REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, High School and Elementary districts, met in regular session, September 8, 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, Jamie Heaps, and Skylar Dykema
Members Absent: Bryan Petersen and Mike Swan

Superintendent Brian Ayers, High School Principal Miranda Howells, Middle School Principal Valli Ganser, Elementary School Principal Wes Kragt, 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
Mrs. Howells introduced a group of FCCLA students that represented Manhattan at Nationals.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Chairman Brownell read the public comment statement, and asked for public comment on any non-agenda items. There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA
Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular August 18th, 2026, August 2026 Payroll Warrants 3142303-3142311 $66,290.69; August 2026 Claims Warrants 3083441-3083482 $104,878.07; Volunteers: Will Schmidt, Brett Aune, Hadley Jones, and Sarah Wardell; Early Graduation Requests 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Jamie Heaps and it was carried unanimously. The approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

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 due to extenuating circumstances. Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve the 1 incoming application in the high school as proposed. Brand Robinson 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.

TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025-2026
Clerk Courtney Overbaugh reviewed the Elementary School Trustees' Financial Summary for 2025-2026. Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the Elementary School Trustees' Financial Summary as presented. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Clerk Courtney Overbaugh reviewed the High School Trustees' Financial Summary for 2025-2026. Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the High School Trustees' Financial Summary as presented. Skylar Dykema seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

FINAL BUDGETS 2026-2027

Clerk Courtney Overbaugh reviewed the Elementary School Budgets for 2026-2027. Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve the Elementary School FY2027 Final Budgets as follows: General Fund - $4,448,230.65; Transportation Fund - $334,379.97; Tuition Fund - $141,927.05; Retirement Fund - $650,000.00; Technology Fund - $181,256.40; Flexibility Fund - $13,437.81; Building Reserve Fund - $488,842.93; Debt Service Fund - $591,900. Total Budgeted Elementary Funds = $6,849,974.81. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Clerk Courtney Overbaugh reviewed the High School Budgets for 2026-2027. Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the High School FY2027 Final Budgets as follows: General Fund - $2,944,256.65; Transportation Fund - $226,044.90; Bus Depreciation Fund - $152,484.41; Tuition Fund - $17,851.92; Retirement Fund - $483,000.00; Adult Education Fund - $15,000.00; Technology Fund - $97,328.29; Flexibility Fund - $39,998.54; Building Reserve Fund - $197,756.50; Debt Service Fund - $909,200. Total Budgeted High School Funds = $5,082,921.21. Skylar Dykema seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

The 2026-2027 FY Proposed Final Budget spreadsheet comparisons over the previous year for the Elementary and High School are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

PROPOSED NEW POSITIONS

Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve the proposed second Elementary Special Education Teacher position. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve the proposed Long Term Substitute Teacher position. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MOUS FOR THE 2026-2027 CGA

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed MOU for Work Based Learning stipends. Jamie Heaps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jamie Heaps made a motion to approve the proposed MOU for Career & Technical Student Organization advisor stipends. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD INFORMATION

The Transportation committee met September 8th @6:15pm.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Elementary Principal Wes Kragt gave a report on the following: Enrollment is at 264. He is happy with all the new teachers and how they are settling in. Mr. Kragt and Morgan Barber tag teamed a welcome back classroom rules session instead of an assembly for each of the classes.

Lots of drills planned in the upcoming weeks, testing is planned, the Fun Run fundraiser has kicked off.

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

High School Principal Miranda Howells report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Athletic Director Makenzy Kelch's report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Ayers gave a report on the following:
Staff will attend September 25 PD Proficiency Based Education Summit;
Committees have not met this year with the exception of Transportation this evening.
He plans on working with Valli on Federal Programs and Coordinator Assignments soon.
He will share his 2026-27 goals with Trustees and Administrators this week.
Superintendent Advisory Council will start in October (as needed) - Most likely opportunity to review curriculum.
He highlighted our school staffing needs and gave a food service update on the school meals support program and Producer Partnership.

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

With no further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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