

Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Regular Meeting
September 16, 2024
In person at Jr/Sr High School- Auditorium and via You-tube Live Stream

Unofficial Meeting Minutes

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by Brandon Woods at 6:01pm

Members present: Brandon Woods, Sandra Wiitala, Corey Horky, Rebecca Harvey, Dan Budd

Absent: Michael Tindall, Ryan Novess

Rebecca Harvey filled in as acting Secretary of the Board of Education

The Agenda was approved by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting on September 12, 2024 were approved. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion by Horky, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

COMMUNICATION

A. Public Questions/Comments

- K. Schaible -Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- B. Hadden - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- Z. Hadden - Student support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- A. Renfro - Student support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- R. Renfro - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- L. Marsh - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- J. Marsh - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- K. Thompson - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- K. Porter - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- L. Mason - Parent support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel
- C. Mason - Student support for Girls Basketball Coach hire Cori Kastel

OLD BUSINESS

A. BOARD POLICIES

1. REVISIONS

- a. 6325 - Procurement - The Board approved the revised Board policy as presented. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- b. 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education or Activities - Prior to August 1, 2024 - The Board approved the revised Board policy as presented. Motion by Horky, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

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- c. 6320 - Purchasing - The Board approved the revised Board policy as presented. Motion by Horky, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- d. 8800 - Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances - The Board approved the revised Board policy as presented. Motion by Harvey, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

2. NEW POLICIES

- a. 2264 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education or Activities - After August 1, 2024 - The Board approved the new Board policy as presented. Motion by Harvey, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- b. 6350 - Prevailing Wage - The Board approved the new Board policy as presented. Motion by Woods, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Future for the Wheel: The 2024-2025 Student Board Representative Rebecca Clark was introduced by Superintendent Bezeau
- B. Band Field Trip - The Field Trip and Itinerary were approved by the Board. Motion by Harvey, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- C. Grant - The Board had Q&A with Lion Electric- Richard Lee, Director of Sales and would like to table the vote until next month's Regular Board Meeting. Motion by Harvey, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- D. Bond
 - 1. The Board approved the Musical Instruments Purchase as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
 - 2. Manchester Athletic Complex - The Board approved the Capital Improvement Committee and Superintendent's Recommendation of the Manchester Athletic Complex Track and Field Project to move from the Schematic Design (SD) phase to the Design Document (DD) phase, with final approval of all finances and costs taking place at the Construction Document (CD) phase. Motion by Woods, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
 - 3. Luther C Klager Elementary Project - Design Documents to Construction Document Phase - The Board approved the Capital Improvement Committee and Superintendent's Recommendation of Luther C. Klager Elementary Bond Project to move from the Design Document (DD) phase to the Construction Document (CD) phase, with final approval of all finances and costs taking place at the Construction Document (CD) phase. Motion by Harvey, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- E. Entrepreneurial STEM and Our Partnership with GMB Architecture and Design - The Board discussed the Manchester Community Schools STEM and GMB - Video Presentation, which is available on the MCS website.

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PERSONNEL

1. New Hires & Position Changes

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Athletics | Boys Varsity Basketball Coach | Will Bennett | 8/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Wiitala, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Athletics | Girls Varsity Basketball Coach | Cori Kastel | 8/2024 | X | |

The Board discussed the potential new hire and the community support. The new hire was not approved as proposed. Motion by Wiitala to accept the new hire, support by Horky. Roll call vote: (3-2) Yays; Wiitala, Horky, Budd. Nays; Harvey, Woods.

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|------------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Jr-Sr High | Business Teacher | Mark Davis | 8/21/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Wiitala, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Klager | Second Grade Teacher | Nolan Peterson | 8/21/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Klager | Noon Supervisor | Danielle Chambers | 8/29/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

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| MECC | Substitute Caregiver | Kerri Martinez | 9/11/2024 | | X |
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The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Wiitala, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
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| MECC | Toddler Assistant Teacher | Ciara Tatro | 9/11/2024 | | X |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| MECC | GSRP Assistant Teacher | Taylor Shock | 9/11/2024 | | X |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Horky, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| MECC | GSRP Assistant Teacher | Tonisha Vernon | 9/11/2024 | | X |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Horky, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Klager | GSRP Lead Teacher | Danielle Dettling | 9/11/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
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| Athletics / Jr-Sr High | Athletic Secretary / Absence Clerk | Keely Sanders | 9/11/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Horky, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

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| Athletics | Middle School Football Coach | Mark Davis | 8/2024 | X | |
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The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|------------|--|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Athletics | 8th Grade Middle School Volleyball Coach | Jill Corwin | 8/2024 | | X |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Horky, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
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| Athletics | 7th Grade Middle School Volleyball Coach | Jennifer Wolinski | 8/2024 | | X |

The Board Approved the new hire as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

2. Resignations

| Department | Position | Name | Entry Date | District | 3rd Party |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Klager | Teacher | Logan Caszatt | 8/19/2024 | X | |
| Buildings & Grounds | Custodian | Renee Brennan-Sexton | 9/5/2024 | X | |
| Riverside | Teacher | Erica Kranz | 9/20/2024 | X | |
| Special Education | SE Supervisor & School Social Worker | Rachel Tierney | 9/27/2024 | X | |

The Board Approved the resignations as proposed. Motion by Harvey, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC - This year Klager held a Tears and Cheers event to connect our Young 5 and Kindergarten families with Klager staff and each other. Millie's Coffee House in Manchester donated coffee for the event. Families met the student support team and connected with new Young 5/Kindergarten families.
- B. Riverside - The annual soap box race was rescheduled from spring to this fall due to weather-related issues and scheduling complications. Our sixth-grade students participated in the race. Congratulations to the Rust Riders for winning the competition.

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- C. Jr-Sr High School - Creating a more collaborative school improvement team that includes staff AND students to build on the positive school culture and implementation of activities to guide that process.
- D. Athletics - Tonight J. Sangster beat the All Time Record for Goals for Season in Manchester of 94. Boys soccer is 4-1-2 and 3-0-2 in the conference. Varsity Football team off to a great start with a 3-0 season. Varsity Volleyball has played several tournaments against division 1 and 2 schools. Cross country starts their conference season next week and have performed well in several invitationals. Middle school sports have their first games next week.
- E. Special Education - We passed all of our data audits for the 23-24 school year. The WISD found us to be 100% compliant with timeliness and completeness of our special education records and would like to commend our entire special education staff for their efforts.
- F. Technology - None
- G. Business Office - Our audit was conducted the week of September 9, 2024.
- H. Buildings & Grounds - None
- I. Student -Welcome Rebecca Clark
- J. PTSA - None
- K. PTO - PTO Board Positions for '24-25 school year. Voted on at last PTO meeting of '23-'24 school year in May
 - President: Karen Bearce
 - Vice President: Jessica Lawson
 - Secretary: Molly Branham
 - Co-Treasurers: Kristen Zock and Amber Clark
- L. Board - Thank you for coming and to share in public participation. We meet every month.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Dr. Bezeau - Thank you to S. Cajic for all of your work on the audit. We are working to establish quarterly reviews. Thank you L.Neal for organizing all of the Safe Schools Training. Thank you to B. Bruursema and B. Houttekier for your help coordinating the door project. Fall athletics are doing well. We have a lot to be excited about. Go Dutch!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Houttekier - On behalf of the Music Boosters spoke on Music curriculum in classrooms
- W. Bridges - Community Inclusivity and Kindness Campaign taking place at the Jr/SrHigh School

UPCOMING DATES

- September 16-20, 2024 - Homecoming week
- September 18, 2024- Jr/Sr High School Picture day
- September 20, 2024- Riverside and Klager Picture day
- September 27, 2024- 2024 Klager-Riverside PTO Fun Run
- October 4, 2024 - MCS Early Release Day
- October 25, 2024 - End of 1st Marking Period
- November 1, 2024 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

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- November 5, 2024 - Election Day
- November 20, 2024 - K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00PM-8:00PM
- November 21, 2024 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8 PM

OTHER - Manchester Alumni Paul Schulte won a gold Medal in the Paralympics.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm. Motion by Budd, support by Horky. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)