

REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 12, 2019

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, March 12, 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 Scott Chauvet, High School Principal Jason Slater, 5-8 Principal Scott Schumacher, 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.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month Natascia Pierce, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

Manhattan students representing our school in the 2019 Gallatin County Spelling Bee were 5th grader Ethan Bryson and 7th grader Charles Jones. The two students were 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. Our current head boys basketball coach Wes Kragt told the Board that steps have been taken within the basketball program, schools involved, and communities to resolve the issue that occurred during the district boys' basketball tournament. Assistant boys basketball coach Todd Lucier expressed his continued 100% support for head coach Kragt in our basketball program. Manhattan student Emma Wass spoke in support of our current head girls' basketball coach.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dennis Grue made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular February 12, 2019; February 2019 Payroll Warrants 38629-38673, \$477,867.78, February 2019 Claims Warrants 77703-77771, 77836, Voids 77706, 77708, 77742, 77751-77758, \$166,022.44, February 2019 Student Activities 25525-25587, 25590, Voids 25534-25538, 25540, 25579, \$35,523.55; the current Substitute Teacher and Volunteer list for the 2018-2019 school year; Employment contracts for the 2018-2019 school year with Laurel Stillman – Grades 5/6 Girls Basketball coach and Patrick Hutchins – Head JH Wrestling coach; resignation of HS Business teacher Tracey Bolich at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously. The approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

BUILDING FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATE

The next building committee meeting with Karen Hedglin is scheduled for Wed. March 13, 2019, to review the status of any final outstanding items.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

After presenting the initial afterschool program proposal to the Board at last month's meeting, Linsey Kallestad spoke with the United Way CEO Danica Jamison and the kidsLINK Afterschool Program Director Karen DeCotis. United Way would like to partner with the school district to help fund a kidsLINK afterschool program at our school district due to a lack of available options for working parents in the Manhattan community. The afterschool program will start April 1, 2019, and run Monday-Friday 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for K-4th grade students first and additional grades to be added later. The school has several assistant positions open to help with the afterschool program. If the program goes well for the remainder of this school year, it will start up again next school year.

Matt White made a motion to approve the kidsLINK Afterschool Program proposal and Statement of Agreement with the Greater Gallatin United Way for the period 4/1/19-6/30/19. Mike Swan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Statement of Agreement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

SNOW DAY RESOLUTION

Due to extreme weather conditions, Manhattan School District cancelled school on March 1, 2019. After discussion, Ethan Severson made a motion to declare Friday, March 1, 2019, as an unforeseen emergency as provided in 20-9-809, paragraph 2, MCA. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried with no dissenting votes.

MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITIES

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the MHSA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities Renewal Agreement with Manhattan Christian School in Football for the school years of 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022. Ethan Severson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The renewal agreement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Dennis Grue made a motion to approve the MHSA Application for Cooperative Sponsorship with Manhattan Christian School in Speech for the school years of 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022. Ethan Severson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The application for speech is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Brand Robinson made a motion to approve the MHSA Application for Cooperative Sponsorship with Manhattan Christian School in Drama for the school years of 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The application for drama is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

403(b) THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA) CHANGE

Ethan Severson moved to approve OMNI as the school district's new 403(b) third party administrator (TPA) as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan, which carried with no dissenting votes. The Plan Document with OMNI is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EMPLOYMENT 2018-2019

Matt White made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical as needed, with Shannon Cameron as an Elementary Special Ed Aide. Brand Robinson seconded, which carried unanimously. Ethan Severson made a motion to approve an employment contract for the 2018-2019 school year, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical as needed, with Lindsay Schack as HS Assistant Track coach. Dennis Grue seconded, which carried unanimously.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 7, 2019

The Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The two Trustees who are up for re-election are Rob Brownell and Brand Robinson. Nominating Petitions for the open positions must be filed with the District Clerk by March 28, 2019, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

The 2019-2020 General Fund Preliminary Budget Data information was reviewed. After discussion, Mike Swan made a motion to cancel the Elementary School General Fund levy election as recommended by Superintendent Chauvet. Matt White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ethan Severson made a motion to cancel the High School General Fund levy election as recommended by Superintendent Chauvet. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Therefore, General Fund levy elections will not be held in either the Manhattan Elementary or the Manhattan High School at the mail ballot election on May 7, 2019. A summary of the 2019-2020 General Fund Preliminary Budget Data is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the SB307 Notice of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies as proposed. Matt White seconded the motion, which carried with no dissenting votes. The approved SB307 Notice is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

HARLOW'S BUS SERVICE

Harlow's bus manager, Hal Illum, gave the Board an update on the bus service for this year, including regular routes and activity/athletic trips for our school district. He said that overall it is going pretty good this year; all regular routes are fully staffed; they are looking for one activity driver, particularly for long trips; they are working on keeping students safe by not having them walk between buses; route times in the morning were pushed up as buses were arriving late to school. Hal mentioned that because our student enrollment is growing, they may need to change bus routes somewhat or add another route eventually. The Tiger Bus is only a 45 passenger bus, which is usually not big enough for a lot of our athletic teams to use. Hal would like the Board to see what they can do about looking into a larger team bus, maybe working with the Booster Club and Justin from Harlow's bus sales. The Board said that they will reconvene the Transportation Committee to begin looking at what our options are for a larger team bus.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Scott Schumacher, 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 Chauvet gave a report to the Board on the following topics:

1. Administration has been working through scheduling for next school year.
2. The maintenance department purchased a used truck and larger snow plow to help with the extreme snow conditions this year in our parking lots and around the property.
3. The four candidates being interviewed for the 5-8 Principal position will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.
4. Adult Education classes are currently scheduled and will begin soon.

CLAIMS

Vouchered claims for the month of March, 2019, 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 April 9, 2019