

REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2020

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, December 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Activities Room and via zoom. Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order.

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

Superintendent Brian Ayers, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, Athletic Director Pat Lynch, Clerk Ann Heisler, and Executive Assistant Jamie Heaps were present throughout the entire proceedings. Guests attending the meeting in person are on the list attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The High School Football team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Brownell recognized the visitors in attendance.

Rotary high school student of the month Kit Wiersema was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

Tigers of the Month 5-8 students Gavin Gault, Tucker Smith, Kyler Bailey, and Kloey Gartrell were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

Athletic recognitions as follows: Football (Head Coach Chris Grabowska) – 1st in State and first time in school history; Cross Country (Head Coach John Sillitti) – 2nd in State both Boys and Girls teams, Hallie Hemenway – State Girls Cross Country Champion; Lexi Shepherd – All American Cheerleader; Athletic Director Pat Lynch acknowledged the Academic All State Recipients for Fall with a 3.5 GPA and Letter.

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

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular November 10, 2020; November 2020 Payroll Warrants 39499-39533, \$564,635.43; November 2020 Claims Warrants 79278-79339, \$176,388.78; November 2020 Student Activities Checks 26271-26302, \$11,452.47, voids 26280, 26293; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2020-2021 school year; Resignation from Thealyn (TK) Knutson as part-time Kitchen Aide/Dishwasher effective 12/11/2020. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings, the approved substitute teacher and volunteer list, are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2020-2021 EMPLOYMENT

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a successful background check with the following: Kristin TeSlaa – part-time Title I Paraprofessional at Manhattan Christian School, Rosa Thompson – part-time Kitchen Aide/Dishwasher. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson, which carried unanimously.

DISCRETIONARY LEAVE REQUEST FROM HEATHER KLONSINSKI

Mike Swan moved to approve the discretionary leave request from Heather Klonsinski for a total of 5 days. Brand Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

UPDATES TO K-4, 5-8, 9-12 STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the McKenney-Vento Homeless Act language in the K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 Student Handbooks as presented. The motion was seconded by Rob Brownell and it carried with no dissenting votes.

GCCHD UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR QUARANTINE OF COVID-19 CONTACTS

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the GCCHD Updated Guidance for Quarantine of COVID-19 Contacts (per GCCHD letter dated 12/4/2020) to include the following key points:

1. Quarantine for close contacts can end after Day 10 without testing **and** if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
2. Quarantine for close contacts can end after Day 7 if the person tests negative (by PCR or antigen test) on Day 5 or later, **and** if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. **Quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.**
 - a. **GCCHD does not currently recommend “testing out” of quarantine, but Manhattan School District will accept and honor the negative test result. The school district does not accept any financial responsibility for the cost of a COVID test.**

The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried unanimously. The GCCHD letter dated 12/4/2020 is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-2021 STAFF HANDBOOK

Superintendent Ayers told the Board that the 2020-2021 Staff Handbook is currently under review and will be submitted for Board approval as soon as possible.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Superintendent Ayers said that the District is planning to send out a newsletter before the Christmas break and asked for input from the Board about what they would like to see in the newsletter.

MTSBA FY22 DUES REVENUE ESTIMATE

Chairman Brownell explained the MTSBA FY22 dues revenue estimate and tentative 3.42% increase for FY22. The Manhattan School District voted in favor of the Dues Revenue Estimate for FY2022.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, High School Principal Jason Slater, updated the Board on the impacts of Covid-19 in their schools, remote learners, academics & honor roll, athletic participation, upcoming music concerts, and substitute teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. The Superintendent Evaluation will be held at the January 12, 2021, Board meeting.
2. The Superintendent Entry Plan will be reviewed during the evaluation meeting.
3. The COVID update continues to be sent out every Friday and is appreciated by our community and staff.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of December 2020, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 1/12/2021