

MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 12, 2021

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

Approval of Agenda

Musselman/Ackler approve the agenda

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments including comment on extended COVID-19 learning plan: Heather Brammer asked how we would be spending the ESSER dollars. Burt Thompson replied the district has to apply for the grant and we have not yet received it. Jessica Clark informed the board that her daughter asked to be homeschooled because of the mask mandate and would like to become more involved by attending board meetings. Clare from Petoskey and Unmask our Children stated she has a BA in Environmental Science and read statistics on how masks do not work. Heather Brammer stated facial expressions are important to kids' development.

Consent Agenda

Musselman/Ackler to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on September 14, 21

B. Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 9/14/21 - \$73,332.02; 9/17/21 - \$5,148.00; 9/28/21 - \$218,758.04; 10/08/21 - \$103,120.01 **SINKING FUND:** 9/14/21 - \$4,476.66; 9/28/21 - \$11,410.00

C. Accept the resignation from Liz Racignol as the high school art teacher.

D. Accept recommendation to hire Monica Malbouef as the high school art teacher.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

3 Lakes Association Presentation: Fred Sittle introduced Anna Anger who gave a presentation on the scientific study of algae at the bottom of lakes. Mr. Sittle thanked the board for their partnership and presented Anna with a \$500 stipend.

Communities in Schools of NWMI: Amy Burk announced the after school programs began on September 20th engaging students in arts and crafts, physical activities and academics. Ms. Burk stated there are 21 elementary students, 25 middle school students and 14 high school students participating in the program. Ms. Burk stated they recently celebrated the Walk to School program. Ms. Burk announced our dual enrolled students toured Baker College at the Cadillac campus with Mrs. Derrer. Ms. Burk stated 90 produce boxes from Providence Farms were distributed to local families. Ms. Burk announced October 28th is Lights on After School. Dale Ackler asked if all colleges were open for high school tours. Ms. Burk indicated some are but hoping for more this fall.

Principal's report: Larry Rager thanked Anna Anger for presentation. Mr. Rager announced Joel Collins, Student Council Mentor, and student representatives who attended to observe the governing of the school. Mr. Rager indicated he went to the Band Expo at Thirlby Field in Traverse City, stating our school was well represented. Mr. Rager stated the middle school is off to a great start, testing is behind us and the end of the marking period is October 29th. Dale Ackler asked if we had a robotics program this year. Mr. Rager stated we have a very robust program. Tina Frollo stated reading, math and social emotional data has been gathered, results are being reviewed and Rachel Davis is developing schedules. Mrs. Frollo stated she is meeting with individual teachers to review teaching requirements and scheduling observations.

Superintendent Report: Mr. DiRosa reported that 837 students were counted in the October 6th count day. This number is down from the February count, however still over budget. Mr. DiRosa announced November 1st is staff professional development with Terry Morgan. Mr. DiRosa stated November 4th is half day for students, parent/teacher conferences will be by phone. Burt Thompson asked what our historical high student count was. Mr. DiRosa replied 1225 in the 2003-2004 school year.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS: None

Action Items

Approve Bus Purchase

Mr. DiRosa stated this purchase will be made and close out the Bus & Tech Bond. Mr. DiRosa noted this is on the agenda early this year because the bus will take 5 to 7 months to be delivered. Mr. DiRosa recommended the International

Ross/Clark Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Approve Chromebook Purchase

Mr. DiRosa stated this purchase would come from the Bus & Tech bond. This REMC bid is through Northwest Education Services. Mr. DiRosa recommended we purchase the 250 Chromebooks. Dale Ackler asked how many years would these Chromebooks last. Mr. DiRosa indicated up to 6 years.

Tom Ross asked who will receive the Chromebooks. Mr. DiRosa stated they will be distributed throughout the district; every student has a device and we have a replacement cycle.

Ackler/Musselman Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried.

Items for Future Consideration: Mr. DiRosa stated that the 18 Mill and Sinking fund expire next summer and we will be looking at the renewal Resolution in December. Tom Ross asked if the Bus & Tech bond will be zeroed out. Mr. DiRosa responded yes, this if the final year.

Musselman/Cook adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary


Kim Musselman, Secretary