

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 12, 2009

Present: Cook, Derrer, Harden, Musselman, Nothstine, Ross
Absent: Avery
Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Moeke
Administration: Naumcheff, Culver, Clark

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

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Derrer approve the new agenda as presented

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- no comments were made

Consent Agenda

Ross/Harden to approve the consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 14, 2009; B) Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 4/14/09- \$174,359.50; 4/28/09- \$65,562.44; SINKING FUND: 4/14/09- \$1,374.69; 4/28/09- \$6,254.29; C) Recommendation for the following teachers for school year 2009-2010: 2nd Year- Melanie Griffore, Ann Thayer, Jessica Turgeon; Continue 3rd Year- Mary Jane Grunch, Candace Holik; 3rd Year- Ricky Pina, Monica Malbouef, Kelly Holeman, Elizabeth VanPate; Continue 4th Year- Amanda Murray; Tenure- Karen Malloy, Joleen McCain, Renee Guerriero, Michael Southwell; D) Resolution to opt out of Section 105 and 105C of State Aid Act Schools of Choice plan. This option results from the board's decision (on April 12, 2004) to adopt policy to implement the TBA ISD Inter-District Open Enrollment Plan as approved by all schools that compromise the intermediate school district; E) Set Public Hearing date on Proposed 2009-2010 Budget; F. Acknowledge letter of resignation from Susan Mathes

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Correspondence- received a letter from Three Lakes Association regarding donation of \$2,000 for district science projects. The association has indicated this is something they would like to do again next school year.

MEAP Overview- Shelly James began by stating both elementary and middle school made AYP. Using Power Point, she gave presentation on the third through eighth grade MEAP scores, comparing the last four years with the ISD and State scores. She proudly announced that our current eighth grade class had the highest writing scores in our ISD. Superintendent DiRosa said the Curriculum Task Force will look at the testing information and use the data for student success. Principals and teachers will be able to drill down to students and identify those needing intervention.

President Ross, referring to William Nothstine's handouts, said they covered the same MEAP data, presented in a different way. William said his graphs indicate trends, determining which classes have challenged areas and need to be addressed. He, too, said the current eighth grade class is somewhat a standout class, doing well in almost every area the last three years. Mr. Ross said it is important for the district to have this data, which now falls into Mr. DiRosa and the principal's hands. He added it was good data and asked the administrators to keep the Board informed.

Committee Reports- Superintendent DiRosa referred to the letter from Lynn Stephens, our district forester. Mr. DiRosa stated our three forests are currently in good shape and there is no action needed or recommended at this time. He added that a cut was done last year on the Helena Township forest with revenue to the district in the amount of \$18,526.73. Mr. DiRosa said a board member will be selected to serve on the forestry committee at the next board meeting.

Principals'/Superintendent's Reports

Elementary School Principal Trent Naumcheff reported our elementary staff is the leading district in the ISD for creating grade-level curriculum maps. Progress is checked month-by-month and students at each grade level are pre/post tested. Focus is on integrating reading with a behavior initiative. Data is recorded digitally and is readily available to the teachers. Kindergarten roundup numbers are down some from last year, as is the case with neighboring school districts. The elementary has applied with our ISD for the MIBLSI Grant. The grant will take focus of all that we do academically. Mr. DiRosa added that we will know May 22 if we will receive the grant.

Middle School Principal Chad Culver shared there was a recent celebration for Volunteer of the Year, Teresa Haynes. Classes have many field trips planned for the end of the school year. One big event coming up is the annual sixth grade wax museum, on May 21. The last lock-down drill for the year went surprisingly well. Kim Musselman asked if the middle school applied for the MIBLSI Grant, too. Superintendent DiRosa said the grant has been a primary focus for the elementary and is the first year they have applied. He is highly confident the elementary will get the grant. This is the also the first year middle school has applied, adding that we are the only middle school in the ISD to do so. Mr. Culver said the grant will be good for our middle school and if both buildings are successful, we'll be the only school with both elementary and middle school participation.

High School Principal Joe Clark announced the Volunteer of the Year chosen at the high school is Sharon Balhorn. He said the recent prom was great and everyone had a good time. A significant number of students attended the after-prom celebration. Staff is looking to do the event again next spring. Students are in the middle of NWEA testing, concluding next week. Freshman orientation is planned for May 13 and will include a picnic for those attending. It was noted our baseball team is currently undefeated and the middle school track took first place at the recent Central Lake Invite.

Superintendent DiRosa began by saying Graduation is May 31 at 2 p.m. He suggested board members arrive at 1:30 to get their gowns. Mr. DiRosa asked members if May 19 at 4:30 p.m. was open on their calendars for a special meeting to conduct an expulsion hearing. The update from the State regarding school finance was not good news. For the 2008-09 school year, there will be a shortfall of 420 million dollars or \$259 per student. The federal stimulus money will fill the void so there will be no proration cut this year. Next year the shortfall will be 925 million dollars or \$590 per student. Again, stimulus money will fill the gap, leaving some categorical areas, such as At-Risk, in the red. For the school year 2011, referred to by some as the "cliff year" because there will no longer be stimulus money, upwards of \$600 or more per student may be cut. This year and next, the State is holding districts harmless. From one school year to the next, our expenses increase 270-300,000 dollars. These added expenses include salary step increases, insurance and energy costs. Nonetheless, the State is asking districts to "re-imagine," to think smaller, less service.

Superintendent DiRosa asked the finance committee, Cathy and Kim, to plan on a meeting on June 15, either in the morning or early afternoon. He said he would email them to confirm the time.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- Teacher Linda Gilmore, on behalf of the elementary staff, expressed appreciation to the Board for the shirts distributed on Friday.

Action Items

Musselman/Cook Resolution supporting the ISD 2009-2010 Budget

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Cook/Nothstine Resolution designating Tom Ross as district representative to ISD Election on June 1, 2009, casting a ballot for candidates Elizabeth McKellar and James Scherrer

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Musselman/Cook to take a five minute recess at 5:19 p.m., prior to going to closed session to discuss contract negotiations

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Derrerr/Harden to return to open session at 6:40 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Derrerr/Cook to approve minutes from closed session

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- Superintendent DiRosa reminded the board about the special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 and the June 16 budget hearing that will begin at 4:15 p.m.

Cook/Musselman to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary