

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 11, 2015

Present: Cook, Thompson, Musselman, Ackler, Harden, Ross
Derrer arrived at 4:33

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Meeder and Phillips

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

Approval of Agenda

Cook/Harden approve the agenda as presented

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- No Citizens Comments

Consent Agenda

Harden/Cook to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2016;

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2016
- B. Monthly Finance
Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 9/20/2016 \$43,275.78; 10/04/2016 \$130,029.67 **SINKING FUND:** 10/04/2016 \$57,169.21.
- C. Accept resignation letter from Brad Lanning as Maintenance Assistant.
- D. Accept recommendation to hire Jeff Short as the Maintenance Assistant.

YES: 6
NO: 0

School improvements update – Pami Sprague has been working with principals and leadership teams and will continue throughout the school year to set goals to improve student achievement. Ms. Sprague stated she is also working to develop leadership support, organizational environment and staff competency. Ms. Sprague states the main goal is for all students to meet or exceed district and state standards. Ms. Sprague also noted that school improvement is not easy and quick. Data-driven change requires the commitment and perseverance of individual practitioners sustained by the focused efforts of the whole community. Tom Ross and Burt Thompson asked what feedback are we getting from the parents and community about the test scores and if there is a problem with the testing. Ms. Sprague indicated that parent surveys will be given at parent teacher conferences. The survey results will be taken to the teams. Trent Naumcheff stated that parent engagement is a struggle, attendance is a problem and many parents do not value education. Mr. Ackler inquired if the test scores were a regional issue. Mr. DiRosa stated that the scores were generally low along the US 131 corridor.

Communities In Schools – Amy Burk announced that on October 12th College Day Fair will be held at the high school. Ms. Burk stated that over 40 colleges and universities will be represented, as well as the military and Michigan Works. Lights on After School will be held on October 20, 2016. Mrs. Burk stated

that October 21st is the next Swingshift and the Stars. On November 18th, CIS will be the featured nonprofit at this event.

Principal Report - Trent Naumcheff reiterated, in follow up to Pami Sprague's presentation that parent engagement is the first step. Mr. Naumcheff stated that the Jogathon was a success with over \$5000 raised in 1 day and as a reward, the students received a free t-shirt if they raised \$25 and a t-shirt and use of the bounce house if they raised \$35 or more. Mr. Naumcheff stated that the money raised will be used for field trips and other extra activities. Mr. Naumcheff indicated that Annie Grammer has trained staff on Donors Choose and Teachers Pay Teachers. They have received \$3000 for furnishings for the classrooms. Mr. Naumcheff has indicated that the attendance has been getting attention from families.

Larry Rager stated that on October 7th the high school band was featured in a segment on TV 7&4. On October 10th the band participated with other bands at Thirlby Field, it was the first time marching with no music on the instruments. Mr. Rager announced that we will be hosting a Ski Valley Cross Country meet on October 11th. Mr. Rager indicated that Karen Reister from TBAISD is a math consultant helping us evaluate our curriculum making sure we hit standards and SAT prep. Mr. Rager stated Shirley Benn and Brian Sheridan are fitting in and doing well. Mr. Rager also pointed out that Liz Racignol is stepping up and Pami Sprague is doing well with student leadership. Mr. Rager stated that Julie Messingschlager will be taking students on the Chicago trip.

Tina Frollo stated that our tests scores were not as expected, however was very proud of our teachers and staff. Mrs. Frollo is excited about the Rapid Turnaround Research Program and has been getting a lot of support from Mr. DiRosa and the administrative team as well as Rick Vandermullen from TBAISD. Mrs. Frollo indicated that we need to do things differently as we are not getting the results that we want. Cathy Harden questioned the restructure of our school and the three month summer gap. Mr. DiRosa stated that the ISD drives the schedule. Mrs. Frollo continued stating that October 28th is the end of the 1st quarter and fall sports are wrapping up and girls' basketball has started practicing. Mrs. Frollo stated that the schedule was shuffled to account for interventions and credited the hard work to Joleen McCain and Amy Bernthal. Mrs. Frollo stated that Marzano 101 training was given to new teachers and mentors. Mrs. Frollo announced that classroom observations have started.

Superintendent's Report- Mr. DiRosa announced the official numbers for count day being 970 with June count being 939. That being said, Mrs. DiRosa indicated that the budget will be modified. Mr. DiRosa stated we will be hiring a high school math teacher and middle school science teacher. Additional assistants are needed in the middle school and elementary school. Mr. DiRosa also announced that Mike Washburn will be here on November 8th for the goal setting session and the meeting will begin at 3:30. Kim Musselman inquired on technology upgrades. Mr. DiRosa stated that the new sound pilots are in place and the Chromebooks are all out and we will be looking to replace the ipads with additional chromebooks. Mr. DiRosa also stated that the fiber line is still being worked on between the middle school and high school and should be completed this school year.

Adjournment

Ross/Derrer To adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary