

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Organizational and Regular Meeting
July 14, 2009

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

Superintendent DiRosa called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center. Roll call was taken.

Oath of Office

Superintendent Secretary Ginny Moeke gave the Oath of Office to all Board members.

Reorganization

Election of Officers

Superintendent DiRosa entertained a motion for Board President

Cook/Derrer nominated Tom Ross for President

No further nominations were made

Musselman/Cook to close nominations and elect Tom Ross for Board President

Thompson	Yes
Derrer	Yes
Ross	Yes
Musselman	Yes
Nothstine	Yes
Cook	Yes

Motion carried.

President Ross asked for nominations for Vice-President.

Ross/Musselman nominated Amy Derrer for Vice-President

No further nominations were made

Cook/Thompson to close nominations and elect Amy Derrer for Vice-President

Thompson	Yes
Derrer	Yes
Ross	Yes
Musselman	Yes
Nothstine	Yes
Cook	Yes

Motion carried.

President Ross asked for nominations for Secretary.

Derrer/Cook nominated Kim Musselman for Secretary

No further nominations were made

Cook/Ross to close nominations and elect Kim Musselman for Secretary

Thompson	Yes
Derrer	Yes
Ross	Yes
Musselman	Yes
Nothstine	Yes
Cook	Yes

Motion carried.

President Ross asked for nominations for Treasurer.

Ross/Cook nominated Cathy Harden for Treasurer

No further nominations were made

Cook/Ross to close nominations and elect Cathy Harden for Treasurer

Thompson Yes
Derrer Yes
Ross Yes
Musselman Yes
Nothstine Yes
Cook Yes
Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule for 2009-2010

President Ross stated that typically meetings have been held the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of June. In the month of June, meetings are scheduled for the third week, allowing more time to budget planning.

Musselman/Cook to schedule the 2009-2010 Board meetings for the Second Tuesday of each month, with a start time of 4:30 p.m. (June meeting will be held on the 15th, 2010)

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Designate school depositories

Derrer/Cook to designate National City Bank, Michigan School Liquid Asset Fund Plus, Traverse Bay Area Education Credit Union and Alden State Bank as school Depositories

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Designate persons authorized to sign checks, contracts, agreements and purchase orders

Ross/Musselman to authorize the Treasurer of the Board, Superintendent and Business Manager to sign checks on district accounts; the President and Secretary of the Board to sign contracts; the Superintendent to sign agreements and the Superintendent or his designee to sign purchase orders

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Legal counsel

Musselman/Cook to designate Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Clark-Hill P.L.C. as the district's legal Counsel

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Re-establish board committees

President Ross gave each board member a sheet with a little different committee arrangement. He asked members to give some thought to which committees they may be interested in and get back with him before the August meeting. Appointments will be made at that time.

Recording secretary

Musselman/Cook appoint Ginny Moeke as recording secretary

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda- no changes were made to the agenda

Citizens Comments- Prior to the comment session President Ross pointed out to the audience the procedures for audience participation. Roxann Flake, Margaret Vanover, Robert Vanover, Jeannie Hoogerhyde, Vicky Marvin, Doug Goward, Gladys DeForest, Rick Spires, Ann Crans, Connie Boyle, Linda Gilmore, Kim Krouse, Richard Dickerson and Ron Parkinson each spoke to the subcontracting of the custodial services.

Consent Agenda

Cook/Derrerr to approve the consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on June 16, 2009; B) Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 6/24/09- \$259,920.14; 6/30/09- \$50,162.89; 7/7/09- \$144,398.65; SINKING FUND: 6/24/09- \$375.00; 7/7/09- \$6,161.86
C) Acknowledge requests for maternity leave from Julie Wonnacott and Melanie Griffore; D) Accept recommendation to hire Gina Middaugh as high school biology teacher

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Correspondence- Superintendent DiRosa said we recently received a letter from a parent, which he is looking in to. More information will be brought to the Board in the future.

Choose Success- Pami Sprague gave an update for the Choose Success Program, including results of student participation that indicates we are targeting students most in need of help. Ten high school students regained credit, including five seniors that were able to graduate on time. She also reported on the success of Summer School which proved to be a pretty remarkable experience for all attendees. Pami said, overall, there are some really great things going on with Choose Success.

