

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 25, 2023

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

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Phillips

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

Approval of Agenda

Ackler/Clark approve the agenda

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- No comments were made.

Consent Agenda

Derrer/MacQuarrie to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on June 20, 2023;
- B. Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 6/20/2023 - \$248,414.54; 6/29/2023- \$195,203.82; 7/5/2023 - \$134,239.10; 7/18/2023 - \$56,470.73 **BOND FUND:** 6/20/2023 - \$5,325.00; 6/20/2023 - \$117,249.00; 6/29/2023 - \$82,423.00; 7/5/2023 - \$130,195.81
- C. Accept the recommendation to hire Rachel Gantner as a preschool assistant.
- D. Accept the recommendation to hire Emily Ancinec as an Elementary Teacher.
- E. Accept the resignation from Brittany Cornell as the middle school special education teacher.
- F. Accept the resignation from Kara Rogers as the Strong Beginnings teacher.
- G. Accept the resignation from Chandra Kirt as the K-8 art teacher.
- H. Accept the resignation from Gabrielle Stempky as a kindergarten teacher.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa announced the audit completed last week, everything looked good. The elementary building project is ongoing. There are some items on back order; they are working on a solution to pass inspection prior to the start of school. Bid 3, athletic project, will be on the August board agenda. At this time the athletic project is over budget, they are working to get it in budget. Lynn Stevens, School Forestry Manager, has a cut project this year; approximately 400 cords will be cut within 2 parcels. Mr. DiRosa stated teacher interviews are in progress and hoping to have more recommendations at the August meeting. Amy Derrer asked where we stood with the open coaching positions. Mr. DiRosa stated Ben Tarbutton has been sifting through the applications and will be making recommendations to hire.

Citizens Comments on Action Items: No comments

Action Items:

Approve MISEC Solar Energy purchase

Mr. DiRosa stated the district has been a member of MISEC for many years and saved over \$229,000 using MISEC, Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative. NorthStar Clean Energy will install an off-site solar energy system that will generate electricity for Michigan School Districts. Burt Thompson stated it is a 15 year Power Purchase Agreement. Gerald Clark asked where the solar panels would be located. Burt Thompson stated it is located on 380 acres in Genesee County.

Ackler/Clark YES: 6
 NO: 0
 Motion carried.

Approve Middle School Boiler Replacement

Mr. DiRosa stated the middle school boilers were scheduled for replacement. Once approved today we can get them ordered and have them ready before the heating season. Jim MacQuarrie asked who the contractor is going to be. Mr. DiRosa stated Top Notch. Dale Ackler asked if it would be done by fall. Mr. DiRosa responded yes. Gerald Clark asked where are they located. Mr. DiRosa stated by the band room. Mr. DiRosa stated the cost is carved out of the bond bid 4, however we have moved it up to bid 3. Tom Ross asked what happens to the old boilers. Mr. DiRosa state Top Notch will dispose of them.

Clark/Ackler YES: 6
 NO: 0
 Motion carried

Items for Future Consideration

Dale Ackler asked if the new budget is out and how much money would we get for At Risk students. Mr. DiRosa said yes, it is out and we did get an increase for At Risk, however he did not have the exact figures with him. Mr. DiRosa announced that all Michigan schools will receive free breakfast and lunch for all students. Dale Ackler asked if it would be a savings for us. Mr. DiRosa stated a little. Mr. DiRosa stated we will be receiving a full FTE for GSRP students and may increase funding. Mr. DiRosa stated we just need to be able to staff the program. Burt Thompson asked how we are on bus drivers. Mr. DiRosa responded we are still down 1 driver. We have purchased 2 signs to display on our busses advertising for drivers. We have no one in training at this time.

Ross/Derrer adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Phillips
Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman
Kim Musselman, Secretary