

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 10, 2023

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

Central Office Staff: DiRosa, Phillips, Meeder

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

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Ross approve the agenda

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - No comments

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Ackler to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2023

B. Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: GENERAL FUND: 9/26/2023 - \$153,817.63 BOND FUND: 9/26/2023 - \$17,873.50

C. Accept the RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE Eloise Lyon as an elementary assistant.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Communities in Schools of NWMI: Amy Burk stated Amanda Arsnoe, CIS Site Coordinator at the elementary has been a part of the behavior team, helped with the school carnival as well as classroom behavior assemblies. Emily Packer, Site Coordinator at the middle school, has been helping support students with individual challenges. We received an email from a parent who shared a positive message about how Emily is helping her child. CIS sponsored a college campus visit to Baker College in Cadillac. High school students interested in the program next year and current dual enrollment Baker College student received an admissions presentation, tour of campus and presentations from faculty. A College Fair will be held on October 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 with over 40 Colleges, Universities and Military represented.

Principal's report: Tina Frollo met with the Steering Committee consisting of Melanie Griffore, Rachel Davis and Lisa Lautzenhauser at the elementary, Joel Collins, Pami Sprague and Joleen McCain at the middle school and Brian Sheridan and Karen Malloy at the high school. This group will meet again in October. The Iron Crew had shirts delivered to each building for Homecoming. Every staff and student will receive either an orange or a black shirt on Friday. A district meeting was held to discuss Marzano 101, approximately 20 people attended. Mrs. Frollo met with ISD curriculum directors to share resources. Tina Frollo will go in to classrooms in each building to see what is happening and offer resources and support. Bernadette Pletcher stated the elementary students are excited for all the Homecoming events. Parents have done a great job showing their pride and decorating the hallways. The elementary is finding traction and making things work for everyone, putting children first. Evaluations are set up for new staff. Staff is planning the November 3rd professional development. Enos Bacon announced enrollment at the middle school is 236. Encore and interventions are in full swing. Next month we should be hiring an additional assistant, which we will then be fully staffed. Teacher Observations are underway at this time. Ok to Say presentation was a success, positive feedback from parents, they appreciated the explanation of bullying. Mr. Bacon thanked Karen VonOppen for her work on the Ausable field trips. Spirit week is going well, the hallways look nice. Emily Packer is crushing it, cannot thank her enough for her hard work mentoring students. The Iron Vault Jr. will kick off November 9th. Mr. Bacon thanked Joel Collins for his leadership, time and effort on Spirit Week. Trent Naumcheff stated it has been an amazing 5 weeks of school. The Varsity Volleyball team is undefeated in conference. Students are extra excited for the Homecoming celebrations. Grace Brown, Student Council Advisor, is organizing the K-12 Pep Assembly as well as other daily events for Spirit Week. Friday the parade will begin at 4:30 and the dance will be Saturday.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa stated construction is ongoing at the elementary school. Earth work will start in a couple weeks on the field house and concessions. Matts Underground is working on the scoreboard. Thanks to Shanty Creek, Top Notch and Kalkaska Memorial Hospital for their scoreboard donations. Mr. DiRosa announced the new retirement law will allow retired school employees to come back to work within the first 6 months earning up to \$15,100.

2022-2023 Audit Report – Business Manager Shelly Meeder The audit took place the week of July 17th. The process went smoothly even though this is an extremely early schedule for a school audit with June 30 as the year-end. There were no findings so it was a “clean” audit. Baird Cotter & Bishop was bought by a firm called UHY, Urbach Hacker Young. Same people and same services, just a new name with improved oversight as UHY is one of the top 10 largest CPA firms in the region. It was reported today by UHY that Baird Cotter Bishop had audited our books since 1998.

The audit report is tabbed for the three most important funds that are budgeted for and then audited: general fund, daycare and food service. The general fund ending fund balance improved as a result of continued COVID funding, higher than initially projected student count, and a sizable increase to the per pupil amount. The Food Service fund had a negative change to the fund balance as required by the mandatory spend down rule. The daycare improved significantly due to a federal grant called the Childcare Relief grant, which offset payroll of the daycare employees.

Items for Future Consideration: None

Ross/Clark

adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Phillips".

Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Musselman".

Kim Musselman, Secretary