conference of Education Leadership (MCEL) will be held in Billings on October 19-21, 2016. Trustees were invited and encouraged to attend.

OPI ENROLLMENT COUNT DATE

On the OPI Fall Enrollment Count date of October 3, 2016, Principal Scott Schumacher reported the Elementary School had 435 students enrolled, 294 in grades K-6 and 141 in grades 7-8. Principal Neil Harvey reported that the High School had 239 students enrolled in grades 9-12.

Due to the increased enrollment count over the previous school year, the school district will ask OPI to run the calculations to determine if either the Elementary School or the High School qualifies for a budget amendment due to an unanticipated enrollment increase.

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.

Principal Scott Schumacher presented the draft K-8 Bullying Report form and the Bullying Investigation form to be used for each reported bullying incident. The bullying report form will be available on the school district website when it is ready for use. Several questions and concerns were raised about the forms and Superintendent Chauvet will send the forms to our attorney Bea Kaleva for her review, comments, and recommendations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. A special thank you was extended to the AdvancEd team at our school for all of their hard work in preparing for the upcoming accreditation review.
2. The school district is a current member of SWMSS (Southwest Montana School Services) and our membership benefits were reviewed.
3. Our Head Maintenance Tom Bracha will be attending training to receive his Level 2 Building Operators Certification.
4. Attendance at a recent law workshop by Kaleva Law was very good and worthwhile.

CORRESPONDENCE

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of October, 2016, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved November 8, 2016