

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**April 13, 2021**

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

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**

Ross/MacQuarrie approve the agenda as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Citizens Comments including comment on extended COVID-19 learning plan. – Burt Thompson** made opening comments: We want to thank the parents and school personnel who took the time to come to last month's board meeting and share their feelings and perspectives on a recent English assignment.

We listened. We heard you. We understand the passionate reaction this generated on all sides. There is no question these are challenging and important issues. That's why Superintendent DiRosa and his team have pulled together a special Diversity Curriculum Advisory Committee comprised of parents, teachers and community members. We thank them for their service and look forward to their input and work in the weeks to come.

**Consent Agenda**

Ackler/Musselman to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of the regular held on March 9, 2021;
- B. Monthly Finance:  
Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 3/16/2021 - \$5,000; 3/16/2021 - \$116,291.03; 3/30/2021 - \$185,264.66
- C. Re-confirmation on the extended COVID-19 learning plan.
- D. Accept letter of retirement from Lori Irwin as an elementary teacher.
- E. Accept resignation from Krista Lavelly as an elementary teacher.
- F. Reschedule May 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting to May 18, 2021.
- G. Accept the recommendation to hire Alisha Coan as the JV softball coach.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Mr. DiRosa stated that Lori Irwin has been with the district for more than 20 years. She will be greatly missed.

**Community in Schools of NWMI:** Amy Burk announced Cooking Matters begins this week, students in grades K-12 will have an opportunity to join the group led by MSU Extension during the CIS Afterschool Program. Classes will be held virtually, however, students get to take home the supplies and recipe so they can cook at home with their family. Mrs. Burk stated CIS is beginning to plan summer programs with a focus on academic and credit recovery paired with fun enrichment learning experiences. Mrs. Burk announced May 6<sup>th</sup> is CIS Giving Day, this is to both bring attention to the impact of CIS and generate funds for continued sustainability. Mrs. Burk indicated registration is now open for CIS 5K Run that will be held on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Principal's report:** Mrs. Frollo announced that the elementary has started with spring sports, although they are not official with Mancelona Schools. Students can participate in soccer, bowling, softball and baseball. Mrs. Frollo indicated spring testing has started, NWEA for reading and IREADY for Math, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be testing with M-STEP. Mrs. Frollo stated the staff at the elementary has been working with TBAISD on assessments as well as AIMSWEB updates. Burt Thompson asked the status of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading requirement. Mrs. Frollo stated it has been waived this year due to COVID. Pami Sprague, standing in for Larry Rager, distributed a flier and discussed Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP). Ms. Sprague announced PSAT testing took place today, students were rewarded with ice cream after lunch. Ms. Sprague stated MSTEP testing has started. Ms. Sprague indicated that 40 students are participating in track and field. Ms. Sprague announced Dustin Michael and Aaron Pickard were chosen from a national pool to participate in the robotics competition on May 8<sup>th</sup> where they will control and make their own repairs to the robot without assistance from a supervisor. Trent Naumcheff stated he had the opportunity to work with Lori Irwin and she will be missed. Mr. Naumcheff recapped winter sports, Boys' Basketball were conference champions for the first time in school history, Wrestling were Team District Champs for 4 years in a row and Girls Basketball were very competitive by winning a district game for the first time in 10+ years. Mr. Naumcheff indicated that Ben Tarbutton and Lisa Carriere have been administering athletes COVID-19 testing. Mr. Naumcheff stated Prom is tentatively scheduled for 5/15, with COVID restrictions, 5/28 will be seniors last day and 6/4 will be graduation. Mr. Naumcheff indicated graduation will most likely be held outside weather permitting with a backup plan to move the ceremony into the gym with limited seating.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. DiRosa: As President Thompson noted, we have pulled together a special Diversity Curriculum Advisory Committee to help us review our curriculum and materials in this area.

Our first meeting will kick off a week from today on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

We're fortunate to have Paul Bauer, Director of Instructional Services for the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District, serve as our facilitator. He'll also outline Michigan's academic standards and benchmarks that help guide our local curriculum development.

This committee's input and insight will be invaluable for MPS as we work to address the important topics of diversity, equity and inclusion adequately and appropriately – fostering critical thinking, awareness and understanding while being representative of our community and preparing our students for successful futures.

We can't thank these individuals enough for their time and willingness to work together for the benefit of all. Mancelona truly is Ironmen Strong.

**Citizens Comments on Action Items:** None

**Action Items**

**Resolution to consider Designation of Electoral Representative:** Mr. DiRosa stated this process happens every 2 years, on May 18<sup>th</sup> we will approve the designated candidates to represent our district in the June 7<sup>th</sup> election.

Musselman/Ross to approve Gerald Clark and Alternates Burt Thompson, Dale Ackler

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Motion Carried

**Chartwell Food Service Contract:** Mr. DiRosa stated he is very happy with Chartwell's and staff, recommend renewing this yearly contract.

Ackler/Clark to approve and renew Chartwell Food Service Contract

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Motion Carried

**Chromebook Purchase:** Mr. DiRosa stated we received 4 bids to replace 200 Chromebooks, CDW had the lowest bid and recommends to approve.

Musselman/Clark Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Motion Carried

**Items for Future Consideration:** Next month's board meeting has been changed to May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 at the Mancelona Middle School Media Center.

**Adjournment**

Musselman/Clark Adjourn 5:00

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary



Kim Musselman, Secretary