

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 19, 2023

Present: MacQuarrie, Derrer, Ross, Thompson, Musselman arrived at 4:32

Absent: Clark, Ackler

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Phillips, Meeder

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

Approval of Agenda

Ross/MacQuarrie approve the agenda

YES: 4

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments None

Consent Agenda

Derrer/MacQuarrie to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 8, 2023.
- B. **Monthly Finance:** Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of:
GENERAL FUND: 8/29/2023 - \$190,334.45; 9/12/2023 - \$100,380.61 **BOND FUND:**
8/29/2023 - \$22,243.00; 9/12/2023 - \$949,787.84 **SINKING FUND:** 8/29/2023 - \$7,941.78;
9/12/2023 - \$6,210.00
- C. Accept the recommendation to hire Tim Nielson as the assistant JV football coach.
- D. Accept the recommendation to hire Brandy Bradley as the cheerleading coach.
- E. Accept the recommendation to hire Meghan McIntosh as the 7th grade volleyball coach.
- F. Accept the recommendation to hire Gabrielle Nelson as the 8th grade volleyball coach.
- G. Accept the recommendation to hire Cheyenne Wilcox as the elementary art teacher and the Art in Motion teacher at the middle school.
- H. Accept the recommendation to hire Rebekah Kolka as a GSRP teacher.
- I. Accept the recommendation to hire Meghan McIntosh as a GSRP teacher.
- J. Accept the recommendation to hire Ben Tarbutton as the 8th grade boys' basketball coach.
- K. Accept the recommendation to hire Jeffrey Baumann as the middle school 5/6 special education teacher.
- L. Accept the recommendation to hire Celeste Johnson as a kindergarten teacher.
- M. Accept the recommendation to hire Melissa Taylor as a Strong Beginnings teacher.
- N. Accept the recommendation to hire Natalie Deveneau as the 9th grade volleyball coach
- O. Accept the resignation from Vanessa Batchelor as an elementary teacher.
- P. Accept the resignation from Michelle Dingman as the 8th grade girls' basketball coach.

YES: 4

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Communities in Schools of NWMI: Amy Burk distributed a flyer that listed what CIS is doing in our buildings. Ms. Burk stated Amanda Arsnoe is the Elementary Site Coordinator, Emily Packer for the Middle School and Amy Derrer is at the High School. Each coordinator will support various services to address the needs of students.

Administrators report: Trent Naumcheff stated the new school year started out wonderful with great attitudes, comfortable class sizes and lots schedule diversity. Ben Tarbutton, Athletic Director, stated fall sports as 104 participants compared to 73 in the 22/23 school year. Mr. Tarbutton says the higher numbers can be contributed to cheerleading and second JV Volleyball participants. Mr. Garzella, HS Wood shop teacher, stated this is his 31st year of teaching and is proud to be here. Mr. Garzella stated he has 85 very respectful students. Enos Bacon stated middle school enrollment is 237, on par with last year. Mr. Bacon announced math interventions have been added to the curriculum. We will be collaborating with Ausable for 5th grade field trips, 12 lessons will align with our curriculum. NWEA testing will be completed this week. Okay to Say with Mickey Berg is a platform for reporting, identifying and responding. Parents are welcome to participate as well; students can opt out of this program. There will be a focus on parent communication. Mr. Bacon thanked Amy Bernthal for her help with math interventions and Karen VonOppen for her work with the 5th grade team. Bernadette Pletcher stated enrollment is 315 K-4, 353 with GSRP and Strong Beginnings. A daily memo is sent out encouraging Number Talks. Rachel Davis and Melanie Griffore have been working on NWEA testing, should be complete by the end of the week. Elementary assistants have been training on reading and math interventions. Assistants will also be given the tools to help in student discipline. Mary Morris and Melanie Griffore did a great job organizing the elementary carnival, had a great turnout. Parent group meeting will be held next week to discuss field trips and Trunk or Treat. Construction is ongoing. The teachers have been great pitching in when needed. Tina Frollo thanked the board for the opportunity as the new Curriculum Director. Mrs. Frollo helped organize the opening Professional Development days. Mrs. Frollo worked with a group of teachers, Iron Crew to plan team-building activities to unite the district. Content teams, pre-K through 12th grade, will work together each month. Mrs. Frollo stated she will be working with a Steering Committee, 2 teachers from each building on district and school improvement. The Iron Crew is working to get students either an orange or a black shirt, based on their birth month, for Homecoming.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa stated it was a great start to the new year, Professional Development went great and well organized. Lindsey Newland did a great job with staff meals. Meet the Teacher went very well. Lori Harvey has new staff in Strong Beginnings and GSRP. Student count is down from the budget, count day is October 4th. Mr. DiRosa announced we have one bus driver position open, we are training three at this time. One driver will fill the open position and the other two will be substitute drivers.

CITIZENS COMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS: None

Action Items

Select MASB Delegate and Alternate

To appoint Tom Ross as the Delegate no alternate appointed

Musselman/MacQuarrie

Yes: 5

No: 0

Motion Carried

Items for Future Consideration: None

Ross/Derrer

adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Yes: 5

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary


Kim Musselman, Secretary