

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 12, 2019

Present: Clark, Musselmen, Derrer, Ackler, MacQuarrie

Absent: Thompson, Ross

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Meeder, Hudson and Phillips

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

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Ackler approve the agenda as presented

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- None

Consent Agenda

Musselmen/MacQuarrie to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2019
- B. Monthly Finance
Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 2/11/2019 \$50.00; 2/19/2019- \$129,452.39; 3/5/3019 - \$142,685.12; 3/11/2019 - \$137.55
- C. Accept recommendation to hire Barbara Hall as an elementary teacher.
- D. Accept letter of resignation from Shirley Benn as the HS math teacher.
- E. Accept the recommendation to hire Marie Kinsler as the JV softball coach.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Principals Report: Larry Rager stated the MSBOA District band festival was held in Elk Rapids and Mancelona received an overall II rating and a I in sight reading. Mr. Rager announced that Jade Holliday, Julia Tubacki, Emma Moser and Francesca Meeder with be going to MSBOA District Honors in Kalkaska. Mr. Rager handed out a news release and congratulated Ryenn Farabaugh on being chosen as the local winner for the America & Me Essay Contest. Mr. Rager stated Ryenn's essay will advance to the state level and the school will receive a plaque with her name on it to display. Mr. Rager announced that March 13th will be the last middle school wrestling meet. Mr. Rager stated the Magical Land of Oz will be Friday and Saturday at 7:00 with a dress rehearsal on Thursday. Mr. Rager indicated that 52% of the parents were present for parent teacher conferences. Mr. Rager stated that teachers are using the Formative Assessments and he has received positive reviews. Matt Smith, science teacher teaching STEM classes reviewed what the students are learning in class. Mr. Smith, stated the students enjoy working on the robot and teamwork on the DiVinci Bridge. Mr. Smith stated another great addition to the STEM curriculum is a product called Raspberry Pi which is a wallet-sized computer that the students

will love. Tina Frollo stated 84% of parents attended parent teacher conferences. Mrs. Frollo indicated that parents participated in a survey with 97% stating the school is safe and secure, 86% indicating school work is challenging, 91% stating they have received good communication with the teachers and 94% agreeing that Mancelona Elementary School is an excellent school. Mrs. Frollo stated approximately 17 students participated in after-school tutoring and will continue on Tuesday's and Thursday's until spring break. Mrs. Frollo passed out an informational sheet that will be sent to the parents explaining what the Ready by Grade Three law is and expectations. Mrs. Frollo stated March is Reading Month, students are encouraged to read 15 minutes every night. Mrs. Frollo stated behavioral data being tracked by SWIS shows behavioral problems are down 55% from last year, with January and February being the lowest. Mrs. Frollo announced that instructors from CKLA reading series, provided by Amplify, will be here Thursday to observe and video Deb Heuss's 4th grade class, interview students for promotional materials for curriculum in action. Mrs. Frollo also stated the professional development with Terry Morgan went well. Trent Naumcheff stated spring sports are starting. Mr. Naumcheff announced 4 wrestlers went to States with Coleton Frederickson taking 4th. Mr. Naumcheff stated surveys were taken on attendance, tardies and attending classes. Mr. Naumcheff stressed that academics are a priority and students must be passing 5 out of 6 classes to attend extra events. Karen Malloy, science teacher, stated the professional development with Terry Morgan went well and received a lot of information. Mrs. Malloy stated Terry Morgan will be coming back Thursday to observe 5 teachers and provide feedback. Mr. Naumcheff announced the Choir Concert to be held March 12th. Joe Clark, Board member, asked how many students attend TBA. Mr. Naumcheff stated 55. Mr. Clark stated that an instructor at TBA indicated that Mancelona students are great, they come in early, ready to work and learn.

Superintendent report: Mr. DiRosa stated that the Governor is not in favor of the 3rd grade reading law. Mr. DiRosa indicated we do not have the cut off scores yet, it looks like about 50% fail rate across the state. Mr. DiRosa stated there will be a procedure in place, Good Cause Exemption after meeting with the parents. Mr. DiRosa announced that retention letters will be generated by the State. Mr. DiRosa indicated Mike Washburn will be here on April 9th at 3:30, spring break will start at 11:30 on March 22nd and MEF will be held on April 12th. Mr. DiRosa indicated the Governor announced her budget proposal of \$180 per student with additional money for At Risk and Special Education. Mr. Ackler, Board member, inquired on make-up for snow days. Mr. DiRosa stated we are waiting on the State, the last day could stay the same, June 12th or 5 days out.

Items for Future Consideration: Mr. DiRosa stated that Mike Washburn will be here on April 9, 2019 at 3:30.

Adjournment

Musselman/Clark To adjourn the meeting at 4:59

Yes: 5

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary


Kim Musselman, Secretary