

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 13, 2022

Present: Thompson, Derrer, MacQuarrie, Ackler, Ross
Absent: Musselman, Clark

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Phillips, Meeder

President Thompson 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: 5
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- None

Consent Agenda

Ackler/MacQuarrie to approve the Consent Agenda Items with the elimination of item F

- A. Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on November 8, 2022
- B. Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 11/7/2022 - \$216,191.31; 11/22/2022 - \$97,602.35; 11/29/2022 - \$332.75; 11/29/2022 - \$40.00; 12/6/2022 - \$223,531.87
- C. Accept the resignation of Katlin Clothier as the middle school Social Worker
- D. Accept the resignation from Kristina MacDonald as a middle school assistant
- E. Accept the recommendation to hire Brian Sheridan for the 7th grade boys' basketball coach
- ~~F. Accept the recommendation to hire Ralph Munger as the varsity softball coach.~~

Dale Ackler stated the Social Worker has not been here that long. Why is she leaving? Mr. DiRosa stated she found a job closer to her home.

YES: 5
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Communities In Schools of Northwest MI: Amy Burk announced Amy Derrer will be taking 22 high school students to Kirtland Community College in Gaylord and Grayling on Wednesday, December 14th. At the middle school, CIS is distributing MANNA food bags to middle school families. On Friday, December 16, elementary students can bring one guest to have enjoy holiday lunch. CIS will be hosting an Adult Prom fundraising event on January 28, 2023.

Principal's report: Trent Naumcheff announced winter sports are underway. The middle school band concert was held at the high school on Monday, December 12. Mr. Naumcheff stated the 7/8 grade band was exceptional. Mr. Naumcheff indicated grades and attendance is still a challenge at the high school as 16 students have exceeded 15 days absent. Mr. Naumcheff thanked Sue Blackmore for opening the Pizza Shoppe and donating pizza to a high school student with medical issues and his friends. Tina Frollo stated with the help of the parent group and law enforcement, Santa's Secret Shop is open for students to purchase gifts for their families. Mrs. Frollo announced Chandra Kirt has been working very hard to prepare for tonight's Holiday concert. Mrs. Frollo acknowledged Melanie Griffore for her amazing work coordinating donations and volunteers to help families in need. Mrs. Frollo stated attendance is a concern in the elementary school. Mrs. Frollo is working with Melanie Griffore to find incentives for students to attend school. Students with no unexcused absences will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Mrs. Frollo stated Victoria Buursma is doing a good job working with students on Social Emotional learning using the Move this World program. Enos Bacon stated the current enrollment at the middle school is 236. Mr. Bacon stated there would be professional development follow up with a Yellow Ribbon, suicide prevention presentation. Trooper Hebner will present on the Pitfalls of Social Media. Mr. Bacon stated he is receiving positive feedback on weekly parent communications. Mr. Bacon stated there are some truancy issues, which have been turned over to Antrim County. Students with good behavior and that have passed classes will celebrate with a trip to Bellaire movie theater next week. Mr. Bacon stated 7 teacher observations have been completed. Mr. Bacon stated the middle school band concert was terrific. Mr. Bacon acknowledged Gretchen Heegeman for doing a great job. Mr. Bacon announced that we have a terrific candidate for the social worker position.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa discussed the bus accident that happened on November 18, the bus was totaled and currently working on a settlement. Mr. DiRosa announced there will be a Raymond James presentation regarding the public sale of bonds tonight at 6 pm. There will be an S & P credit rating call December 14 at 11:00. Winter break will start at the end of the day on December 22 and school will resume January 3, 2023. Dr. Ackler asked if there was a truancy policy. Mr. DiRosa he is hopeful to continue working with police on a larger role with more presence in regards to truancy issues.

Citizens Comments on Action Items: None

Action Items

Approve Bus Purchase

Mr. DiRosa stated we are moving up the purchase of one bus that will be delivered 2024. We are currently negotiating the value of the totaled bus. Dr. Ackler asked if we have a replacement bus. Mr. DiRosa responded yes, we have two although one is in the shop at this time.

Ross/MacQuarrie YES: 5
 NO: 0
 Motion carried.

Items for future consideration: None

Adjournment: 4:51
Ross/MacQuarrie
 Yes: 5
 No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Laurie Phillips in blue ink.

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

Handwritten signature of Kim Musselman in blue ink.

Kim Musselman, Secretary