

**MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Board of Education**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**September 22, 2020**

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

Absent: 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/MacQuarrie approve the agenda

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Citizens Comments-** No comments were made.

**Consent Agenda**

Musselman/Ackler to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

**A.** Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on August 11, 2020

**B.** Monthly Finance: Approve Accounts Payable checks for the dates and amounts of: **GENERAL FUND:** 8/18/2020 - \$125,402.59; 9/1/2020 - \$208,925.32; 9/15/2020 - \$94,606.09

**C.** Accept recommendation to hire Katelyn Resseguie as a GSRP teacher.

**D.** Accept recommendation to hire Melissa Peterson as a GSRP teacher.

**E.** Accept recommendation to hire Kristina MacDonald as a GSRP assistant.

**F.** Accept recommendation to hire Kelsey Dalton as a GSRP assistant.

**G.** Accept recommendation to hire Doug Derrer as the JV assistant football coach.

**H.** Accept recommendation to hire Lindsey Friday as the JV volleyball coach.

**I.** Accept the letter of resignation from Annie Grammer as an elementary teacher.

**J.** Accept the letter of resignation from Allison Holmes as a middle school assistant.

**K.** Accept the letter of resignation from Alisha Forfinski as a middle school assistant.

- L. Accept the letter of resignation from Kelsi Rozelle as an elementary assistant.
- M. Accept the letter of resignation from Toree Winowiecki as a GSRP teacher.
- N. Accept the letter of resignation from Katie Kinery as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.
- O. Adopt NEOLA policy 2266.
- P. Approve the middle school Master Teacher Schedule.
- Q. Approve the high school Master Teacher Schedule.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**Communities in Schools of NWMI:** Amy Burk stated CIS programs will start on September 28<sup>th</sup> with an added morning program in each building from 7:35 to 8:05. Ms. Burk indicated program participation numbers are low at this time, however anticipates they will improve.

**Principal's report:** Karen Malloy, standing in for Mr. Naumcheff, stated the school year got off to a better start than what was expected. Ms. Malloy indicated students are following safety procedures very well, sanitizing, distancing and wearing masks, with the exception of a few reminders. Ms. Malloy announced staff and students are following the schedule without the use of bells and staggered dismissal by grade. Ms. Malloy announced Homecoming Spirit Week will take place starting September 28<sup>th</sup>. Larry Rager stated NWEA testing is about completed, this will help with intervention placements. Mr. Rager announced students collect their breakfast and are in their classrooms by 8:15. Mr. Rager indicated students are following safety practices with a few reminders to social distance. Mr. Rager stated teachers are handling class changes with no bells. Mr. Rager indicated there are 4 different lunch periods with plexiglass shields at the tables. Mr. Rager announced athletic participation numbers are down with volleyball, cross country and football. Mr. Rager also stated school is going smoother than expected. Tina Frollo stated school is going better than originally anticipated with several new hires and staff changes. Ms. Frollo announced new parent pick up and drop off procedures are working very well. Ms. Frollo stated the students are doing very well with all the masks and practicing all the procedures.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. DiRosa stated he toured the elementary school and felt things were going well, students did not have a problem with wearing masks. Mr. DiRosa thanked CIS, teachers and principals for their hard work through the summer to get things going. Mr. DiRosa announced the budget proposals are flat at \$8,111 and could possibly receive an additional \$66 per student. Mr. DiRosa indicated student count is down this year. Mr. DiRosa announced that student count is 885, 16 students have transferred to North Central Academy and 18 are being homeschooled. Kim Musselman asked if he has visited the middle and high school. Mr. DiRosa stated he has and noticed masks are not a problem. Dale Ackler asked with using OTUS, how would snow days be incorporated. Mr. DiRosa stated we would still have to count snow days, although each student has their own electronic device, K-5 devices are housed at the school and they would not have access to them from home. Amy Derrer asked if the secretary and assistant contracts were ready. Mr. DiRosa stated they will be complete in November as the union wanted to wait. Kim Musselman asked how busing was going. Mr. DiRosa

stated ridership is down, however anticipating the numbers going up this winter. Burt Thompson thanked all staff for their tremendous work.

There was a question concerning the difference between remote learning and virtual learning. Remote learning is used if there is a temporary closure of the school, or movement of our region into Phases 1-3. If this occurs, teachers will continue to post course content remotely, and teachers will arrange opportunities for students to connect with them remotely as well, making two-way contact with students at least twice per week.

Virtual learning is for students whose families have decided to have their child learn entirely from home. This option makes standards aligned course content available to the student through an online platform. The student is able to access the content remotely at their own time and place, and work through content at a pace and schedule of their choosing, provided they complete prescribed units within an established period of time.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS:** Parents of elementary students had concerns as to the virtual program their kids are enrolled in and getting the help needed. Parents stated they have a student with an IEP and feel with the extra help he needs; the other two students will fall behind. Mr. DiRosa stated each student with an IEP will be contacted by the ISD for their continuity of learning plan. Kim Musselman stated that the virtual team contacted those that chose the virtual program to make sure this was a commitment parents wanted to undertake. Burt Thompson stated that we had to make several staff changes due to 185 students being virtual.

#### **Action Items**

##### **Approve Extended COVID19 Learning plan**

Mr. DiRosa stated the State of Michigan requires each district to have the extended learning plan approved by the board of education by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ackler/Clark Yes: 6

No: 0

Motion Carried

##### **Approve Middle School Student Handbook**

Mr. Rager stated the handbook was updated with mask policies.

Clark/Ackler Yes: 6

No: 0

Motion Carried.

**Items for Future Consideration: None**

Derrer/Musselman

adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Phillips, Recording Secretary



Kim Musselman, Secretary