

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 11, 2020

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

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Phillips, Meeder, Musall

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

Approval of Agenda

Ross/Musselman approve the agenda

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments- No comments were made.

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Ross to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on July 14, 2020

B. Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 7/21/2020 - \$252,542.02; 8/3/2020 - \$31,444.53

C. Approve MPS Virtual Course Catalog.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Communities in Schools of NWMI: Amy Burk announced summer school has wrapped up, stating 13 high school students completed 25 semester credits; 14 students enrolled in Baker College; 16 middle school students and 21 elementary students participated in math, art and problem solving activities. Ms. Burk stated that project Stuff the Bus has started, drop off any donations to the Resource Center.

Principal's report: Tina Frolo stated there has been lots of planning and changes by the minute during the summer. Ms. Frolo thanked the leadership team for their hard work over the summer with weekly meetings and problem solving. Ms. Frolo announced an Elementary all staff meeting will be held on Thursday August 13th, via Zoom, to give an update and keep staff informed of changes. Ms. Frolo stated she has met with regional elementary principals to discuss tough decisions. Ms. Frolo indicated she is working on the Master Schedule which will help flow between phase 4 and 5. Ms. Frolo stated the handbook will be the same except the elementary doors will open later. Ms. Frolo announced the class list, will be posted on August 31. Trent Naumcheff stated he has been working to get safety protocols in

place to share with staff. Mr. Naumcheff indicated he is working on the high school schedule to incorporate virtual learning as there will be a cap on students in the classroom. Mr. Naumcheff stated there have been no changes to the high school handbook and the class schedules will be out on September 1st. Mr. Naumcheff announced fall sports practices have started, an announcement from MHSAA is expected August 20th. Dale Ackler asked what MHSAA is supposed to report on. Mr. Naumcheff stated MHSAA will announce if fall sports will start on time or delay the start.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa announced the 2019/2020 budget has been officially signed but there is a proposed \$165 cut to the foundation per pupil. Mr. DiRosa stated we will be receiving COVID dollars to fill the gap of approximately \$330 per pupil. Mr. DiRosa indicated the 2020/2021 budget could be released the second or third week in September. Mr. DiRosa announced, that at this time, we are fully staffed and ready to start school. Mr. DiRosa thanked the principals and teachers for the tremendous amount of work they have done over the summer. Mr. DiRosa announced the MPS Virtual plan will be ready soon and 3 teachers have been selected to oversee this plan, 2 have been confirmed. Mr. DiRosa thanked Lindsey Newland and her staff for feeding our kids throughout the summer and Ed McCarty for all his efforts as it has been a very busy summer making sure we are ready to start school.

Board president, Burt Thompson also thanked teachers, staff, principals, Jeff DiRosa for all the extra work during unprecedented times. Mr. Thompson also thanked the committee which included parents for the input on the plan to reopen school.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS: No citizen's comments

Action Items

Approve MPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

Mr. DiRosa reviewed the Roadmap to Reopen plan for each phase. Mr. DiRosa stated we currently have a plan in place for Phase 4 and 5. Mr. DiRosa reviewed mask wearing, transportation, sporting events, communication, hygiene and screening/testing. There was much discussion from the board members as well as citizen's comments with concerns of students wearing masks all day. Kim Musselman asked if mask wearing would be permanent. Mr. DiRosa stated masks would be permanent until the Governor or the Health Department say it is safe to not wear them. We will follow their guidelines. Mr. DiRosa stated he has encouraged outside classes when possible to give students a break from masks.

Thompson/Ackler Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Approve Letter of Agreement to extend bus driver contract

Mr. DiRosa stated the bus driver contracted expired on July 31st. Mr. DiRosa stated he met with team to discuss the extension with a wage provision at the end of the year.

Ackler/Clark Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried.

Approve Air Purifying System

Ed McCarty reviewed the GPS (Global Plasma Solutions) air purifying system that would be installed in each building. Dale Ackler asked if this is the same system the airlines use and what the timeline for installment would be. Mr. McCarty stated it is the one the airlines use and installation would be approximately 2 to 3 weeks. Mr. DiRosa stated the money would come from the relief money from CARE, sinking and/or general funds. Burt Thompson recommended the installation to include the elementary and middle school cafeterias.

Thompson/Derrer Yes: 6

No: 0

Musselman abstained Motion Carried.

Items for Future Consideration: Burt Thompson stated he appreciated all who have stepped up and thanked all for their efforts.

Musselman/Ackler adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary



Kim Musselman, Secretary