

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 8, 2009

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

Vice-President Derrer called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Cook approve the agenda as presented

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- Margaret Vanover suggested the district have a Wall of Fame to celebrate past graduates' successes.

Consent Agenda

Harden/Cook to approve the consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 11, 2009; B) Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 8/18/09- \$155,912.40; 9/1/09- \$93,466.50; SINKING FUND: 8/18/09- \$15,537.40; 9/1/09- \$1,238.98; C) Acknowledge letter of resignation from Sue Luton, 7th Grade Girls Basketball coach; D) Hire Sue Luton for JV Girls Basketball Coach position

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Correspondence- Superintendent DiRosa stated there was no correspondence to bring to the Board

John Taylor from Baird, Cotter and Bishop, P.C.; Annual Audit- Mr. Taylor stated they found the districts records in very good order. The district's end-of-year net assets totaled \$2,493,000. The end-of-year fund balance was \$991,700 which he said was remarkable in today's economy. Amy Derrer expressed gratitude to Central Office and the financial people for a job well done.

Kristin Witt- Readiness 4- Great Start Readiness Program update- Ms. Witt stated we are waiting to learn about four-year old funding from the State. In the meantime, administrators have been looking at ways to still offer the program, including going to a tuition-based program. Keeping in mind our State Superintendent is encouraging shared administrative staffing, Ms. Witt met over the summer with John Smith, Superintendent at Forest Area. Talks center on the sharing of early childhood services and administration. Forest Area began their tuition-based program today.

Committee Reports- Superintendent DiRosa reported the finance committee was the only committee to meet recently. Topics discussed included the audit, Readiness 4, technology, stimulus money and the recent vandalism (damages now total \$103,000).

Principals'/Superintendent's Reports

Elementary School Principal Trent Naumcheff reported the one and a half days of Professional Development (PD) earlier in the month focused on MiBLSi, the new program addressing behavioral expectations and literacy. Also, Pami Sprague shared updates for Choose Success. The first day of school concluded with very strong numbers enrolled in first grade, twenty-nine students in each class. There have been a tremendous number of students leaving and coming to the elementary. Another event during PD was a bus ride through our district. Teachers were

able to see where our students live, gaining a perspective for how a typical school day starts for many of students. The ride better explained student behavior at the beginning of the day and around 2:15 p.m. in the afternoon.

Middle School Principal Chad Culver said middle school got off to a good start. He said the last school year ended with 305 students enrolled and today the number is at 315. He, too, said many students have left the district and many have come to the district. The current fifth grade class is larger than last year's eighth grade class. During the recent Professional Development days teachers went over data for student success, accessed MEAP scores. Elizabeth VanPate demonstrated the clickers that were purchased for high school use last year. Two sets have been ordered for middle school use. The ISD will be offering support to middle school staff during the implementation of Response to Intervention (RTI). By identifying those students at risk for poor learning outcomes this program integrates assessment and intervention to increase student achievement and reduce behavioral problems. Attendance and interested during Meet the Teacher Night was overwhelming. Mr. Culver added that in the future, middle school teachers may go on a bus ride similar to the elementary bus ride.

High School Principal Joe Clark said things got off to a great start the first day at the high school. Pupil enrollment today was at 338, up from the number on the last day of school in June. During Professional Development one half of a day was devoted to addressing intervention. Homecoming is scheduled for September 25. Mr. Clark announced that Elizabeth VanPate recently wrote for and received a grant from Dollar General Grant for Literacy. The amount awarded was \$3,000 which will be used to purchase additional books for the library. Bill Nothstine asked if there are current efforts to form a Pep Club. Mr. Clark replied, yes, there are some parents working on that with Mr. Nixon. He added that in checking with MHSAA, he learned participants cannot wear uniforms or be on the sidelines. Jerry Cook commented that he has attended two home football games and our band was not there.

Superintendent DiRosa said district the rough enrollment count today was at 1,051 students. Despite numbers being up from what was projected, there have been a tremendous amount of ins and outs, leaving him cautiously optimistic about that number. Mr. DiRosa said he will continue to monitor enrollment numbers, noting that count day is September 30. Amy Derrer added that a lot of students are coming here due to the availability of low-income housing. She said many of those students may not be here for an extended time. Professional Development days went exceptionally well in all three buildings. The administrators really focused on student achievement. All districts are waiting to learn if the foundation amount will be cut. An answer may not come until the end of the month or longer. Meanwhile our Governor is preparing for a shut down. Tonight is the first reading for NEOLA. It will be listed as an Action Item at the next meeting. Burt Thompson asked if the Policy Committee had looked at the materials. Mr. DiRosa said he talked with each committee member and there were no questions.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- no comments were made

Action Items

Harden/Thompson Cooperative Agreement for Boyne City Public Schools' Alternative Education Program- Boyne City Alternative Education Boyne Valley Campus

Superintendent DiRosa pointed out that in the past, the district had an agreement for alternative education with the Char-Em ISD. However, Boyne City now has a program that allows students to attend a teen pregnancy program called *New Horizons*. Jerry Cook asked if we still send students to the alternative program in Kalkaska. Mr. Clark replied we send four or five students there last school year.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- Jerry Cook asked if there will be an opportunity to review the goals that were set earlier. Mr. Washburn said he will reiterate the session in writing and submit it to Mr. DiRosa, who in turn can work with the administrators and Board.

Musselman/Cook to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary