

Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 22, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Unofficial Meeting Minutes

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ryan Novess at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Ryan Novess, Mike Austin, Corey Horky, Brandon Woods, Rebecca Harvey, Michael Tindall and Kody Naylor.

Agenda was approved by Naylor, supported by Novess. Addition to the Agenda under New Business - Letter H - Resolution for the 3% ORS Resolution. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Motion by Austin supported by Naylor to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting on January 25, 2021. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Motion by Horky supported by Naylor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 25, 2021. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Motion by Naylor, supported by Woods to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

COMMUNICATION

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Public Questions/Comments - Teachers L. Rollins and B. Gerbe, and students A. Tackett and J. Mann spoke in favor of continuing with asynchronous Wednesdays.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan
Dr. Bezeau presented. The Board approved to amend the plan as presented and begin full 5 (five) days per week of in-person learning; motion by Austin, support by Naylor. Discussion - Tindall spoke about what he had learned from teachers on the amount of work it takes to teach both in-person and virtual. Harvey thought last month was the time to do this. Austin inquired when this would begin; Dr. Bezeau said March 3, 2021. Austin asked how would the deep cleaning be done; Dr. Bezeau - Tuesday and Thursday nights. Austin asked about accommodations for teachers for the extra work; Dr. Bezeau - during their daily plan time. Woods questioned about having separate virtual and in-person teachers; Dr. Bezeau - looking at maybe partnering with other districts for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: 5 (five) yays (Novess, Austin, Horky, Woods, Naylor), 2 (two) nays (Harvey, Tindall). Passed with a vote 5-2.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Manchester Jr/Sr Iconic Designs Marketing Presentation by teacher J. Walsh and students C. Drake and R. Clark
- B. Leader In Me Presentation by K. Villarreal
- C. Teaching and Learning in the MCS Presentation by Dr. Bezeau, E. McCalla, K. Villarreal, J. Charney

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- D. District Emergency Operating Procedure was approved as presented. Motion by Woods, support by Austin. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

- E. The 2021-2022 School Calendar was approved as presented. Naylor supported Horky's motion. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

- F. Resolution for the Board of Education to Meet In-Person
 The Board adopted the resolution that would allow Board of Education Meetings to be held in-person across the State.
 This resolution will be sent to the Governor's office, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Michigan Association of School Board's Government Relations.
 Discussion - R. Harvey stated this sets a good example for our in-person teaching.
 Motion by Harvey, support by Woods. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

- G. Manchester Community Fair - Discussion: extending their contract with MCS.
 Naylor - Encouraged Fair Board to explain about the grant they are applying for that requires a 5 year plan which the current contract falls short of.
 S. Harvey, from the Fair Board, explained that the fair is trying to get a matching grant, but would need an extension of contract to apply to it. The grant money could be used for lighting, etc. Due to the March 15, 2021 deadline to apply Mr. Harvey requested a decision to extend the contract be completed tonight. Current contract is through 2022. Horky asked how much the grant is for; S. Harvey - \$2,000.00. Austin asked that the fair is asking for the contract extension to go through 2026; S. Harvey - yes. Horky made a motion to extend the contract until 2026, but to add wording that would allow either MCS or the fair to end the agreement at any time; support from Naylor. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

- H. ORS 3% Resolution
 The Board adopted the resolution that would "In reliance upon communications directly from the ORS and indirectly from Attorney Wilk, including Attachments A - D to this Resolution, this Board finds it to be in the best interests of the Manchester Community Schools to conclusively resolve through at least tax year 2026 the Manchester Community Schools federal income withholding and FICA tax obligations with respect to Manchester Community Schools employees who continue to be subject to a 3 percent reduction in their compensation to be enrolled in the MPSERS health premium subsidy."
 Motion by Austin, support from Tindall. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

PERSONNEL REPORT

New Hires & Position Changes -

| Department | Position | Name | As of Date | District | EDUstaff |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Athletics | Varsity Head Track Coach (co-ed) | Sarah McCaffrey | 2/9/2021 | X | |

Motion by Woods, support from Austin that the personnel report be accepted as presented. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

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Personnel Exiting the District

Relationship to District

| Department | Position | Name | As of Date | District | EDUstaff |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Athletics | Equestrian Coach | Lydia Coval | 1/25/2021 | | X |
| Athletics | Equestrian Coach | Olivia Greene | 1/25/2021 | | X |
| Special Ed | Paraprofessional | Teresa Kemeter | 1/26/2021 | X | |
| Special Ed | Paraprofessional | Kathryn Altherr | 2/25/2021 | X | |

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC
- B. Riverside
- C. Jr-Sr High School / Athletic Department
- D. Technology
- E. Buildings & Grounds
- F. Student

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- J. Throneberry wanted the Board to know that the calendar that was approved tonight was mutually agreed upon by the MEA and MCS administration.
- E. Supers spoke about losing virtual Wednesdays and how quickly that will begin.

UPCOMING DATES

- March 10, 2021 - Kindergarten Information Night
- March 15, 2021 - Board of Education Meeting (6:00pm)
- Winter Sports are in full swing!

Additions: Band Concerts (streamed): 7-12 grades on March 8 and 5-6 grades on March 11.

OTHER

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Woods, supported by Naylor to adjourn meeting at 8:02 PM. Vote: All yes