Committee Reports- Superintendent DiRosa reported that the Finance Committee met recently to discuss current issues. The State foundation cut per pupil for 2008-09 will likely be \$371 per pupil or \$406,000 for the district. Federal stimulus monies will back fill that. However, the question is what will happen when the Federal stimulus money is gone? The Senate's proposed budget cuts all Readiness 4 programs, which would mean a loss of \$217,000 for us and a loss of 70-90 students. We will not be able to hold R-4 classes without the funding. The State is expecting further decline in revenue for the year 08/09 of about \$120 million. For the year 09/10 revenue is down 13% or 1.8 billion. This will be split between school aid and general fund.

Superintendent's Report- Mr. DiRosa asked members to contact him by July 22 if they plan to attend the Annual Legislative Consortium Dinner in Traverse City on July 30.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- Roxann Flake stated replacing computers would be a good thing, if we can do it.

Action Items

Superintendent DiRosa said the district saved \$11,000 by being part of the Michigan School Energy Cooperative. The cooperative is looking at including diesel, which needs Board approval before they can proceed exploring the possibility. Mr. DiRosa recommended the Board approve the change to the agreement. Jerry Cook asked how it would work when we needed diesel. Business Manager, Shelly

Meeder, said it would not affect how or who we purchased our diesel fuel from. The cooperative will watch the market and lock in diesel when the price is low. She added that the cooperative covers our electricity and we've done very well. They also cover natural gas prices.

Musselman/Thompson approve First Amendment to Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Inter-local Agreement, as presented

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Superintendent DiRosa stated, if the Board wishes to go in the direction of contracted services, he would recommend DM Burr be chosen from the three companies submitting bids. President Ross added this may be a good time to discuss comments given during 'Citizens Comments.' Board members Jerry Cook, Tom Ross, Kim Musselman and Burt Thompson shared their thoughts and feelings with the audience.

Ross/Musselman approve the contract with DM Burr and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a contract with DM Burr in the best interest of the District, that is consistent with the parameters reflected in the bid

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Musselman/Cook approve MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2009-2010, for Middle and High School

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Superintendent DiRosa said approval of the Food Service contract with National School Lunch Participating Vendor will allow our Food Service to contract with Head Start for meals. Shelly Meeder added the contract is a formality, allowing Head Start to seek reimbursement, which would be revenue to the district. Jerry Cook asked if another person would be hired in Food Service and Shelly said she thought that may happen. She pointed out to the Board that since the agreement will expire soon, the Board will have to approve a new contract in October.

Ross/Musselman approve Food Service Contract with national School Lunch Participating (NSLP) Vendor

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Superintendent DiRosa said that before proceeding with the next motion listed on the agenda, President Ross will make a motion that is relative to an earlier motion.

Ross/Cook authorize the issuance of layoff notices consistent with the timelines within the current collective bargaining agreement, to the employees affected by the DM Burr contract

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Superintendent DiRosa said he asked Fred Trimble to send bid proposals out for the purchase of replacement computers. Mr. Trimble told the Board that rather than ask for bids on used, off-lease computers, as we have done in the past, he bid out for new computers because prices have been going down and are now competitive with off-lease prices. Four companies responded; ISC, CDWG, Sehi and Dell. Mr. Trimble recommended purchasing sixty computers from Sehi, the low bidder. He noted that we will have to replace some monitors later in the year and replace twenty-five computers by this time next year. Burt Thompson asked what was budgeted for technology. Shelly Meeder replied the total budgeted is \$40,000 for next year. She said the purchase from Sehi will leave room for monitors and unexpected costs.

Cook/Musselman accept recommendation from Fred Trimble, Trimble Consulting, to purchase replacement computers from Sehi Computer Products, Inc.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- none

Musselman/Cook take a short break, beginning at 5:45 p.m., before going to closed session for grievance hearing

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Derrerr/Cook return to open session at 6:23 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Derrerr/Cook approve minutes from closed session

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Cook/Thompson to deny grievance 0903

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Musselman/Cook to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary