

**REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 13, 2017**

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, June 13, 2017, at 7:30 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, Kelly Duncan, and Ethan Severson.

Superintendent Scott Chauvet, Principals Scott Schumacher and 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. Special thanks and appreciation was extended to Sam Weber of the Belgrade News for her excellence in reporting for the Manhattan School District. Sam will be pursuing other interests so she will no longer be the reporter for our school district.

**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:**

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular May 9, 2017; the current Substitute Teacher list for the 2016-2017 school year; Employment of Laurel Stillman and Todd Rosenberger as United Way summer program coordinators; Resignations of Trevor Elliott as custodial helper, and Joyce Benz as paraprofessional; Classified staff contract renewals for the 2017-2018 school year per the attached list; Administrator salaries/contract language for the 2017-2018 school year per the attached list; Independent Contractor Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year with Wise Woods Preschool; Coaching staff contract renewals for Fall sports for the 2017-2018 school year as follows: Pat Lynch – Activities Director, Chris Grabowska – HS Head Football, Kim Vander Ark – HS Assistant Football, Raymond Debruycker – HS Assistant Football, Eddie Holgate – HS Assistant Football, Michelle Mayo – HS Head Volleyball, Joni Dietz – HS Assistant Volleyball, Kaitlyn Vanderby – HS Assistant Volleyball, John Sillitti – Head Cross Country, Dustin Cichosz – Assistant Cross Country, Kodi Dustin - Cheerleading; MSGIA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal for the 2017-2018 school year; Sports Participation Booklet for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously. The list of 2017-2018 Classified staff contract renewals by position, the list of 2017-2018 Administrator salaries/contract language, the 2017-2018 Contract with Wise Woods Preschool, the FY18 MSGIA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal, and the 2017-2018 Sports Participation Booklet is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS:**

**FACILITIES BUILDING UPDATE**

Karen Hedglin gave the Board an update on our building project. Construction is on schedule at the new building and the renovations at the elementary school began on time, but sitework has been impacted due to recent change in site utilities. The Monthly Bond Project Report is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Karen also mentioned the Special Board meeting that was held on June 8, 2017, with the Town of Manhattan regarding the road easement and water line installation; the community library summer reading program scheduled on July 11 at 10:30 a.m., and the community construction tour proposed for Friday, August 18 at 3:00 p.m.

### **PERSONNEL**

Brand Robinson moved to approve employment contracts for the 2017-2018 school year with the following: Kate Davis – Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Lauren Hausauer – Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Amanda Swenson – Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Raymond Debruycker – Head Wrestling coach, Patrick Hutchins – Assistant Wrestling coach, Eddie Holgate – Head Softball coach, Becky Frank – Assistant Speech & Drama, Mikal Jones – Head Girls Basketball coach. Kelly Duncan seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes. Quinn Peoples was approved at last month's meeting as an Elementary teacher and Head Girls Basketball coach but has since rescinded her acceptance of those positions.

### **TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS**

Lori Brown-Chauvet gave the Board an update on curriculum and textbook adoptions. There are no curriculum adoptions needing Board approval at this time, and the textbook adoptions being proposed for Board approval include the following: Math K-5, Biology, Pre-Calculus, Spanish I & II, and Chemistry (in place of Child Development).

After discussion, Mike Swan made a motion to approve the Elementary K-5 Math textbooks as proposed. The motion was seconded by Kelly Duncan and it carried unanimously.

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the High School textbooks for Biology, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, and Spanish I & II as proposed. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue and it carried unanimously.

The curriculum/textbook update and the list of textbook adoptions approved are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

### **EARLY GRADUATION POLICY LANGUAGE CHANGE**

High School Principal Neil Harvey reviewed the proposed language change for Early Graduation in the student handbook. After discussion, Dennis Grue moved to approve the Early Graduation language change as proposed. Kelly Duncan seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes. The approved language change is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

### **EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST**

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the early graduation request from Nicole Thompson at the end of the first semester of her senior year 2017-2018, pending meeting all graduation requirements. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson and it carried unanimously. The approved early graduation request is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Mike Swan moved to approve the proposed Transportation Contract with Harlow's School Bus Service, Inc. for a period of five years from July 1, 2017, until June 30, 2022. Kelly Duncan seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved Transportation Contract is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Kelly Duncan made a motion to approve the Transportation routes for the 2017-2018 school year as follows: Route 1 – Churchill 88 miles/day; Route 2 – Maudlow 65.6 miles/day; Route 3 – Logan 61.8 miles/day; Route 4 – Anceny 94.4 miles/day; and Route 5 – Wooden Shoe 62 miles/day; for a total of 371.8 miles/day. At this time, there are no route changes from the previous school year. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously. A listing of the 2017-2018FY approved bus routes is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Brand Robinson moved to approve the TR-4 Individual Transportation Contract with Kim Fitch for the 2017-2018 school year for her high school student. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved TR-4 Individual Transportation Contract is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Board appointed Superintendent Scott Chauvet and Harlow’s bus Desi Hageness to represent Manhattan School District on the Gallatin County Transportation Committee.

**COLLECTIVE GAINING 2016-2018 AMENDMENTS**

Superintendent Chauvet went over the following proposed amendments to the 2016-2018 Collective Gaining Agreement: Recognition of Experience from seven (7) years to ten (10) years of outside teaching experience; add Wrestling and Softball stipends to Tier 2; and update the employer health insurance monthly premium rates to reflect an additional \$48/tier paid by the district. The MEA has agreed to and approved all of these proposed amendments. Kelly Duncan made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2016-2018 Collective Gaining Agreement as proposed. Mike Swan seconded, and it carried unanimously. The approved amendments are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

**PRINCIPALS’ REPORT**

Principals Scott Schumacher and Neil Harvey updated the Board on recent and upcoming events in each of their schools, as well as the projects they have been working on.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

1. A special thank you was extended to all staff and teachers for their help in packing up their rooms for the construction and renovations over the summer.
2. The state funding shortfalls from the recent legislative session will likely create several holes in school district budgets as well as permissive levy tax increases for our local taxpayers. This increase in permissive levy funding will be a primary focus of education groups around the state.

**CLAIMS**

Vouchered claims for the month of June, 2017, were examined and approved for payment.

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Robert Brownell, Chairman

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

**Board Approved July 11, 2017**