

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 11, 2025**

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

Central Office Staff: Frolo, Phillips

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

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Bisson approve the agenda

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- None

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Ross **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Inclusive motion to approve the following:
[Please note: **Any Board Member may request removal of any item(s) from the
“Consent Agenda” and that said item(s) may stand alone as an action item(s)**]

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2025.
- B. **Monthly Finance:** Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of:
GENERAL FUND: 1/14/2025 - \$76,357.42; 1/28/2025 - \$169,738.64; 2/5/2025 - \$50,308.62
SINKING FUND: 1/14/2025 - \$4,359.98 **BOND FUND:** 1/14/2025 - \$900.00; 1/28/2025 - \$52,200.00; 2/5/2025 - \$94,577.59; 2/5/2025 - \$20,939.75
- C. Accept the recommendation to hire Kallie Johnson as an elementary teacher.
- D. Accept the recommendation to hire Alyssa Ailing as a middle/elementary teacher.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Iron Vault, Michele Scott: Mrs. Scott reported that the high school Iron Vault was opened in 2021 and the middle school opened in 2024. The goal for the Vault is to meet the basic needs of students, helping students unlock their highest potential. Volunteers build relationships with students and discuss their future. The Vault provides clothing, hygiene products and partners with Manna Food Project to provide food bags for students and their families. Local hair dresser, Teresa Haynes, provides gift certificates for haircuts. Mrs. Scott stated the Vault is funded by donations from alumni, community, and churches. Donations can be dropped off when the Vault is open or items can be purchased from the Amazon wish list. Mrs. Scott thanked Linda Johnson, Judy Grenke, Jodi Gobler, Kathy Lightbody, Kelly Haberkorn, Laurie Allison, Mindy Bisson, and Kathleen Kitchen for volunteering their time to the Iron Vault. Mrs. Scott also gave a big thank you to Shelly Meeder for her financial input and help with record keeping. Linda Johnson stated more volunteers are need.

Communities In Schools of Northwest MI: Amy Burk reported at the high school, there is continued support to seniors and families with FAFSA completion. College visits to Ferris State and Kirkland Community College took place in January. A highlight of the college visits was seeing former MHS class of 2024 alumni who spoke to our students about their college experiences. New this semester at the middle school is Homework, Attendance and Tardies (HAT). Each week Mr. Murray and Ms. Emily Packer randomly choose a grade level and classroom. They visit the classroom and if all students meet HAT, they get a treat. The grief group through the partnership with Michael's Place began with three students participating. Mrs. Burk announced the Father Daughter Dance will held on Friday, March 14, 2025 at the high school from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Administrators Report: Trent Naumcheff stated the Iron Vault is a great resource. Mr. Naumcheff announced the first semester has concluded with 87% of students passing their classes. Mr. Naumcheff stated 5 wrestlers will be moving on to regionals, Theodore Parzych, Gavin Woodcox, Jaden Grutsch, Collyn Toth, and Aaron McQueen. Lady Ironmen basketball team play in Lake City this evening and the boys head to Onaway. Gerald Clark asked who is the National Honor Society (NHS) supervisors? Mr. Naumcheff indicated Mystena Miller-Hamlin and Jenny Angell. Mr. Clark stated students from NHS helped with the White Pine Stampede and did a wonderful job. Jake Murray stated the middle and high school bands had an outstanding performance on February 10, 2025. Mr. Murray thanked Ms. Heegeman for her hard work and dedication. Mr. Murray indicated that the ELA and Math data is being reviewed. Remarkable growth is being seen throughout the building. A highlight from the analysis is the Math NWEA results for 5th grade scores shows 49% of our students are above the national average. The percentage of students below the national average has dropped from 57% to 38%. Mr. Elder attributes this success to increased interventions. Mr. Murray announced that the middle school Penny War kicked off this week and in just two days, students have already raised \$240.00. Bernadette Pletcher reported student enrollment at the elementary is over 300. There will be a presentation of our Robotics Program at the end of the month. Mrs. Pletcher indicated they are currently reviewing mid-year test score data. Staff continues to work on standard based lesson plans and grading. Mrs. Pletcher announced that the elementary is currently working on next year's schedule.

Superintendent Report: Tina Frollo announced our spring pupil count is approximately 780. Governor's proposal to increase per pupil funding to \$10,000, increase at-risk funding, increased funding for early childhood programs, and increase funds to rural and isolated districts would all benefit Mancelona Schools. Mrs. Frollo stated at the central office, Shelly Meeder is preparing the budget amendment for the March board meeting. Nicole Musall has completed the W2 distribution and working on processing new hire paperwork. Mrs. Frollo stated she would be working with the Union presidents to set days to begin contract negotiations. Mrs. Frollo attended the Michigan Negotiator's Associations Labor Relations Academy last week. Melissa Orman and Kristin Witt are working on hiring additional staff and communicating with families about rates and schedules in the Early Childhood department. Bright Wheel, computer-based system, was purchased for parents to sign children in and out of daycare that includes a curriculum component and an online parent communication link. Bus inspections will be February 18th and 19th. Brian and the team are working hard to receive another clear inspection. Drivers are working with Brian and Melissa at the elementary school to ensure routes are in the Tyler system accurately. Mrs. Frollo met with Angie Nelson, DM Burr, and her boss Howard on January 21, 2025. Things are going well and the increased communication is beneficial. Angie's team is working hard to keep up with all of the necessary shoveling and disinfecting touch points to prevent the spread of germs during flu season. Angie wanted to acknowledge the high school custodians, Sue Moore and Devin Courter for their work at the Dinner Theater. Tony Tipton is working on getting quotes for security cameras and installation. Tony and his IT team have completed over 96% of all Help Desk requests, there were 486 tickets in the first semester. Bids for additional bond work will be going out soon and will be shared with the board at the March meeting. These bids will include bathroom

updates, roof replacements and repairs, and the possibility of receiving a brand-new track around the football field.

Items for future consideration: None

John Scholten reviewed last month's discussions and discussed the Superintendent Evaluation tool.

Clark/MacQuarrie Move to closed session 5:23

Yes: 6
No: 0
Motion carried

Returned to open session at 5:48

President Thompson stated there was a good discussion, the board had positive comments on all of the items relating to the evaluation tool.

Adjournment: 5:50

Clark/Bisson Yes: 6
 No: 0
 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary



Kim Musselman, Secretary