

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**November 14, 2023**

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

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Meeder, Phillips, Frollo

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

YES: 4

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Citizens Comments-** Lori Harvey stated the United Way of Northwest Michigan recognized Mancelona Public Schools and the awarding of the Child Care Stabilization Grants in their 2022 Report to the Community.

**Consent Agenda**

Ackler/Musselman to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 10, 2023 and the special meeting held on October 23, 2023.

B. Monthly Finance

Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL**

**FUND:** 10/10/2023 - \$85,533.68; 10/24/2023 - \$166,079.87; 11/2/2023 - \$75.00; 11/2/2023 - \$45,976.98; 11/14/2023 - \$106,667.89 **BOND FUND:** 10/10/2023 - \$34,751.44; 10/24/2023 - \$1,314.00; 11/2/2023 - \$467,927.70; 11/14/2023 - \$99,068.75 **SINKING FUND:** 10/10/2023 - \$3,050.00

C. Accept the recommendation to hire James Lucas as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach.

D. Accept the recommendation to hire Stormy Darling as a middle school assistant.

E. Accept the recommendation to hire MacKenzie Tipton as a bus driver.

F. Accept the recommendation to hire Kurt Dingman as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach.

G. Accept the resignation from Jenny Lee as a bus driver.

H. Accept the resignation from Spencer Olds as a bus driver.

YES: 4

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Administrators Report:** Enos Bacon announced enrollment at the middle school is 237. Parent Teacher Conferences went well, attendance was up 5%. Mr. Bacon stated the 5th grade students took a field trip to Asuable and the 8th grade students went to the Career Tech Center in Traverse City. The middle school students celebrated All Hallows Read with each grade level enjoying a movie. Bernthal Bucks are awarded to students for their exceptional work to improve school culture. McDonald's gift cards are awarded to grade level winners for Attitude and Effort. Mr. Bacon announced 3 more teacher observations will take place prior to Thanksgiving break. Dale Ackler asked if there are any virtual conferences taking place. Mr. Bacon stated no, however, we offer phone conferences but encourage in person conferences. **Bernadette Pletcher** stated enrollment at the elementary school is 365. Students enjoyed the Halloween parade, which took place inside with lots of parents in attendance. Thanksgiving lunch was a success; just under 500 meals were served.

Parents, middle school Honor Society, middle school Student Council and Rotary members made sure every student had someone to eat with. Parent Teacher Conferences went well, 86% were in attendance. Christmas events are coming up and will be discussed at the Leadership Meeting on Tuesday. **Tina Frollo** stated she has been visiting classrooms to get a feel for the curriculum being taught. Mrs. Frollo has been working with Lori Harvey and her team at the daycare. In collaboration with Pami Sprague and Shelly Meeder, a Back on Track grant has been awarded; however, the dollar amount has not been determined. District Professional Development was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning and content teams met in the afternoon to discuss curriculum maps. The Steering Committee meets once a month to discuss school improvement, culture, and climate. Dale Ackler asked how is our student attendance. Mrs. Pletcher stated at the elementary school is 75%. Mr. Bacon stated the numbers vary but the middle school is making school a place that students want to be at, not have to be.

**Superintendent Report:** **Mr. DiRosa** stated the construction at the elementary school is going well, should be completed by Christmas break. The baseball, softball and fieldhouse footings and walls are going up. Bids for the middle school bid pack 4 are due on November 29<sup>th</sup> and will be presented to the board at the December meeting. A separate company will work with us on the asbestos project, hoping to have the bids by the end of the month. Mr. DiRosa asked if the board would allow board members Burt Thompson, Amy Derrer and Kim Musselman to award the bid prior to the December board meeting. Kim Musselman asked if we anticipated receiving more than one bid. Mr. DiRosa stated probably, since inside winter work is in demand. Dale Ackler asked when would the work begin. Mr. DiRosa stated right after the first of the year. Mr. DiRosa introduced Julie from the Ironmen Health Center. Julie invited everyone to stop by anytime for a tour. Julie asked that fliers be put around the school to remind students to come to the IHC for a visit.

**Items for Future Consideration: None**

Musselman/Ackler      adjourn the meeting at 4:49

Yes:    4

No:     0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Administrative Assistant



Kim Musselman, Secretary