

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 8, 2017

Present: Thompson, Derrer, Ross, MacQuarrie, Musselman, Ackler, Cook

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Hudson, Meeder and Phillips

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

Approval of Agenda

Ross/Musselman approve the agenda as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- No comments were made.

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Ross to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the regular Organizational meeting held on Jan 10, 2017;

B. Monthly Finance:

1. Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 1/10/17 \$46,918.44; 1/24/17 \$51,800.13; 2/02/17 \$158,317.91
2. Accept recommendation to hire Mark Mulready for the 6th grade science teacher.
3. Accept letter of resignation from Jillian Towne-Patton.
4. Accept letter of resignation from Amanda Archambault.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Communities In Schools – Marcie Grabruck announced that she has taken over the mentoring program for Communities in Schools. Mrs. Grabruck stated that at this time we have 10 mentor matches meeting for 1 hour per week during lunch. Mrs. Grabruck indicated she would like to have doubled that before next year.

Technology Update: Bryce Kennedy updated the Board on technology purchased and future purchases. Mr. Kennedy announced that the phone system has been updated and the phones and internet are now on the same fiber. Mr. Kennedy stated that there are now projectors and projector screens in each classroom. Mr. Kennedy stated that an amplifier and microphone have been installed for each class and for the exception of a few charging problems teachers are happy with them. Mr. Kennedy also stated that cabling has been mounted in each classroom. Mr. Kennedy announced that document cameras are in many classrooms, as well as, technology carts which are more convenient with the computer, monitor, printer, phone and DVD player in one place and the middle and high school band rooms have new sound systems for improved meeting space. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the server infrastructure

has more storage space. Mr. Kennedy stated that there are battery backups in every closet which will allow us to use the phones 15 to 20 minutes after losing power. Mr. Kennedy indicated that a firewall and core switches will be installed in July which will increase speed and capacity. Mr. Kennedy stated that 1 or more DVR'S have been placed in each building. These give administrators security camera access at school and at home. Mr. Kennedy stated that we have had a very positive response to the new electronic door locks. Mr. Kennedy announced that, with the new bond money, we will be replacing computers from 2009 through 2013 models and all lab computers are 2013 or newer. Mr. Kennedy plans to recycle all devices within the next 6 years. Mr. Kennedy is looking to purchase in 2017, 300 Chrome books to be used in core curriculum areas and that the goal will be to have 1 chrome book cart per teacher. Mr. Kennedy lastly stated that we will be expanding wireless coverage and adding access points in each building.

Principal's report: **Trent Naumcheff** thanked Bryce Kennedy for the presentation and the technology expectations have increased dramatically. Mr. Naumcheff stated NWEA testing has started for K-12 and K-4 has been testing in reading and math which will help with discussions and plans for the future. Mr. Naumcheff indicated that to be proficient on MSTEP, students need to be at 65% on NWEA. Mr. Naumcheff stated he is looking at a new curriculum in ELA. **MR. Rager** stated that NWEA math numbers have been broken down and calculated the difference between fall and mid-winter with the growth score to be evaluated at the end of the year. Mr. Rager stated that Pami Sprague is working on interpreting the ELA scores. Mr. Rager announced that the MSBOA, solo ensemble attracted directors, parents and teachers from all over Northern Michigan. Mr. Rager stated that Ms. Tippet heard many positive comments regarding our facilities, helpful volunteers, and the organization of the event. Mr. Rager also stated the robot is ready to compete in Gaylord and Traverse City with thanks to Matt Smith, Mr. Krudstrup and Mr. Hankins for their assistance and mentoring. **Tina Frollo** stated that 56% of the students were recognized for all A's and B's, or attendance with missing less than one day, at the middle school Honor Roll Breakfast. Mrs. Frollo announced that the 7th and 8th grade band held their pre-festival concert at the high school. The festival will be held in Elk Rapids on February 24th at 5:25. Mrs. Frollo stated that the NWEA data indicates that 72% to 80% of our students are making growth even though below the benchmark. Mrs. Frollo states we can use this data to make changes to classrooms and interventions now rather than wait until May to see results. Dale Ackler questioned if Mrs. Frollo has been working with the ISD. Mrs. Frollo stated she has been working with Rick from the ISD to collect more data.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. DiRosa stated based on data we are looking at new language arts curriculum, Reflections and Journey. Mr. DiRosa announced that in April or May we will be looking to purchase some major technology equipment to support the new ELA curriculum from the bond and general fund. Mr. DiRosa stated that pupil count for February was 970 up from 968 in the fall. Mr. DiRosa announced that Governor Snyder's Executive Budget Recommendation for 2018 states an increase per student of \$100.00 for minimum foundation districts, \$50.00 per high school student and additional money per at risk student. Mr. DiRosa announced that there will be an Open Meeting Act training by Thurn Law Firm with Kalkaska school board in Kalkaska in March.

Citizen Comments on Action Items - None

Action Items

General Fund Budget Amendment: Shelly Meeder stated from our initial projection last June, there has been an improvement of approximately \$284,000 with a new projected increase to fund balance of \$56,542. Mrs. Meeder stated that the most significant item impacting this is student enrollment with an increase of 47 students. Mrs. Meeder indicated that other revenue items that we didn't expect or have increased since budget adoption: CIS building rental, additional retirement offset dollars, and TBAISD

payouts. Mrs. Meeder stated that there were changes in expenses: hiring of a part-time high school math teacher and a full-time middle school science teacher, reading and science proposed curriculum upgrades at the elementary and middle schools, building upgrades (tile, security, high school gym floor, floor sweepers, truck) and technology.

Cook/Ross to approve the Budget Amendment as presented

Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution Authorizing Issuance Bonds

Ackler/Cook to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance Bonds

Yes: 7
No: 0

Bus purchase: Mr. DiRosa stated we received two quotes for the bus purchase. The International bid is lower upon consideration of upgraded options.

Cook/ Musselman to approve the bus purchase

Yes: 7
No: 0

Derrer/Thompson Adjourn to closed session 5:30

Board discussion of Transportation Contract.

Cook/Ackler Call to open session at 5:55

Yes: 7
No: 0

Derrer/Cook Approve minutes of closed session

Yes: 7
No: 0

Cook/Thompson Approve transportation contract

Yes: 7
No: 0

Items for Future Consideration: Mr. DiRosa stated that Jason Tank will be attending the March Board meeting.

Adjournment

Derrer/Musselman to adjourn at 5:57

Yes: 7
No: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary