

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

**TRUSTEES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ ROB BROWNELL (CHAIR)

DATE: **May 19, 2026**

\_\_\_\_\_ MIKE SWAN (VICE)

TIME: **7:00 PM**

\_\_\_\_\_ BRAND ROBINSON

PLACE: **HS Activities Room**

\_\_\_\_\_ JAMIE HEAPS

\_\_\_\_\_ BRYAN PETERSEN

\_\_\_\_\_ ETHAN SEVERSON (HS)

REGULAR/SPECIAL: **REGULAR**

**AGENDA**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

- A. Ethan Severson & Matt White-Recognition of Board Trustee Years of Service

**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 April 14, 2026  
B. [WARRANT LISTS](#) - April 2026  
1. [Payroll, Operational, Activities](#)  
C. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND INSURANCE RENEWALS 2026-2027  
1. [MTSBA](#) Membership Dues - \$6,725, [Labor Relations](#) Maintenance \$1,000, [Policy Service](#) Maintenance \$1,930  
2. [MHSA Dues](#) \$250 per activity, Catastrophic Insurance \$503, Concussion Insurance \$141  
D. EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS 2026-2027

**VI. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

- A. *It is recommended that the District approve* the following for the Annual School Election on May 5, 2026:  
1. Canvass [Election Results](#) and [levy election detail](#)  
2. Approve [Resolution](#) for Trustee Election by Acclamation - Mike Swan  
B. *It is recommended that the District approve* the following High School Trustee Appointment:  
1. Appoint trustee, term ending May 2027  
a) Name(s) considered: Sky Dykema;  
C. *It is recommended that the District approve* the following Board Reorganization:  
1. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman  
2. Appoint Clerk and Assistant Clerk  
D. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed [Resolution](#) to Request the County to Conduct our School Elections in 2026-2027  
E. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed 2025-2026 Employment  
1. [Jason Bennett](#)-Facilities and Events Coordinator  
2. [Brad Ballantyne](#)- Temporary/Part-time Assistant Maintenance  
F. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed 2026-2027 Employment  
1. [Classified staff](#) contract renewals  
2. [Valli Ganser](#) - MS Principal  
3. [Terra Lamping](#) - 7th/8th grade Science Teacher  
4. [Daylen Lookhart](#) - HS Math Teacher  
5. [Caroline Rehder](#) - Physical Therapist  
6. [Mikal Jones](#) - 6-12 Activities & Athletic Director  
7. [Erin Hutchings](#) - MS HeadVolleyball Coach  
8. K-5 Physical Education Teacher  
G. *It is recommended that the District accept* the Retirement of [Pat Lynch](#) as MS Art/PE Teacher effective 6/5/2026  
H. *It is recommended that the District approve* the Discretionary Leave Request from [Amanda Priquette](#) for November 16-19 2026 (4 days)  
I. *It is recommended that the District approve* the Discretionary Leave Request from Pat Lynch for April 27th, 2026 (1 day)  
J. *It is recommended that the District consider approval* of the proposed [2025-2026 FP-14](#) Student Attendance Agreements for 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.

- K. *It is recommended that the District consider approval* of the proposed [2026-2027 FP-14](#) Student Attendance Agreements for Incoming and Outgoing 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.
- L. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed 2026-2027 Contracted Services Agreement with [Angela Holmes](#) for Occupational Therapy Services
- M. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed 2026-2027 Contracted Services Agreement with [Rock Creek Teletherapy](#), LLC for Speech Therapy Services
- N. *It is recommended that the District approve* the proposed agreement with [First Security Bank](#) regarding use of school logo for promotional materials

**VII.**

**BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Reassignment of Teacher-Adam Van Zee to MS PE/Art
- B. Resignation of [Melanie Morales](#) - effective 6/5/2026
- C. HS Girls Flag Football proposal-Tori Bates
- D. Update on Negotiations 2026-2027
- E. Update on Professional Development Plan
- F. Commercial Energy 2026 Renewal Packet and Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Amendment

**VIII.**

**PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

**IX.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**X.**

**CLAIMS - May 2026**

**XI.**

**ADJOURN**

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 – 7:00 PM**

Any questions about the agenda or to request a board packet may contact the District Clerk at [coverbaugh@mhstigers.org](mailto:coverbaugh@mhstigers.org)

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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.