

## **REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2019**

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Rob Brownell, Dennis Grue, Brand Robinson, Mike Swan, Ethan Severson, and Matt White.

Superintendent Jeff Blessum, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, K-4 Principal 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.

Cross Country Head Coach John Sillitti introduced the students on the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams. Both teams finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Class B State Cross Country meet. The Board congratulated them for all of their dedication and hard work year after year.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month Caitlin Taylor 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**

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular November 12, 2019; November 2019 Payroll Warrants 39028-39070, \$519,160.81; November 2019 Claims Warrants 78403-78478, \$372,297.04; November 2019 Student Activities – 25867-25905, 25930, \$32,039.28; current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2019-2020 school year; Classified staff wage schedule and 19-20 placement of employees; Employment contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with the following current employees: Dani Davison – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball coach; Resignation of Missy Short as kidsLINK Afterschool Program Assistant effective 1/1/2020; Final reading Board Policy 7400 Credit Card Use; Final Reading of the following Board Policies as proposed in the MTSBA Fall 2019 Policy Notes: New – 1016FE, 3650, 3550, 7215, Required Revisions – 1006FE, 1009FE, 1014FE, 1014FE-F1, 1110, 1120, 1402, 1512, 1700, 2150, 2151F, 2161P, 3110, 3520, 3600P, 3600F2, 4315, 4320, 4332, 4410, 5120, 5223, 5232, 5329, 5329P, 5330, 7260, 7520, 8225, Recommended Revisions – 5328P; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the following Board Policies as proposed in the MTSBA Fall 2019 Policy Notes: New – 1015FE, 8550, Required Revisions – 1005FE, 1420, 1420F, 1441, 3130, 5430F, Recommended Revisions – 8301; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Board Policy 1710 Non-Lethal CS Gel. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried unanimously.

The following are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof: the Classified staff wage schedule and 19-20 placement of employees, the 35 approved Board Policies as proposed, and the approved warrant and check listings.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **KABOOM! GRANT**

Matt White moved to approve the KaBOOM! Let's Play Construction Grant to be used towards the creation of a playground under the terms and conditions as stated in the Letter of Agreement, including any required matching funds to be paid by the school district. Mike Swan seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes.

### **POSITION OPENING FOR SUPERINTENDENT**

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the position opening for a Superintendent beginning with the 2020-2021FY and to hire Kaleva Law Office to conduct the search. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue, which carried unanimously.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

The coaching positions for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball and Assistant JH Boys Basketball are still pending so this agenda item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

## **BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE**

Superintendent Blessum gave an update to the Board on the boiler issues, and the Sanderson Stewart traffic study. Chairman Brownell thanked the custodians for their hard work during the football playoff games that our school hosted.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Superintendent Blessum gave an update to the Board on the progress of the school committees that are currently being re-established. The Wellness committee is completing the District Wellness Assessment Tool and looking at recess before lunch. The Safety committee is discussing Reflex Protect and the tentative plans for staff training on the PIR day on January 27, 2020. The Facilities committee is reviewing the FCI (Facilities Condition Inventory) list of projects and prioritizing them.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, and High School Principal Jason Slater updated the Board on upcoming events and activities in each of their schools, as well as the projects they have been working on.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

1. The Principals evaluations are using a new tool from OPI where each Principal is actively involved in building their own evaluation.
2. The Superintendent evaluation will be done by the Board in Executive session at the January 14, 2020, regular meeting.

### **CLAIMS**

Vouchered claims for the month of December 2019, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

**Board Approved 1/14/2020**