

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Minutes of Special Meeting February 22, 2022

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

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Phillips, Meeder

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

Citizens Comments: None

Superintendent Jeff DiRosa stated Kim, Burt and Jim were part of the steering committee that met on February 16th. Mr. DiRosa gave each board member descriptions of the bond options to be discussed. Mr. DiRosa stated the committee felt the All In option was too long and too expensive. There was lots of discussion on option 1 and 1a which removes the lecture hall at the high school. Option 3 and 4 includes the lecture hall but cuts other options. The committee decided 1a to be the best choice. Gerald Clark asked when the prices would be locked in. Mr. DiRosa stated the prices will be locked in as soon as the board approves the bid. Burt Thompson stated other members of the steering committee included Kim Musselman, Jim MacQuarrie, Mike and Laurie Allison, Mindy Bisson, Jamie Moore Weaver, Ed McCarty, Shelly Meeder, Jeff DiRosa, Matt Miller and Dave from IDI. Tom Ross asked if the principals have seen the plan. Mr. DiRosa reported that they have seen the plan and were asked for their input. Dale Ackler asked what is the lecture hall. Mr. DiRosa stated it is not finalized yet but could consist of 120 tiered seats. Burt Thompson stated that having a STEM room would be a good trade-off. Gerald Clark asked the cost of the storage building. Mr. DiRosa stated the planning estimate came in high however, the estimate was reduced by 1/3. The building is a 40 x 60 unit with no insulation or heat. Gerald Clark asked about the interest rates. Mr. DiRosa stated they were at 3% however, just raised to 3.75% as we are 1 year away from selling bonds. Burt Thompson stated we are 1 to 2 ½ years from construction. Gerald Clark asked if the reason for the gym exhaust is because it gets so hot in there. Mr. DiRosa responded yes. Tom Ross inquired about enrollment projection. Mr. DiRosa stated our enrollment is down due to many factors such as low birth rate, home school, online schooling and COVID. Gerald Clark questioned enrollment numbers in our surrounding districts. Mr. DiRosa stated they are the same as us or down. Mr. DiRosa stated IDI indicated enrollment is not a problem as we are not adding classrooms. Gerald Clark questioned security at the entrances. Mr. DiRosa stated every entrance. Mr. DiRosa stated there will be security hardware in each classroom. Mr. McCarty stated keyless entry will be installed throughout the district. Mr. DiRosa stated the bond option will be sent to the attorney for a treasury meeting on March 3rd and the final approval will take place at the March 8th board meeting. Mr. DiRosa stated the steering committee recommends 1 a bond option. Gerald Clark asked how many buses. Mr. DiRosa stated 10. Mr. DiRosa announce the election will be on August 2, 2022.

Items for Future Consideration- no discussion

Ross/Musselman to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary


Kim Musselman, Secretary

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 8, 2022

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

Absent: Ackler

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Meeder, Phillips

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

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/MacQuarrie approve the agenda as presented

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments: No comments were made.

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Clark to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the regular Organizational meeting held on January 14, 2020;

B. Monthly Finance:

Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND: 1-20-22 - \$75,783.00; 2-15-2022 - \$52,360.10**

C. Accept the resignation from Tim Wilks as Varsity Softball Coach

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Principal's report: Tina Frolo announced teacher observations are winding down. Mrs. Frolo announced record amount of dollars were collected for Wertz Warrior Penny wars, \$2,723.63 in coins and total collected for Wertz Warriors was \$3,385.63. Mrs. Frolo stated March is reading month. This year Young Authors will be in our buildings with a super hero theme. Mrs. Frolo announced that the 3rd and 4th grade boys' basketball has started. They will be playing at half time during the JV and Varsity games. Larry Rager announced middle school wrestling is under way. Mr. Rager indicated there will be an Honor Roll Celebration on February 24th with an Ice Cream Social. Mr. Rager stated Friday, February 18th will be Friday Funday with celebrations to keep students engaged in learning. Mr. Rager stated he has 2 teacher evaluations to complete. Mr. Rager stated we met the expected growth in NWEA testing in math and reading: Math, 5th grade @ 64%; 6th @ 58%; 7th @ 76%; 8th @ 60%. Reading, 5th grade @ 74%; 6th @ 68%; 7th @ 80% 8th @ 74%. Trent Naumcheff announced teacher observation and evaluations are wrapping up this week. Mr. Naumcheff stated the 3rd and 4th grade basketball team is having fun. Mr. Naumcheff indicated participating in sports seem to have a positive impact on students and encourages them to stay in school. Mr. Naumcheff announced 83% of students passed all classes in the first semester. Mr. Naumcheff stated attendance is at an alarming rate. Mr. Naumcheff indicated

