

REGULAR MEETING, MAY 12, 2020

The trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3, high school and elementary districts, met in regular session, May 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and in the High School Conference 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 attended the meeting electronically.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Brownell recognized the visitors in attendance.

Manhattan Schools Rotary Student of the Month Hope Slater and Porter Blanchard 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. No comments were made.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS - The Board Action Items was moved up to accommodate the schedule of Gallatin County Superintendent Matthew Henry. All Trustees were in favor of the agenda change.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – MAY 5, 2020

The Annual School Election was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, by mail ballot and conducted by the Gallatin County Election Administrator. After canvassing the votes, Ethan Severson made a motion to certify the Annual School Election as fair and valid. The motion was seconded by Brand Robinson and it carried unanimously. A summary of the election results are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Matt White made a motion to approve the Trustee Election by Acclamation resolution whereas Trustee candidate Mike Swan is hereby duly elected by acclamation for a 3-year term to the Board of Trustees of Manhattan School District No. 3. Dennis Grue seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Mike Swan made a motion to approve the Trustee Election by Acclamation resolution whereas Trustee candidate Ethan Severson is hereby duly elected by acclamation for a 3-year term to the Board of Trustees of Manhattan High School District No. 3. Matt White seconded, and it carried unanimously.

The Certificate of Election and the Trustee Election by Acclamation Resolutions for Mike Swan and Ethan Severson are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Gallatin County Superintendent Matthew Henry swore in Trustee candidate Mike Swan (incumbent) who will represent Manhattan School District No. 3 for another 3-year term; and the HS Trustee candidate Ethan Severson (incumbent) who will represent Manhattan High School District No. 3 for another 3-year term.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Dennis Grue nominated Rob Brownell as Chairman of the Board, seconded by Ethan Severson. Mike Swan moved to close the nominations and Matt White seconded. Rob Brownell was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Board.

Mike Swan nominated Dennis Grue as Vice-Chairman of the Board, seconded by Brand Robinson. Ethan Severson moved to close the nominations and Matt White seconded. Dennis Grue was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Dennis Grue moved to appoint Ann Heisler as District Clerk of the Board. The motion was seconded by Matt White, which carried with no dissenting votes.

Matt White moved to appoint Andrea Rice as Assistant District Clerk of the Board. The motion was seconded by Ethan Severson, which carried with no dissenting votes.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION 2020-2021

Mike Swan made a motion to approve a Resolution requesting the Gallatin County Election Administrator to conduct all school elections for the Manhattan School District No. 3 for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was seconded by Dennis Grue and it carried with no dissenting votes. The approved Trustee Resolution Requesting County Conduct Elections is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

BOARD POLICIES

Brand Robinson moved to approve the proposed Board Policy update to BP 1110 Taking Office. Dennis Grue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The approved BP 1110 is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

EMPLOYMENT 2020-2021

Mike Swan moved to approve an employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a successful background check, with Marisa Rivera – JH Social Studies teacher. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Swan made a request to pull the coaching staff contract renewals from the consent agenda and Ethan Severson made a request to pull the MHS A Dues renewal from the consent agenda.

Ethan Severson made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Board Minutes – Regular April 14, 2020, Special April 27, 2020; April 2020 Payroll Warrants 39231-39264, \$527,491.34; April 2020 Claims Warrants 78743-78798, voids 78787, \$159,454.58; April 2020 Student Activities Checks 26129, 26131, 26141, \$5,130.24; Resignation from Hayley Pettit – 5-8 Counselor; Resignation from Suzanne Rowe – HS Special Ed teacher; Classified staff contract renewals for the 2020-2021 school year per the attached list; SSoM Membership Dues 2020-2021; MECC Membership Dues 2020-2021; MTSBA Membership Dues 2020-2021; MSGIA Property & Liability Insurance 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Mike Swan and it carried unanimously. The list of 2020-2021 Classified staff contract renewals by position, and the approved warrant and check listings are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

After discussion, Mike Swan made a motion to offer the proposed coaching positions, excluding the AD and 5-8 AD position, for the 2020-2021 season contingent on the approval of the MHSA for sanctioned activities in this school year or at the Board's discretion. Dennis Grue seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

Matt White made a motion to approve the proposed coaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year as follows: Pat Lynch – Athletic Director, and Eric Fisher – 5-8 Athletic Director. Brand Robinson seconded the motion and it carried with no dissenting votes.

The list of 2020-2021 Coaches approved is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The proposed 2020-2021 MHSA Dues, Catastrophic Insurance, and Concussion Insurance Renewal was tabled until the June Board meeting.

BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS
COLLECTIVE GAINING AGREEMENT 2020-2021

A meeting will be scheduled soon with the Board's Negotiation Committee and MEA.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

K-4 Principal Neil Harvey, 5-8 Principal Eric Fisher, and High School Principal Jason Slater updated the Board on the status of their schools since the school closure, including academics, grading, athletics, attendance, kindergarten screening, driver's education, and graduation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Shawna Longie updated the Board on our hot lunch program since being approved to operate a Summer Food Service Program at our district beginning April 1, 2020. This allows ALL children 18 & under to get free grab & go lunches at our school, which are prepared and distributed weekly. The school is providing an average of 245 lunches per day and the SFSP program will run through the end of the school year.
2. Tom Bracha updated the Board on our facilities and maintenance projects currently in progress.
3. Pat Lynch told the Board that our coaching staff will be participating in the Proactive Coaching Program. He also mentioned that the HS weight room and the summer open gyms will begin June 8th. CDC guidelines of sanitizing and social distancing will be followed.

CLAIMS

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

No further business appearing before the Board, Chairman Brownell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Robert Brownell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Heisler, District Clerk

Board Approved June 9, 2020