REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2026
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, High School and Elementary districts, met in regular session, August 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Rob Brownell, Brand Robinson, Bryan Petersen, Jamie Heaps, and Skylar Dykema, Mike Swan

Superintendent Brian Ayers, High School Principal Miranda Howells, Middle School Principal Valli Ganser, Elementary School Principal Wes Kragt, Activities Director Makenzy Kelch, Special Education Director Kristie Pierce, Clerk Courtney Overbaugh, and Administrative Assistant Beth Coate were present throughout the entire proceedings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman Brownell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
Amy Guevara spoke about FFA starting back at the school this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Chairman Brownell read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. Eric Diggins spoke on behalf of his family asking the board to consider enrolling his out of district children.

CONSENT AGENDA
Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular July 14th, 2026, July 2026 Payroll Warrants 3142285-3142294 $61,376.47; July 2026 Claims Warrants 3083409- 3083440 VOID 3083417, $285,525.12; and July 2026 Student Activities Checks 28551-28556, $16,323.03; Obsolete property list. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it was carried unanimously. The obsolete property list and approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

2026-2027 EMPLOYMENT
Mike Swan made a motion to approve an employment contract with Justin Reynolds as HS Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve an employment contract with Crissina Hayes as MS Counselor for the 2026-2027 school year. Brand Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve an employment contract with Cheryl Rathbun as Kitchen Aide-Point of Sale for the 2026-2027 school year. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve an employment contract with Chelsea Connors as Kitchen Aide-Floater for the 2026-2027 school year. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve an employment contract with Jessica Stevens as 5th grade Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Mike Swan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve an employment contract with Cara Quinn (Hall) as MS Athletic Liaison for the 2026-2027 school year. Bryan Petersen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

FP-14 STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS INCOMING 2026-2027
Superintendent Brian Ayers presented the de-identified list of 2026-2027 nonresident student enrollment applications being recommended for approval.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the 4 incoming applications in the elementary as proposed. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Mike Swan made a motion to approve the 1 incoming application in the high school as proposed. Bryan Petersen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The de-identified list of 2026-2027 nonresident student applications are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

FP-14 STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS OUTGOING 2026-2027
Superintendent Ayers presented the de-identified list of 2026-2027 nonresident student enrollment applications being recommended for approval due to extenuating circumstances. Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the recommended application for one outgoing high school student as proposed due to extenuating circumstances. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The de-identified list of 2026-2027 nonresident student applications are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
Mike Swan made a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 MOU and Guidelines with the City of Manhattan for a School Resource Officer. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FOOD PROGRAM CHANGES
Bryan Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 Adult Lunch Price change to $5.50. Brand Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 Student Lunch Price increase of $.10 and charging $1.00 for seconds. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion.
After discussion Mike Swan amended his motion to approve the $.10 price increase to lunch price and to deny the $1.00 charge for seconds. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2026-2027 FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND 2026-2027 FINAL BUDGETS
The proposed 2026-2027 Trustees Financial Summary for the Elementary and High School Districts and the Proposed 2026-2027 Final Budgets for Elementary and High School Districts have been tabled for the September Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED POLICY UPDATES
Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve the recommended Policy update from guidance from MTSBA and Kaleva Law to policy 2410-Graduation Requirements. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD INFORMATION
RESIGNATIONS
Superintendent Ayers reported to the Board that he received and accepted a resignation from Jared Frasier effective June 5, 2026.

Superintendent Ayers reported to the Board that he received and accepted a resignation from John Burke effective June 30, 2026.

Superintendent Ayers reported to the Board that he received and accepted a resignation from Joye McCormick effective June 30, 2026.

PRELIMINARY FLAG FOOTBALL MEETING
Scheduled for September 15th 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Pat Lynch's celebration of life is scheduled for August 22nd 2026

PRINCIPALS' REPORT
Elementary Principal Wes Kragt gave a report on the following: New staff getting settled in with 268 elementary students this year. He shared that the Title program has been revamped with the help of Kristie Peirce. There was time spent fixing up the playground this summer. Mr. Kragt thanked the maintenance and custodians staff for their efforts this summer. He is looking forward to another great year.

Middle School Principal Valli Ganser's report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

High School Principal Miranda Howells shared her newsletter that shares lots of information on back to school for parents. She touched base on several new classes that have been added as options for students. She highlighted a few upcoming events and projects that have been completed over the summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Ayers gave a report on the following:

Pat Lynch Celebration of life scheduled for August 22nd @1pm.
Committee agendas are being created. The Transportation committee will be busy this year.
Annual inspections of building and playground equipment with Darwin are scheduled.
Reviewed the week of August 17th as teachers come back- CPR/First Aid Training, AI Training, New teacher orientation, mentoring program, PIR days, District Assembly Wednesday at 9am, Open House Thursday at 4pm

CLAIMS
Vouchered claims for the month of July 2026 were examined and approved for payment.

With no further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

_____ ATTEST: _____
Robert Brownell, Chairman Courtney Overbaugh, District Clerk