

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 9, 2010

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

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

Approval of Agenda

Cook/Musselman approve the agenda as presented

YES: 4
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- no comments were made

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Cook to approve the consent agenda items: A) Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 2010; B) Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 2/16/10- \$154,969.43; 2/24/10- \$132,805.29

YES: 4
NO: 0
Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports- Superintendent DiRosa said the finance committee met on March 8 to discuss the 2010-2011 budget and what the cuts will look like. He will also meet with the personnel committee and each board member to go over the proposed cuts.

Principals and CIS /Reports

Communities In Schools- Amy Burk, director of Communities In School (CIS), briefly explained the organization's mission and goals. She reported the recent Father/Daughter Dance was a success. The committee working with the College Access Network Grant is planning to have the program implemented in the high school by next fall. The objective is to remove barriers to post-secondary education. Choose Success is sponsoring a Family Fun Night on March 24. Frank Holes, Jr., a Michigan folk lore author, will be the guest speaker. CIS is assisting with Career Week at the high school, scheduled for the week of March 15. Many graduates from our school will return to address our students about their experiences here and their education/occupations. On Friday, March 19 an Alumni Dinner is planned. The following day, former Lady Ironmen will play the girls basketball team and the alumni Ironmen will take on the boys basketball team.

Middle School Principal- Mr. Culver proudly shared that two of our Odyssey of the Mind teams will advance to State competition. The sixth grade and seventh grade teams are busy preparing for the event on April 17. On March 5 our 7/8 band students went to festival in Elk Rapids. They performed very well; all As and Bs on the score cards. Programs Study Island, MELO and Alternatives to Violence are having positive impacts. Our eighth grade students visited The Career Tech Center in Traverse City today. Future report cards will be sent home with our middle school students. Prior to the distribution an Instant Alert will go out, notifying parents to be watchful for the cards. Kathy Neeland, currently staffing the RTC Room, is implementing some great ideas, with more interventions/accommodations. Pupil count has returned to the same numbers we had at the beginning of the school year, 313.

Elementary School Principal- Mr. Naumcheff reported staff is gearing up for one of the largest community events- the elementary carnival. It is scheduled for the same evening as the High School Alumni Dinner. A bus will be available to shuttle people between the elementary and high school buildings. A special feature of the carnival this year will be the link made with components of literacy to the events the students participate in. These same components were integrated in the first Parent/Teacher Conference and will be included in the conference scheduled for the end of the month. Mr. Naumcheff said he is excited about the new reading program, *Imaginative Program*, that will begin next school year.

One of the biggest things to happen was the recent Title I site review on March 2. During their visit the State officials complimented our program's organization and structuring. Within thirty days they will send a list of items we should work to improve. We will have thirty days to send the State our plan for making those improvements and a year to have the plans implemented. Report cards will go home with parents during the Parent/Teacher Conferences.

High School Principal- Mr. Clark was unable to attend the meeting.

Superintendent's Report- Mr. DiRosa reported the MME testing started today and will continue through Thursday at the high school. Eleventh grade students across the state are being tested. On March 16 Mr. DiRosa will meet with the teachers association to talk about next year's calendar. It is his hope to have the calendar finalized early.

Mr. DiRosa said the district recently put out for bids on trash removal. We will be able to save \$2,400 by going through the process. On March 25 students will have a half day of school, with Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon. On the 26th there will be a half day of school, with Spring Recess beginning at dismissal.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- no comments were made

Action Items

Cook/Derrer accept Budget Amendments for 2009-2010 as presented

Business manager, Shelly Meeder, said it is typical to have budget amendments at this time. General Fund Budget expenditures exceed revenues by \$85,000. Many items affect both sides (many as a "wash"). Shelly is optimistic the year will actually be better than it currently looks.

YES: 4
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- Superintendent DiRosa announced the special meeting for superintendent evaluation has been rescheduled for March 18, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Michael Washburn will facilitate the evaluation. The Memorial Service for Jim Thomas will be on March 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the 7/8 gym.

Musselman/Derrer to adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

YES: 4
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary