

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 14, 2009

Present: Cook, Derrer, Harden, Musselman, Nothstine, Ross
Absent: Avery
Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Moeke, Meeder
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- no changes were made to the agenda

Citizens Comments- no comments were made

Consent Agenda

Cook/Derrer to approve the consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12, 2009 and the special meeting held on May 19, 2009; B) Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 5/12/09- \$198,194.70; 5/26/09- \$39,729.90; 6/9/09- \$90,471.81; SINKING FUND: 5/12/09- \$294.00; 6/9/09- \$471.60
C) Accept resignation from Renee Guerriero as JV Girls Basketball Coach

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Correspondence- thank you from 5/6 grade team for shirts

Ironmen Health Center- Tammy Hickman gave a PowerPoint presentation covering the mission of the Center and the types of services provided. Gerald Cook questioned Ms. Hickman about who is told when a young lady has a confirmed pregnancy, whether it has to be reported, are parents told of the pregnancy, is anything done to determine who is responsible (father of the baby), is legal action taken and are we covering something up here? He also noted that Deb Dewey previously reported to the Board that most pregnant girls are special needs. He said he feels they are being taken advantage of and wondered who the guys are and why something isn't being done. Linda Yarrow, RN, MPH, Deputy Health Officer of the Health Department of NW Michigan, replied that Tammy's goal is to create communication between the young lady and her family and help the young mom have a healthy baby. If Tammy suspects abuse she does the mandated reporting. If rape is suspected, that becomes a police matter. President Ross thanked Tammy for her time and encouraged all to stop by the clinic and see what it is all about.

Principals'/Superintendent's Reports

High School Principal Joe Clark, too, commended Tammy Hickman and the Ironmen Health Center. He said they are a great benefit to the high school. Mr. Clark said graduation, along with the last day of school (half day) went well. Staff is currently working on the class 2009-10 schedule. Report cards went out today and the list of students making the Honor Roll has been sent to the newspaper. Work is also underway to make some minor revisions to the student handbook. The principals are looking into a district-wide attendance policy and creating new (condensed) forms for the handbooks. Bill Nothstine thanked Mr. Clark for all the time he committed to attending athletic events.

Middle School Principal Chad Culver said the school year ended well. Forty students are signed up for summer school, which begins next week. Spanish classes will be added to next year's class schedule. Mr. Culver said they may look at how to give high school credit for the class. The middle school made AYP. On August 26 staff from the entire district will attend training for Response To Intervention (RTI). The program is endorsed by and will be rolled out by our ISD. With this program, we will be able to identify a

student's academic performance/behavior problems sooner, allowing for immediate interventions. Also, a Professional Development day covering RTI is scheduled for September 3. Mr. Culver reported that during the recent school year RTC referrals went down each month and by the year's end, referrals were fifty percent less than the prior year. This program, along with *Caught Red Handed* and *Kudos for Kids* will be continued in the coming school year. Mr. Culver will be reviewing/revising the School Improvement Plan. All teachers have written their academic goals, which will be placed on-line. Student handbooks should be ready for the Board's review at the next board meeting.

Gerald Cook asked which class will be required to take a foreign language. Superintendent DiRosa replied it is this fall's sixth grade class will have to have two high school credits in a foreign language. Kim Musselman said she heard there will be no fifth grade band next school year. Mr. Culver said that is true. Rather than offering band to interested fifth grade students, they will all have music. Kim also asked if both Mr. Clark and Mr. Culver were looking at the district's cyber-bullying policy. Mr. Clark said he has had to deal with a lot of situations that evolved from cyber bullying, Face Book and texting. He said we get the ramifications from things that happened out-of-school. Mr. Culver agreed that most of middle school instances came from out-of-school communications.

Elementary School Principal Trent Naumcheff was excited to report our elementary was selected to receive the Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi) grant, which is funded by the Michigan Department of Education. A handout was distributed to board members, giving an overview of the program. Communities In School will be able to give support with implementing the program. Mr. Naumcheff gave one example where MiBLSi will help with behavior supports, inside recess. New activities during indoor recess may include video games for students that like to play them. There will be extensive training, with full implementation in three years. Mr. Naumcheff predicted a change in our school culture as a result of MiBLSi. He said it will drive everything we do at the elementary this coming year.

Superintendent DiRosa commented about the great job the three administrators did this past school year. NEOLA updates will be available for our Policy Committee soon, with Board action to take place in the next couple of months. Superintendent DiRosa addressed our budgets and State funding. The Stimulus Act should help cover the \$405,000 shortfall for our 2008-09 budget and the \$590,000 shortfall for 2009-10. The year following, referred to as the 'cliff year' (there will be no more stimulus money) may see a shortfall of \$600-800,000 to our district. We need to look at ways to reduce that figure now.

Board Administrative Guideline 6320A(I) allows the Superintendent to negotiate for contracted services through the bid process. As Mr. DiRosa was looking at contracted services he learned that a few years back the district received bids from several companies. He requested new bids from the three low bidders. ServPro from Gaylord projected a three-year savings of \$114,185; DMBurr projected savings of \$307,539 and CSM's projected savings was \$256,884. Each company would hire more employees than the district currently has. Mr. DiRosa said the estimated unemployment cost of between \$30-40,000 for the first year would have to be reflected in the savings. Kim Musselman said when she attended the recent Governor's Summit officials said it is critical for schools to start looking for ways to make reductions now and be proactive. She said pupil count could be lower in the fall as people laid off by Dura lose their unemployment benefits. Superintendent DiRosa said he will make a recommendation at the July meeting.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- no citizen comments were made

Action Items

Ross/Harden approve Form L-4029, Tax Rate Request, for filing with county treasurers

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Musselman/Cook Resolution to Amend the General Fund Appropriation Budget, the Athletic Budget, the Day Care Budget and the Food Service Budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Cook/Musselman Resolution to Adopt the General Fund Appropriation Budget, the Athletic Budget, the Day Care Budget and the Food Service Budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Musselman/Ross set Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. for the Organizational meeting

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Cook/Harden approve CRD (Day Care) Agreement, commencing on July 1, 2009

Superintendent DiRosa stated there are no changes between this and last year's contract.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Harden/Ross renew Common Sense Computing Contract, beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011

Superintendent DiRosa said this is basically the same as last year's contract and added that Bryce Kennedy has done an outstanding job for the district.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Musselman/Cook adopt Bus Installment Loan Resolution as presented

Superintendent DiRosa reminded board members they authorized the purchase of two news buses a couple of months ago and the resolution presented pertains to financing (Northwestern Bank was lowest bidder at 3.05 percent)

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- Superintendent DiRosa reminded board members that election of officers will be next month and to be thinking about what office they may wish to hold. President Ross said that finishing a school year with three new administrators is highly unusual and added our four administrators did a really good job. He thanked each of them for a good year and for all working together.

Cook/Musselman to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary