

Manchester Community Schools -Special Meeting  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
August 19, 2024 - 6:00PM  
In-person (Jr/Sr High) Auditorium

**Unofficial Special Meeting Minutes**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Brandon Woods at 6:00pm.

Members present: Brandon Woods, Sandra Wiitala, Corey Horky, Michael Tindall, Ryan Novess, Rebecca Harvey, Dan Budd.

Agenda approved by Harvey, support by Novess. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Horky motioned to move the Winter Athletic Hires to September's Regular Board of Education Meeting. Support by Novess. Roll call vote: (5-2) Yays: Brandon Woods, Corey Horky, Ryan Novess, Rebecca Harvey, Dan Budd. Nays: Sandra Wiitala, Michael Tindall

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on July 15, 2024 were approved. Motion by Novess, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Minutes of the Capital Improvement Meeting on August 7, 2024 were approved. Motion by Tindall, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion by Wiitala, support by Novess. Roll Call Vote: All yes (7-0)

**COMMUNICATION**

- A. Public Questions/Comments - None

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Voting Delegate and Alternate for MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards)  
Wiitala nominated as the MASB delegate, Novess nominated as the alternate  
Motion by Novess, support by Budd Roll call vote: (7-0)
- B. FOIA Appeal - Board discussed the FOIA appeal the motioned to into Close Session.
  - 1. Closed Session - Motion by Woods, support by Horky to go into Closed Session at 6:13 pm. Roll call vote: (6-1) Yays; Brandon Woods, Sandra Wiitala, Corey Horky, Ryan Novess, Rebecca Harvey, Dan Budd. Nays; Michael Tindall
  - 2. Return from Closed Session at 6:30pm. Havey motioned to deny the FOIA appeal, support by Tindall Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- C. Confirmation of Continuity Learning Plan - The Board approved and reconfirmed the Learning Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion by Novess, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- D. Bond Update - B. Bezeau
  - 1. Luther C. Klager - Updates on the planning and stages of the Bond work being done

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2. Manchester Athletic Complex Update - Updates on the planning and stages of the Bond work being done

E. Welding Lab Electrical Installation - The Board approved the proposal as presented. Motion by Tindall, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

F. Board Policies

1. First Look - Revisions

- 6325 - Procurement
- 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education or Activities (Title IX)
- 6320 - Purchasing
- 8800 - Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

2. First Look - New Policies

- 2264 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education or Activities (Title IX)
- 6350 - Prevailing Wage

PERSONNEL REPORT

1. New Hires

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	Other
Klager	Young 5's Teacher	Sarah Sherrick	08/20/2024	X	

The Board accepted the new hire as presented. Motion by Woods, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Athletics	Assistant Football Coach	Hunter Dart	07/22/2024		X
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The Board accepted the new hire as presented. Motion by Wiitala, support by Novess. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Athletics	Assistant Football Coach	Clay Pelham	07/22/2024		X
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The Board accepted the new hire as presented. Motion by Horky, support by Novess. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Athletics	Assistant Football Coach	Fredericks Bills	07/22/2024		X
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The Board accepted the new hire as presented. Motion by Budd, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Athletics	Assistant Football Coach	Kobe Farrow	07/22/2024		X
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The Board accepted the new hire as presented. Motion by Horky, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes

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Athletics	Assistant Football Coach	Duane Weaver	07/22/2024		X
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The Board accepted the new hire as presented. Motion by Novess, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

2. Personnel Exiting the District

Harvey motioned to accept all resignations as a group.

Department	Position	Name	As of Date	District	Other
Special Education	Social Worker	Denise Abrams	07/14/2024	X	
Athletics	MS Volleyball Coach	Riley Collins	07/31/2024		X
Klager	Noon Supervisor	Angela Simpson	08/04/2024	X	
Athletics	Athletic Secretary	Erin Collins	08/05/2024		X
JrSr	Business Teacher	Leslie Rollins	08/14/2024	X	
Special Education	SE Paraprofessional	Tony Panches	08/14/2024	X	

The Board accepted the resignations as presented. Motion by Woods, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC -Klager Summer School has come to a close. Children spent six weeks immersed in developing their literacy skills with Orton Gillingham and math skills with Bridges Tier 2 math intervention and other activities. The final week was spent in hands-on learning experiences through projects, experiments, and a field trip in town. Klager Design Team met with GMB Architects to discuss renovation (office, roof, carpeting/tile,HVAC, playground, parking lot, and classrooms)-ongoing.
- B. Riverside - A student-led school climate improvement program that fits our school's unique culture and needs. Cultivate student leadership, unite our school community, and engage students and staff in active learning.
- C. Jr-Sr High School - We have been busy this summer "renovating" the library to make the physical space more appealing to students and their learning. We were able to do this through a grant. Special shout out to librarian, Rebecca Sears for vetting and purchasing a wonderful start to our collection of new books and preparing the library for students' return. A special thanks to the building/grounds and technology departments for their consistent hard work to get us ready for the start of the school year.
- D. Athletic Department - Looking to be a great fall season. Practices for high school sports started Monday August 12th. Middle School sports start practice on August 26th.

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- E. Special Education - ESY is in full swing and we are currently servicing special education students with extended school year needs K-12 at Klager Elementary. Thank you to our dedicated staff for running this program: Callie Krawcke, Jessica Martz, Katie Wahl, Mellisa Zimmerman, Jessica Bushaw, and Katie Altherr. The kids have come in excited and ready to learn!
- F. Technology - ChromeBook distribution, Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year. Reminder all parents and students must review and sign the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). This must be completed by August 30th or your students account will be disabled until it is signed.
- G. Business Office - Preparing for Grants for Clean Bus Energy Grant Award, and Activity Grant Awards.
- H. Buildings & Grounds - A lot of improvements happening; HVAC systems have been cleaned, lawn care, floors waxed, practice football fields have been striped, Band Camp supported, Youth Softball Camps supported with fields made ready, Athletic Field turf raked, Bond work continues.
- I. School Nurse - The nurse will be available to all buildings but her office is located at Riverside. Please remember that all incoming students in Kindergarten and 7th grade will need to have their immunization records turned in.
- J. Board - Discussed Board Committees, Open House scheduling, thanked Shannon Cajic for all of her hard work on Grants, Randy Smith and Krista Sharpenburg were also thanked for their help at the fair working with Athletic Boosters.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - We are gearing up for students to return with an Open House on August 21, 2024. Seriously will be located in another class room at Riverside and the CRC has expanded. We are returning to negotiations with United Methodist and the parking situation. No place for hate messaging will be used inside all of our schools.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

J. Alexa - Spoke on the FOIA request and outcome.

#### UPCOMING DATES

- August 21, 2024 - All Staff Reports; Open House 5:00pm-7:30pm
- August 21, 2024 - Certified Staff Professional Development
- August 26, 2024 - First day of School for Klager, Riverside and Jr/Sr High School
- August 30 - September 2, 2024 - No School - Labor Day Weekend
- September 16, 2024 - Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm

**Games for fall sports will start soon. Take in a game and support your Manchester Flying Dutch!**

OTHER - None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harvey, support by Novess to adjourn meeting at 7:22pm. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)