

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 9, 2021

Present: Thompson, Ackler, Clark, Musselman, Ross, Derrer, MacQuarrie

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Meeder, Phillips

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Clark approve the agenda as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments including comment on extended COVID-19 learning plan

No comments were made.

Consent Agenda

Ackler/Musselman to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the regular Organizational meeting held on January 14, 2020;

B. Monthly Finance:

1. Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 1/19/2021 - \$79,725.02; 1/20/2021 - \$2,371.88; 2/2/2021 - \$167,139.20

C. Re-confirmation of the extended COVID-19 learning plan

D. Accept the resignation from Kevin LaVanway as the varsity baseball coach

E. Accept the resignation from Margie Hogsett as an elementary assistant

F. Accept the recommendation to hire Jessica Variot as an elementary teacher

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Mr. DiRosa introduced Jessica Variot, stating she is a Mancelona graduate and student taught here.

Principal's report: Trent Naumcheff stated that academic success rate is slightly lower this year than in the past 4 years, noticed more in the virtual students vs. face to face students. Mr. Naumcheff announced sports have started with the first girls' basketball home game is tomorrow Thursday February 11th against Pellston. Mr. Naumcheff indicated he and Ben Tarbutton, Athletic Director, have been working in the gym arranging bleachers and chairs so players and spectators can social distance. Mr. Naumcheff stated will be a challenge educating fans on new expectations. Mr. Naumcheff announced athletic tickets can be purchased online using GoFan. Mr. Naumcheff stated 100 tickets per

team will be available, if not all are purchased, the remaining tickets will be available to the general public, no exchange of money will take place. Mr. Naumcheff stated Mr. Tarbutton and Assistant Lisa Carriere will be trained to administer COVID-19 quick test to our wrestling team. Dale Ackler asked if there has been a slowdown in COVID-19 cases. Mr. Naumcheff stated there have been approximately 45-50 students quarantined and 3 positive cases, attendance has been a challenge. Kim Musselman asked how COVID has affected exams. Mr. Naumcheff stated students had a choice to freeze their passing grade or take the exam upon return, most chose to freeze their grades. **Larry Rager** announced there are currently no COVID-19 positive cases in the middle school. Mr. Rager announced NWEA testing is being done, the preliminary numbers are looking pretty good. Mr. Rager indicated the social and emotional testing has been completed, Pami Sprague will be collecting and analyzing the results. Mr. Rager announced wrestling has started however, basketball season is done. **Tina Frollo** stated shifts in the classroom have been made as several students came back to face-to face learning. Mrs. Frollo announced the 3rd and 4th grade students will be allowed back in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch. Mrs. Frollo stated Independent Development Plans are in place for non-tenured teachers, 9 in the elementary. Mrs. Frollo reviewed data on how the pandemic has affected students academically, indicating reading scores are up from last year as well as students in math show a 6% proficiency improvement.

Superintendent's Report: **Jeff DiRosa** announced activities are taking place in all buildings to celebrate Black History month. Mr. DiRosa announced in December donations from DM Burr, Top Notch Heating & Cooling and Chartwell were received in order to give each staff member a \$25 gas card as a token of our appreciation for their continued hard work. Mr. DiRosa stated the state budget looks strong. Mr. DiRosa stated there will be no school on February 15th for mid-winter break, March 4th will be parent teacher conferences and no students on March 5th with a full professional development day for staff.

Citizen Comments on Action Items - None

Action Items

Budget Amendment: Shelly Meeder presented the budget amendment which projects an improvement of \$881,000 since last June's adoption. Mrs. Meeder stated a new "super" blend was used to determine the number of students to be paid on. Mrs. Meeder announced we continue to be paid at the 19/20 per pupil amount of \$8,111, the stated did not reduce the amount by \$650, which we budgeted for. Mrs. Meeder indicated the district was awarded \$627,177 in coronavirus relief funding. Mrs. Meeder stated we are recognizing savings in salaries and benefits due to staff changes.

Ross/MacQuarrie to approve the Budget Amendment

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Approve school truck purchase: Mr. DiRosa stated our truck is 8 years old and needs to be replaced. Mr. DiRosa worked with MiDeal Pricing and received quotes on 3 different trucks. Mr. DiRosa recommended the GMC. Amy Derrer asked who would be driving the truck. Mr. DiRosa responded our maintenance workers. Gerald Clark asked if we would also be purchasing a plow. Mr. DiRosa stated we will be looking into it. Mr. DiRosa also stated we would be selling the old truck through on-line auction.

Ackler/Clark

to approve the school truck purchase

Yes: 7

No: 0

Items for Future Consideration: None

Adjournment

Ross/Musselman

Adjournment 5:03

Yes: 7

No: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary



Kim Musselman, Secretary