approximately 40 kids are interested in the Career Tech Center. Eligible students must be passing classes and come to school. Mr. Naumcheff announced a Masquerade Theme Snowcoming will be held on Saturday, February 26. Gerald Clark asked how many students participate in CTC now. Mr. Naumcheff responded 50. Mr. Naumcheff stated all seniors are on track to graduate.

Ironmen Health Center: Cortney Crocker stated school-based and school-linked health centers have been in Michigan for over 30 years. Currently there are over 300 centers and programs in Michigan. Michigan has the largest number of health centers in the US. School based health centers sit at the intersection of school and the health care system. They provide increased access to health care, contribute to positive educational outcomes, reduce emergency room use, lower Medicaid cost, and expand access to mental health services. With school based health centers, school attendance rates increase while dropout rates decrease. There were over 4,550 patients and families who utilized the Ironmen Health center between 2014 through 2021. The IHC has supported the pandemic response by participating in mass vaccination clinics, offering COVID and flu clinics, along with offering rapid COVID tests for students and school staff. The IHC meets regularly with teen patients, school staff and community members on best practice, outreach idea sand health promotion.

Superintendent's Report: Jeff DiRosa stated the State budget looks positive allowing \$535 per student once it goes through the legislation process. Mr. DiRosa announced a meeting tomorrow, February 9th with the architecture and construction managers for the final scope of the bond project. Mr. DiRosa announced the Steering Committee will meet on February 16th and a special board meeting will be held on February 22nd. Mr. DiRosa stated the final approval will be at the March board meeting and a Call for the election will be at the April board meeting. Mr. DiRosa stated Public Act 48 section 98b requires schools to set goals and report on accomplishments of goals.

Pami Sprague reported on MICIP (continuing improvement process) Ms. Sprague stated the MICIP District Leadership team met monthly last year and identified goals in technical leadership, high quality instruction, teacher curriculum and district wide data systems. The administration team monitors goals monthly. Ms. Sprague stated she works with Northwest Educational Services twice a month for additional training and reports data in MICIP platform. Ms. Sprague announced the district added social emotional learning, a whole child approach. Students K-9 in 3 schools added social emotional and mental health screeners in the fall and spring. Ms. Sprague stated a Social Worker position has been posted in the middle school. Ms. Sprague stated Mr. DiRosa contacted the Health Department of Northwest MI/IHC to advocate for additional counseling days beginning in the fall of 2022. As a result, an IHC counselor will serve MPS 5 days a week. Ms. Sprague announced a partnership between MMS and CIS for Good Grief Group counseling. Ms. Sprague stated 5th graders will have weekly social emotional learning, focusing on self-management and self-awareness.

Citizen Comments on Action Items - None

Action Items

Business Manager Shelly Meeder: This amendment is the proposed changes to the current school year 21/22 general fund budget that was adopted in June of 2021. This amendment is a balanced budget meaning that the revenues are projected to exceed our expenditures which was not the case when we adopted this budget. The overall improvement is approximately \$500,000. There are many reasons for the changes. 1) the final per pupil amount was \$425 per student more than we had originally budgeted for. 2) retirement offsets are \$180,000 more than originally budgeted for, 3) the sale of two busses \$23,000 and 4) \$70,000 more from our ISD.

We have had savings due to staffing changes and the lack of available work force such as subs in all departments. Some of the items that these savings have freed up dollars allowing us to purchase: classroom furniture, document cameras/projectors and a new Teach Logic microphone/speaker system per classroom.

Although it is early to determine final costs such as utilities, it is anticipated the budget will continue to improve for the 2nd amendment in June.

Budget Amendment:

Musselman/Ross to approve the Budget Amendment

Yes: 6
No: 0
Motion Carried

Items for Future Consideration: Special meeting on February 22 at 4:30 for final scope of work related to the bond

Adjournment

Musselman/Clark Adjournment 4:59

Yes: 6
No: 0

Respectfully submitted,


Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary


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