

**Mancelona Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 16, 2017**

Present: Thompson, Derrer, Musselman, Cook, Ross, Ackler and MacQuarrie

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Hudson, 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/Ackler approve the agenda as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments – Jan Warren, stated she is running for a six year term on the TBAISD Board of Education. Mrs. Warren stated she hopes to improve communication and interaction between the ISD and LEA's. A community member expressed his concerns regarding an employee's position placement. Burt Thompson thanked him for his comments and concerns. A former contracted coach addressed the board stating he was displeased with the termination of his employment and asked who makes the decision to terminate. Superintendent, Jeffery DiRosa stated that the Board does not make the decision to terminate contracted employees that decision, by Board policy, is that of the Superintendent. A community member asked that the Athletic Director be held accountable for the information he conveys regarding board action of contracted coach termination. A parent of a Mancelona Public School student and the student spoke in support of the former coach. A Mancelona citizen spoke stating that he felt it was too much power for one person to have to make the decision to terminate employment.

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Cook to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2017;

B. Monthly Finance:

1. Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 4/18/2017 \$128,413.22; 4/20/2017 \$21,325.30; 4/25/2017 \$321.52; 4/27/2017 \$82,609.16; 5/2/2017 \$71,668.93; 5/19/2017 \$5,556.16

C. NEOLA New/Revised/Replacement Policies

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Communities in Schools – Amy Burk stated that there were 5 local representatives at the National CIS town hall meeting in California last week. Mrs. Burk thanked the board for allowing CIS to work with the district and is looking forward to the expansion with the surrounding schools.

Principals' Report – Pami Sprague spoke on behalf of Larry Rager stating that the high school band received straight ones in the State competition. Ms. Sprague announced that the student showcase will be held May 24, 2017. Ms. Sprague also congratulated the MITES winners. Elizabeth VanPate and the robotics team gave a demonstration of the 3D printer and the rope climbing robot. **Tina Frollo** congratulated the middle school band for a great spring concert. Mrs. Frollo stated that most of the MSTEP testing is complete. Mrs. Frollo announced that the NWEA results shows that the 7th grade math, although below the National level, has improved 5 points from 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Frollo also indicated that the NWEA reading results show 67% proficient and the National average is 220, we are at 222. Mrs. Frollo also stated that the MSTEP data is looking promising. **Trent Naumcheff** stated that MSTEP has finished. Mr. Naumcheff indicated, from what we can see now, NWEA results are the highest they have been in 8 years. Mr. Naumcheff indicated there will be several field trips coming up and will be funded by the fundraisers that have taken place during the school year.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. DiRosa stated that graduation will be held June 2, 2017 and the Board members should arrive at 5:40 in their gowns. Mr. DiRosa announced the Sports Awards will be June 1, 2017 at 6:00 and the Senior Awards on May 31, 2017 at 7:00. Mr. DiRosa also stated that June 14, 2017 is a half day and will be the last day of school for students with a full day for teachers. Mr. DiRosa reminded the Board that the June Board meeting will be the 20th with the budget hearing starting at 4:15.

Pami Sprague Website Presentation – Pami Sprague introduced the new website showing some of the highlights and interactive features. Ms. Sprague stated that she may be the publisher; however, it has been a team effort. Ms. Sprague stated that Mr. DiRosa is her supervisor for the CMU EDS internship as she is working on a Community Crisis Response Plan.

Citizens Comments on Action Items – None

Action Items

Cook/Ross to approve the TBAISD General Fund Operating Budget.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion carried

Tom Ross asked that Mr. DiRosa send a letter to the ISD and voice an opinion regarding fund balance levels and LEA services to continue to change.

Thompson/Cook Board to designate Tom Ross and alternate Burt Thompson as the Districts Election Representatives and vote for Jim Carpenter and Jason Tank for the TBAISD of Education seats.

Yes: 6
No: 1
Motion carried

Derrer/Musselman to approve the computer purchase

Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carried

This purchase will include 77 desk tops and 350 Chrome books.

Ackler/Cook to approve the purchase of a new Paging System.

Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carried

Ross/Musselman to approve resurfacing of the track

Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carried

Ackler/Cook L4029 2017 Tax Rate Request

Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carried

There are no free elections this year. A May election is recommended with the cost ranging from \$6000.00 to \$8,000.00.

Ross/Musselman Approve the Superintendent's Contract

Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carried

Items for future consideration – Mr. Dirosa stated that the June Board Meeting will be held on June 20, 2017 at 4:15.

Derrer/Musselman adjourn the meeting at 6:18

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

Kim Musselman, Secretary