

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**December 13, 2011**

Present: Cook, Derrer, Domsic, Harden, Musselman, Ross, Thompson  
Absent: none  
Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Moeke, Meeder, Hudson  
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**

Musselman/Cook approve the agenda as presented

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion carried.

**Citizens Comments-** High School students Kevin Schepperley and Olivia Tremonti talked about the Student Sportsman Leadership Workshop they attended last month in Johannesburg. Kevin said he enjoyed the workshop because he had the opportunity to meet some of the athletes he had only seen before in competition. Both said they had fun as they learned how to become better leaders. Kevin added he and Olivia were the only students dressed in *game day* attire. Principal Joe Clark explained that each year the high school sends ten athletes to the workshop, preferably two students from each grade, so that by the time the athletes are seniors they have attended at least once.

A parent addressed the Board regarding an incident that occurred after school hours. President Ross explained the process for resolution to her concern (contact appropriate principal) and asked her to put it in writing to the Board if she is not satisfied with the outcome.

**Consent Agenda**

Cook/Domsic to approve the consent agenda items: **A)** Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2011; **B)** Monthly Finance- Approve accounts payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND: 11/09/11-** \$515.00; **11/15/11-** \$170,223.32; **11/21/11-** \$360.00; **11/29/11-** \$68,283.06; **12/5/11-** \$1,831.49; **SINKING FUND: 11/15/11-** \$11,725.85; **C)** NEOLA- new/revised/replacement policies

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion carried.

**Correspondence-** Superintendent DiRosa had no correspondence to bring to the Board.

**Committee Reports-** Superintendent DiRosa said he had no reports to share at this time, however, the negotiations and finance committees will be meeting in the near future.

**Communities In Schools and Principals**

**Amy Burk-** Amy Burk introduced Lori Harvey to present Mr. DiRosa and our district leaders with a plaque in recognition of the partnership between Communities In Schools (CIS) and our district. This partnership helped CIS attain national accreditation, achieving all CIS Total Quality System requirements. Amy said without the collaboration this accomplishment would not have been possible.

**High School Principal** Joe Clark stated things are going well at the high school. Communities In Schools has coordinated student trips to various colleges; thirteen students visited Alpena Community College, eight traveled to Grand Valley State University, thirteen to Lake Superior State University, thirteen to Ferris State University and three to the University of Michigan. Amy Derrer, Kim Musselman, Pami Sprague and parent volunteers accompanied the students. Mr. Clark commented about the team and player recognitions our district has received for fall sports.

**Middle School Principal** Chad Culver said the school year thus far has gone well, with improvement on all fronts. A couple of weeks ago the middle school had an on-site MiBLSi review. The team did a walk-through of the building, interviewed students and staff and reviewed processes and protocol. Our middle school received a score of 96 points out of a possible 100! In celebration of this proud moment teachers and staff will enjoy an ice cream social at their next scheduled staff meeting. MiBLSi has been a fantastic endeavor, putting us ahead of the curve.

**Elementary School Principal** Trent Naumcheff pointed out there were seven more school days before holiday break. He reported the Thanksgiving luncheon held on November 17 was delicious and very successful. The holiday concert on December 5 was great, showcasing all the talent in our elementary building. Mr. Naumcheff said even without snow the level of excitement in his building is high!

**Superintendent Report-** Mr. DiRosa reported State law will now require schools to hold their board elections in November of even years, beginning in 2012. Districts will be able to determine the length of terms for board seats; either four or six years. One advantage to having six year terms is at no time would the majority of the seats be up for election. A decision concerning the length of terms will need to be addressed by the board at least 100 days before the November election. There will be three board members' seats up for election in 2012; Gerald Cook, Amy Derrer and Mike Domsic. Each of their current terms will now expire on December 31, 2012. Superintendent DiRosa added the next board reorganization meeting will likely take place in January, 2013. Jerry Cook asked if this process will affect Sinking Fund elections. Mr. DiRosa replied it would not, that school districts may choose to schedule other elections on any of the four state-mandated dates a year.

Superintendent DiRosa stated the change in insurance coverage for administrators and central office staff planned to take effect January first will now be delayed until July 1, 2012. The delay was recommended by district counsel.

**Technology Update-** Mr. Fred Trimble began with the reminder that Microsoft XP will no longer be supported by Microsoft beginning in April of 2014. Given this, we have begun preparation to ensure continuity of our technology program.

The district currently has approximately 365 desktop computers. Of that number, 116 are seven years old or older and must be replaced by the fall of 2014. Plans are to replace about half of that number this year. Of the 365 computers, 81 were purchased in 2009. Although they are upgradable they will be five years old in the fall of 2014. The seventy Thin Client computers currently in district also need to be replaced.

Wireless implementation has been completed in all buildings. The public wireless allows filtered internet access. The district website has been given high priority, with more frequent updates. Superintendent DiRosa said hopefully we will not have to make cuts to the technology budget. For two years we have received a low-income grant. Also, USF funds have allowed us to make infrastructure updates and future USF funding could free up funds for the needed computer replacements. Burt Thompson asked what would happen if we cannot make the update/upgrades. The answer was we would have to turn computers off.

The Microsoft EES licensing program will allow staff to purchase Microsoft Office for home use. This program will be operational early in the new year.

**Citizens Comments on Action Items-** no comments were made by those in the audience.

### **Action Items**

Superintendent DiRosa stated the proposed Building and Site Sinking Fund Millage Proposal is for authorization to levy .4 mill for a period of five years. It is a renewal of the current millage. Burt Thompson asked if it made sense to ask for a longer time period. Mr. DiRosa said that would be fine if the electorate wished to go longer. Business Manager, Shelly Meeder, pointed out the Headlee rollback affects levied millages; thus the proposal is subject to Headlee.

Harden/Cook  
and Site

adopt Resolution Calling Special School Election (five year renewal of Building  
Sinking Fund)

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion carried.

Superintendent DiRosa pointed out Cathy Harden is currently the district's representative to the Alden Library Board. After a long journey the library board has reached agreement with the Alden Township Board to establish a district library. Mr. DiRosa said the formation of the district library will not cost the school or Alden Township any money as noted in the District Library Agreement, Part III- Funding and Property, 2b. He also noted that the Board will need to appoint one member to the library board in January, adding the person appointed will need to reside in Helena Township. Mr. DiRosa recommended the board pass the resolution.

Harden/Thompson approve Resolution Establishing Alden District Library

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion carried.

**Items for Future Consideration-** Jerry Cook shared that Allen Pecar is in the hospital and asked that we keep him in our thoughts. Allen was a member of the Board from 1982 until July, 2002.

Musselman/Cook adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Moeke, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary