

Manhattan Public Schools
School District Number 3
416 North Broadway – P.O. Box 425
Manhattan, Montana 59741-0425

TRUSTEES:

_____ ROB BROWNELL (CHAIR)

DATE: **FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

_____ MIKE SWAN (VICE)

TIME: **7:00 PM**

_____ BRAND ROBINSON

PLACE: **HS Activities Room**

_____ MATT WHITE

_____ BRYAN PETERSEN

_____ ETHAN SEVERSON (HS)

REGULAR/SPECIAL: **REGULAR**

AGENDA

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

V. CONSENT AGENDA

It is recommended that the District approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. MINUTES – [Regular January 14, 2025](#)

B. WARRANT LISTS - January 2025

1. [Payroll, Operational, Activities](#)

C. EMPLOYMENT 2024-2025

1. Brenner Bushfield - Substitute Teacher

2. Stefanie Bennett, Randy Paul, Marjean Penny, Zach VanDyke - Adult Education Workers

VI. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

B. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed 2024-2025 Employment:

1. [Coaching Contract Renewal](#)

a. Traig Howells - JH Head Track coach

b. Aimee Jones - JH Assistant Track coach

C. *It is recommended that the District consider approval* of the proposed 2024-2025 FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for [Incoming Elementary](#) Non-Resident enrollment requests

D. *It is recommended that the District consider approval or denial* of the proposed 2025-2026 FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for [Incoming Elementary](#) and [Incoming High School](#) Non-Resident enrollment requests - Possible Executive Session to Protect an Individual Right of Privacy in Accordance with Section 2-3-203(3) MCA. Possible action on application in open session following closed session.

E. *It is recommended that the District approve* the [FY24 Audit Report](#) by Strom & Associates, P.C.

F. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed [Annual School Elections on May 6, 2025](#):

1. Elementary School - Trustee; General Fund Levy

2. High School - General Fund Levy

G. *It is recommended that the District approve* the hiring of the proposed Administration for the 2025-2026 school year:

1. Wes Kragt - K-5 Principal

2. Mary Fulp - 6-8 Principal

3. Miranda Howells - 9-12 Principal

4. Kristie Pierce - Special Education Director

H. *It is recommended that the District approve* the hiring of Nate Parseghian as Activities/Athletic Director for the 2025-2026 school year

I. *It is recommended that the District consider* identifying speech pathologists as an area within the district budget to be reduced in the 2025-2026 school fiscal year and authorize the administration to prepare necessary notifications and documentation to complete possible reductions and report to the Board with findings at the April meeting

J. *It is recommended that the District consider* the nonrenewal of Casey Gray without cause in accordance with Section 20-4-206, MCA

K. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed MHSA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities Renewal Agreement with Manhattan Christian for [Speech](#) during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years

L. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed MHSA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities Renewal Agreement with Manhattan Christian for [Drama](#) during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years

- M. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed update to [Policy 3141-F\(1\)](#) Out-of-District Attendance Agreement (FP-14.1)
- N. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed update to [Policy 5122-F](#) Applicant Rights and Consent to Fingerprint and [Policy 5120-F\(2\)](#) Privacy Act Statement

VII.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Resignation of [Kay Adams](#), Business & Computer Teacher, effective 6/6/2025
- B. Resignation of [Chris Nagel](#), Swing shift Custodian, effective 1/31/2025
- C. Resignation of [Amanda Dyksterhouse](#), Executive Assistant, effective 6/5/2025
- D. OPI Official Spring Enrollment Count - February 3, 2025
- E. [MEA request](#) to open negotiations for the 2025-2026 school year

VIII.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

IX.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

X.

CLAIMS - FEBRUARY 2025

XI.

ADJOURN

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MARCH 11, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Notice of meeting being recorded:

This meeting of the School Board of Trustees is being recorded in accordance with Sections 2-2-301, 2-3-202, 2-3-203, and 2-3-214, MCA. All members of the Board, staff, and public in attendance are advised that the public portions of the meeting will be recorded in both an audio and video format. Cameras and recording devices are placed throughout the meeting room to complete these recordings. Everyone in attendance is reminded to honor basic rules of decorum during the meeting and guidance associated with providing public comment as stated in Policy 1420F. By remaining in the meeting, those present consent to being recorded and displayed in the footage that will be posted on the School District's website.

Public Comment:

For those individuals who intend to address the Board during the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting, the Board Chair will call on individuals to speak when we get to that portion of the meeting.

The intended purpose of the Public Comment segment of our agenda is for a member of the public to bring a matter to the attention of the Board for the Board's information and/or consideration at a later date. In general, the Board is precluded from making decisions regarding Public Comment items, since they are not specified on the agenda.

In addition, the Public Comment section of the Agenda is not a time to raise personnel issues. Therefore, I would like to remind everyone in attendance that to avoid violations of individual rights of privacy, a member of the public wishing to address the Board during this time will not be allowed to make comments about any student, staff member, or member of the general public during his/her designated time to speak. In addition, the Board will not hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative proceedings.