

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 21, 2011**

Present: Cook, Derrer, Domsic, Harden, Musselman, Ross, Thompson
Absent: none
Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Hudson, Meeder, Moeke
Administration: Clark, Culver, Naumcheff

President Ross 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: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- Mrs. Jeannette Hayes distributed a flyer regarding the summer reading program at the township library

Consent Agenda

Thompson/Harden to approve the consent agenda items: **A)** Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 17, 2011; **B)** Monthly Finance- approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND: 5/16/11-** \$430.00; **5/24/11-** \$176,974.32; **5/31/11-** \$670.00; **6/7/11-** \$103,827.64 **SINKING FUND: 5/24/11-** \$317.66; **6/7/11-** \$455.42

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Correspondence- Mr. DiRosa said there was no correspondence to share

Forestry Update- Lynn Stephens reported there are a substantial number of red pine trees within the M-88 forest property that are a good product for marketing and thus need to be harvested. He said prices for red pine are competitive and good at this time. If ten to twelve cord can be harvested per acre, a bid of \$600/acre could be possible. Lynn pointed out that some of the trees proposed for harvest are on the center thirty acres of the parcel, currently occupied by the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority. He will begin work on the bid announcement right away. Tom Ross asked if there would be something in the contract that speaks to the area after cutting. Lynn said the contract will include a Restoration Clause that would address the condition of the property after harvest. Jerry Cook asked if the areas cut will regenerate. Lynn said previously cut areas have some hardwood regeneration. He also pointed out the district is near the end of a long productive cycle, with probably one more cut of school forests before a decision to replant or other use will have to be made. It is likely bids will be opened mid-July with actual harvest taking place as early as two to three weeks thereafter.

Committee Reports- Mr. DiRosa reported the finance committee met on June 20 to review budgets.

High School Principal Joe Clark said the graduation ceremony went well. The last day of school went smoothly, making him so proud of our students. Another point of pride, our varsity baseball team and coach, Jim VanWagoner, won the first Regional trophy in the school's history. At least twenty-two students will be attending summer school. The graduation committee plans to bring recommendations to the board at the August meeting.

Middle School Principal Chad Culver also reported a smooth last day of school. He said there has been a lot of progress this past year in MiBLSi, with full implementation to begin in September. The walls and hallways will look different to the students in the fall- many new banners and signs will be placed throughout the building. In May the students took the third and final AimesWeb tests for the school year. Results indicated improvement although it was not as much as staff had hoped for. Students will continue taking the testing in the new school year.

Elementary School Principal Trent Naumcheff reported a tremendous year with the implementation of MiBLSi and the new reading series. Mr. Naumcheff distributed copies of the Scope and Sequence Summary sheets for Social Studies and Science,

a guide his staff will use to track coverage of grade-level-content expectations. Summer school begins July 5 and runs through July 22. He expects between sixty and eighty students to participate.

Superintendent Report- Mr. DiRosa shared that the district may be in the running for funds from Lansing for “Best Practices.” He feels we meet four of the five requirements (the district will not be able to meet the health insurance costs requirement). However, the four we can meet are: district is policy holder for health insurance, development of consolidation plan, request for competitive bid on non-instructive services and development of dashboard for parents and community (our ISD is working on this). Burt Thompson asked how much money our district could expect to receive by meeting the Best Practices requirements. Mr. DiRosa said \$100 per pupil and pointed out this is a one-time only funding.

Superintendent DiRosa announced the Annual Legislative Dinner will be held on July 28, at the Haggerty Center. He asked members to let him know if they plan to attend so he can make reservations. President Ross commended the administrative team for their good guidance, adding that things are happening that the district has wanted to happen for the last number of years.

Citizens Comments on Action Items- no comments were made

Action Items

Harden/Musselman Resolution to Amend the 2010-2011 General Fund Appropriation Budget, the Day Care Budget, the Food Service Budget

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Harden/Thompson Resolution to Adopt the 2011-2012 General Fund Appropriation Budget, the Day Care Budget, the Food Service Budget

YES: 6
NO: Cook
Motion carried.

Thompson/Ross MHSAA Membership Resolution

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Cook/Derrer set July 12, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. as date for Organizational Meeting

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Thompson/Musselman CRD Agreement

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Ross/Harden approve non-union insurance resolution, as presented

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Harden/Cook authorize Superintendent DiRosa to work with Lynn Stephens on bid for sale of trees on M-88 Property

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration- Cathy Harden suggested funds from the timber harvest be used to allow Elizabeth VanPate to buy more library books. Burt Thompson said he thinks the board should think about setting aside some of the funds to replant trees on forest properties. President Ross added replanting is real important, we need to keep our forest going and producing.

Musselman/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary