

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**December 13, 2016**

Present: Cook, Ackler, Derrer, and Thompson

Absent: Harden, Ross and Musselman

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Meeder, Hudson and Phillips

Burt Thompson 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: 4

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Citizens Comments-** No Citizens Comments

**Consent Agenda**

Cook/Derrer to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2016;

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2016
- B. Monthly Finance  
Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 11/15/16 \$62,692.84; 11/29/16 \$141,332.00; 12/01/16 \$5,000.00
- C. Accept recommendation to hire April Parkey as ES para-professional.
- D. Accept recommendation to hire Dale Thomason for HS mathematics.
- E. Approved NEOLA new/revised/replacement policies.

YES: 4

NO: 0

**Principal Report –Tina Frollo** stated that the middle school winter concert was fabulous and she was impressed with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band. Mrs. Frollo stated that the Mock Rock was a successful fun event. Mrs. Frollo announced that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> basketball has finished and wrestling and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball have started. Mrs. Frollo indicated that 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English is piloting a new curriculum which challenges and encourages students to think differently. Mrs. Frollo stated that there has been a change in standards for science; however, no date has been set to put it in place. Mrs. Frollo indicated that we know the science standards for 2020 and we can align our curriculum so our current 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be prepared for testing in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Frollo stated that teachers are taking in-house professional development for online assessments. Mrs. Frollo stated that Dave Johnson from TBAISD is working with us to find new ways to assess students. Mrs. Frollo also stated there is a school-wide initiative to motivate students to do better on assessments. **Larry Rager** announced the December 13th wrestling meet with 4 schools attending and the girls' varsity basketball game December 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rager also recognized the band concert as having excellent performances. Mr. Rager stated that he, Michelle Dingman and Pami Sprague met with Rick Vandermolen to review SAT data and decide if

instructional changes are needed. Dale Ackler questioned the progress of the change in seminars from last year. Mr. Rager responded that there is less resistance from the students. **Trent Naumcheff** announced that December 15<sup>th</sup> is the elementary school winter concert, weather permitting, the makeup date will be Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Mr. Naumcheff stated that the student attendance is better with only 5 students with 15 or more days absent compared to last year's 10 students. Mr. Naumcheff noted that there are higher absences in pre-school and readiness 4 students as they are not acclimated to school habits yet. Mr. Naumcheff stated there is a focus on literacy and looking at ELA curriculum as Imagine it will no longer be published. Mr. Naumcheff stated that there is a concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition and the ELA coaches will be more involved with that.

**Superintendent Report – Mr. DiRosa** announced that we have received an Early Literacy Grant of \$22,000 for K – 3 reading which will help with the transition from Imagine It to a new reading series. Mr. DiRosa recognized Cathy Harden, although not in attendance, for her 10 years of dedication to Mancelona Schools with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. DiRosa announced Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day of school before Christmas break. Mr. DiRosa stated that the pension reform will not happen during lameduck but will probably reappear. Mr. DiRosa also noted that there is a teacher recruitment issue mostly due to the erosion of pay, benefits and pensions. Mr. DiRosa stated that the government has pulled back on the 430 million from state aid to the general fund. Mr. DiRosa announced that Jason Tank will be running for a seat on the TBAISD board of education and will be coming to a future board meeting to introduce himself during public comment.

**Items for Future Consideration – Burt Thompson** stated that January will be an organizational meeting and our new board member, Jim MacQuarrie will be in attendance. Mr. Thompson also asked the board members to think about committee selection.

#### **Adjournment**

Cook/Ackler To adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Yes: 4  
No: 0  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary