

REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2021

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, January 12, 2021, 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, 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

Chairman Brownell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Brownell recognized the visitors in attendance.

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 December 8, 2020; December 2020 Payroll Warrants 39534-39569, \$567,337.98; December 2020 Claims Warrants 79340-79411, \$172,523.20; December 2020 Student Activities Checks 26303-26333, 26335, \$14,252.91; write-off outstanding district warrants and activities fund checks over one year old - #38713, #38965, #39018; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2020-2021 school year; Resignation from Shari Johnson as Title I paraprofessional effective 6/3/2021. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved warrant and check listings, the list of outstanding checks over one year old approved for write-off, the approved substitute teacher and volunteer list, are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2020-2021 EMPLOYMENT

Mike Swan made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a successful background check with the following: Jordan Firm – Assistant JH Boys Basketball, Mike Strasser – Assistant JH Boys Basketball, Cory Smith – 5th/6th grade Boys Basketball, Cory Taylor – 5th/6th grade Boys Basketball. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson, which carried unanimously.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDTE

Superintendent Ayers gave the Board an update on the progress and work being done in the Strategic Planning Committee, the Facilities Planning and Building Committee, the Professional Learning Committee, and the Curriculum Committee.

MHSA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

It was reported that there are no new MHSA proposals being presented at the MHSA Annual meeting this year.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 4, 2021

District Clerk Ann Heisler reviewed the annual school election calendar and key dates with the Board. The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Dennis Grue and Matt White. Nominating Petitions for the open positions must be filed with the District Clerk by March 25, 2021, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

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 athletic/activities in each of their schools, projects they have been working on, semester tests, remote learning, enrollment, and music concerts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Since returning to school from the full 2 week break at Christmas, our student and staff COVID numbers have been very low.
2. Strom & Assoc. were onsite during the week of January 4th conducting our yearly FY20 financial audit. The good news is that the district did not have any findings for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The FY20 final audit report will be presented to the Board for approval when it is received from Strom.
3. District laptops were purchased for each Trustee to be used for district business and zoom meetings.
4. Communication with the Manhattan community continues to be a top priority for the Superintendent's office.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Executive Session

Chairman Brownell determined that the matter of the Superintendent's Evaluation involves individual privacy and public disclosure would not be in the best interest of the Superintendent. He called an Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Following Executive Session, Chairman Brownell reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve an additional two years to Superintendent Brian Ayers' employment contract. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved 2/9/2021