MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 14, 2021

Present:

MacQuarrie, Ackler, Derrer, Ross

Absent:

Thompson, Musselman, Clark

Central Office Staff:

DiRosa, Phillips, Meeder

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

Approval of Agenda

Ross/MacQuarrie

approve the agenda

YES: 4

NO:

Motion carried.

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Citizens Comments - None

Consent Agenda

MacQuarrie/Ackler

to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on November 9, 2021
- **B.** Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND**: 11/23/2021 \$188,355.32; 12/7/2021 \$58,688.47; 12/7/2021 \$5,000.00
- C. Accept the resignation from Christina Matelski as an elementary assistant.
- D. Accept the resignation from Kristin Witt as the Early Childhood Director.
- **E.** Accept the recommendation to hire Lori Harvey as the Early Childhood Director.
- F. Adopt policies 36-1

Mr. DiRosa introduced Lori Harvey as the new Early Childhood Director and thanked Kristin Witt as she retires with more than 25 years of service to Mancelona Public Schools.

YES:

NO:

Motion carried.

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Principal's report: Larry Rager announced the middle school holiday concert will be held on December 17th at 6:00 pm in the 7/8th grade gym. Mr. Rager congratulated the 5th grade First Lego League team on placing 2nd out of 20 teams in the Robot Performance Award at the Kettering Bulldog Classic in Flint Michigan. Mr. Rager also congratulated the middle school robotic team on their 5th place win out of 20 teams at the National Robotics Competition in Pellston. Mr. Rager stated the middle school girls' basketball season has wrapped up and the boys last game is December 15th. Mr. Rager indicated he had 1 more unannounced teacher observation to complete before the Christmas break. Tina Frollo announced teachers have participated in teachers observing teachers, getting good ideas from each other with good feedback. Mrs. Frollo stated 6 teachers are participating in the Good Behavior Game which is a great addition to Mancy Pride expectations, encouraging positive behavior. Mrs. Frollo stated Victoria Buursma is our full-time social worker in the elementary, seeing individual and small groups of students. Ms. Buursma also has whole class social emotional learning on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Frollo indicated that students working with Ms. Buursma have exhibited positive behavior in the classroom and on the playground. Mrs. Frollo thanked Mary Morris and Melanie Griffore along with participating parents for their part in making the Santa Secret Shop a success. Mrs. Frollo announced that there would be no elementary Holiday Concert this year, instead, Chandra Kirt recorded each music class and the video will be uploaded to You Tube for viewing.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa stated last month the board authorized the purchase of a new van, however, the company is no longer making this mode. We will not be purchasing at this time. Mr. DiRosa stated the high school holiday concert was held Monday December 13th, very nice and well done. Mr. DiRosa announced the first Steering Committee meeting will be held December 15th at 3:30 in the Middle School Media Center. Mr. DiRosa indicated the last day of school before Christmas break will be December 22nd.

CITIZENS COMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS: No comments were made.

Action Items

Adopt the resolution calling for the election for the Sinking Fund and 18 Mill renewal

Mr. DiRosa stated this is calling for the May 3rd election. Mr. DiRosa stated this is a straight renewal of the current 19Mills and sinking levies with Headlee rollbacks. Mr. DiRosa indicated that this is an off-schedule election and we may have to absorb the cost. Tom Ross asked if we are the only one on the ballot. Mr. DiRosa stated at this time we are.

Ackler/Ross

Yes: 4

No: 0

Motion Carried

Items for Future Consideration: Tom Ross asked if there have been discussions of school threats. Mr. DiRosa said he and the principals talk a lot about safety with principals. Principals are talking with staff and staff to students. Mr. DiRosa is also in contact with local law enforcement and surrounding districts. Mr. DiRosa wants everyone to know it is ok to report any issues. Mr. DiRosa stated his position is to find, report and charge as offenders must be held accountable.

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Yes:

No:

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

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