

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 13, 2009

Present: Cook, Derrer, Harden, Musselman, Nothstine, Ross, Thompson
Absent: none
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

Derrer/Cook approve the agenda as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- none

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Thompson to approve the consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the special and regular meetings held on September 8, 2009; B) Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 9/15/09- \$220,038.12; 9/29/09- \$72,767.70; SINKING FUND: 9/15/09- \$22,954.41; 9/29/09- \$19,066.75; C) Accept recommendation to hire Renee Guerriero for 7th grade girls basketball coach position and Jenny Lee for bus driver position; D) Accept resignation from Jamie Oppermann, 8th grade girls basketball coach

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Correspondence- Superintendent DiRosa stated there was no correspondence to bring to the Board. President Ross gave a reminder about the upcoming Regional Board Night. He asked members interested in attending to RSVP Mr. DiRosa.

Committee Reports- Superintendent DiRosa reported both the finance and personnel committees met last month. After reviewing student count and budget numbers it was decided to bring back another first grade section. Mr. Naumcheff and staff will discuss when to start the new class.

Principals'/Superintendent's Reports

High School Principal Joe Clark introduced student Colton Drew, a senior at our high school. Colton recently met with a representative from Lake Superior State University. As a result of their discussion, Colton will enroll and begin his studies next fall as a second semester sophomore. Mr. Clark also introduced senior Melissa Wright, who was recently named as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program for 2010. Mr. Clark pointed out that high school counselor, Laura Powers, cannot remember any student from our district receiving this honor prior to Melissa.

Mr. Clark shared that our high school band gave a great performance on October 12 at Thirlby Field in Traverse City. Twelve students, along with Mr. Clark and Mark Nixon, will meet with other Ski Valley students at the Sportsman Summit in Johannesburg. Students began MEAP testing today. The high school is sending a bus of students to Traverse City this afternoon, to meet with representatives from fifty colleges. Mr. Clark reported that as a follow up to Mr. Nothstine's inquiry about the possibility of a Spirit Group, high school art teacher, Renee Guerriero, has been working with students to display banners and posters throughout the hallways.

Middle School Principal Chad Culver said middle school is off to a good start. Students are getting used to routines and appear to be doing well. MEAP testing began today and students will test again on the 15th. There will be further testing next week. Mr. Culver said Amy Derrer, Pami Sprague and Kim Musselman administered

Universal screening to all three hundred plus students. The results from the screening, along with last year's MEAP, NWEA and other less formal testing results, will be used to identify a core group of students that will need extra educational support. The hope is to get extra support for those students in reading in the next few weeks.

Elementary School Principal Trent Naumcheff said the additional section for first grade is exciting news. With Halloween approaching, he said it would be best to begin the class on November 3 (November 2 is Staff Development Day). Universal screening and literacy testing, along with MiBLSi, will assist staff in measuring student improvement in specific areas. Until recently, the State has been unclear whether preschool programs would be continued in their budgeting. However, Mr. Naumcheff said he and Superintendent DiRosa were able to deliver envelopes to the five staff members that would have been affected had the State cut funding. Everyone is excited to learn that the program will be funded this year.

MEAP testing takes over schools across the state this time of year and our elementary is no exception. Mr. Naumcheff said Shelly James, the district assessment coordinator, has done a great job and spent a lot of time preparing for the tests. During next month's board meeting the elementary building will be holding Parent/Teacher conferences (district-wide conferences are scheduled for November 12). One of the largest events in the elementary building is Thanksgiving. On November 23 the annual luncheon will be prepared and served to all students and their special guest. Mr. Naumcheff added they could use all the extra hands they can get.

Jerry Cook asked about the screening process for students and how it is done without singling out the students, to not make them feel they are stupid. Mr. Naumcheff said every student is screened. Whether the student is in first grade or eighth grade, they realize they struggle. The goal is to make it something the students want to take advantage of. The concept is supported with the Title I program. Principal Chad Culver said the goal is to identify the students early, especially before high school. At middle school students participate in the program, Study Island, where paraprofessionals work directly with one or two students. When students look at the long term, they are aware they can test out, too.

Superintendent DiRosa said the Annual Report for 2008-2009 looks different than prior year reports. The new format covers all components and State requirements. He reported pupil count is around 1052, up considerably from what we thought previously. If the number holds, we will be in the red a little this year but will manage. The Governor signed a proposed budget yesterday, keeping the R4 program intact for this year. However, with the State, we need to keep in mind that what is promised today may not be what is delivered tomorrow.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- no comments were made

Action Items

Cook/Harden approve NEOLA new/revised/replacement policies, as presented

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Harden/Musselman approve Food Service Contract with National School Lunch Participating (NSLP) Vendor

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Derrer/Thompson to go to closed session at 4:47 p.m.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Derrer/Cook approve minutes from closed session

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Thompson/Harden approve Support Staff Contract

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- Amy Derrer spoke about the H1N1 posters that will be put up in all classrooms. Fred Trimble discussed the Universal Service Fund. He distributed copies of the CDW bid that was submitted this past January. Mr. Trimble pointed out that this is subject to change. He went on to explain Hewlett Packard's (HP) program which offers a rebate for old switches, when purchasing new switches from them. The program expires on October 31 so we would have to be invoiced by that date. Mr. Trimble estimated our district could receive between \$1,000 and \$3,000 from the program. We recently were awarded \$75,545 through the e-rate program. The intention is to purchase network servers and wireless technology with these funds. The district will be responsible for ten percent of the award.

Harden/Thompson accept the purchase from CDW

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Cook/Derrer to adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary