

Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Regular Meeting  
May 17, 2021 - 6:00PM - In-person (Jr/Sr High) and via YouTube

**Unofficial Meeting Minutes**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ryan Novess at 6:03pm.

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

Agenda was approved by Austin, supported by Naylor. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

Motion by Tindall supported by Horky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 17, 2021.  
Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

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

**COMMUNICATION**

- A. Correspondence - none
- B. Public Questions/Comments - K. Villarreal reported kindergarten round-up numbers: 35 families signed in, 29 confirmed with 12 Young 5's.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Disposition of Real Property: Presentation of Purchase Agreement - Ackerson  
Discussion: Dr. Bezeau commented that Joe Walsh from Caife Aspire Incorporated and Gordon Vanwieren, Jr. (Thrun attorney) were present (Walsh in person, Vanwieren via call in). Harvey had caught a correction on page 4: should be Washtenaw County, not Alger.  
Walsh was concerned with some of the language: sellers students, buy back price, removal of grantor, removal of the word "believes".  
Vanwieren stated the Board can decide the buy back price.  
Novess thinks price is unfair.  
Harvey thinks Caife Aspire and attorney should meet to go over language. Also would like language to include MCS would get to keep some of the permanent signage if the building was ever demolished.  
Austin would like language to include that the building will not compete with MCS. Walsh stated their non-profit does not include education.  
Tabled until June meeting.
- B. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan  
The Board approved to reconfirm the plan as presented keeping the full 5 (five) days per week of in-person learning; Dr. Bezeau presented that MCS will finish the year fully masked while inside, but students can remove their masks at recess. Motion by Austin, supported by Harvey.  
Discussion: Horky wanted clarification that even fully vaccinated staff/students must wear masks inside; Dr. Bezeau - Yes. Tindall stated he thought it was reasonable to continue to wear masks through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- C. Superintendent Evaluation - Dr. Bezeau presented dates, reporting, and the five areas that will be evaluated. He will have all information to the Board members in early June so they can go over it

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prior to the June Board meeting. Harvey recommended that all Board members come to the June meeting with a rating in mind.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Establish Date and Time for Public Hearing on Proposed 2021-2022 Budget  
The Board approved June 21, 2021 @ 5:30pm as the date and time for proposed 2021-2022 budget hearing. Naylor supported Austin's motion. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- B. WISD Budget Resolution  
The Board approved the WISD budget as presented. Motion by Woods, supported by Tindall. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- C. Community Resource Center (CRC) Contract Renewal  
The Board approved the contract as present between MCS and the CRC for June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. Motion by Austin, supported by Tindall. Harvey asked if they liked being there; Dr. Bezeau - he thinks so. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- D. WISD Election Representatives and Vote Casting
1. The Board approved the designation of Ryan Novess as the representative of this Board for the electoral body, which will elect one (1) candidate to the vacancy on the ISD Board on Monday, June 7, 2021 and Mike Austin as an alternate. Motion by Woods, supported by Naylor. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
  2. The designated representative and alternate are future directed to cast a vote on at least the first ballot on behalf of this Board for incumbent Dr. Theresa Saunders (running uncontested). Motion by Harvey, supported by Woods. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)
- E. Transportation Update - Deborah Heskett, Transportation Director  
Ms. Heskett thanked the Board for all they do. Stated it has been a challenging year, but transportation employees have done an amazing job. Bus inspection and transportation audit went well. Will have a presence at Manchester's Third Thursday and Safety this summer. Hired a returning experienced driver (Tonya Oliver) and part-time driver and MCS alum (Kevin Mulcare). Woods questioned why spring sports often don't have bussing; Heskett - not enough drivers because they have to drive a route; E. McCalla stated spring events start earlier so drives can't do their route and get back in time to drive for sporting events. Horky noted it is unsafe for students to drive themselves and would like to look into options (pay) to see if MCS can get more drivers. It was stated there is a nationwide shortage.
- F. Administrative / Administrative Support Employment Contract Renewals (both 1. And 2.)  
Woods wanted to know why contracts were separated out; Dr. Bezeau - according to classification and either renewal or extensions. Harvey would like to actually see the individual contracts. Motion to table New Business (both F. and G.) until contracts can be viewed by Board members. L. Neal asked for clarification on splitting each employee as an individual item; Board - Yes. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

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- G. Administrative Employment Contract Extensions  
 See F. above - tabled until the June meeting

- H. Crazy Ca\$h Request  
 The Board tabled the request to allow alcohol / alcohol consumption in the Commons at the Jr/Sr High School on the night of Crazy Ca\$h on September 11, 2021. Woods questioned insurance coverage and age limit to enter. S. Cajic has contacted our insurance company and is waiting for an answer. This request is tabled until more information is provided; motion by Novess, supported by Woods. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

- I. Recognition of Student Board Representative Jacob Mann  
 Dr. Bezeau thanked Jacob for all he has done and presented Jacob with a framed copy of an article featuring Jacob.

PERSONNEL REPORT

1. New Hires & Position Changes

Department	Position	Name	As of Date	District	EDUstaff
Athletics	Equestrian Coach	Teri Aiuto	4/16/2021		X

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

2. Personnel Exiting the District

Department	Position	Name	As of Date	District	EDUstaff
Athletics	JV Girls Basketball Coach	Gillian Bross	5/10/2021		X

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

- 3. Tindall made the motion, supported by Austin, to accept Susan DeSautels retirement as presented, effective June 30, 2021. Dr. Bezeau stated Ms DeSautel and other retirees will be honored at the end of year BBQ June 11, 2021; all Board members are invited to attend. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC - Thanked everyone for staff appreciation week; ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) was a success; body safety training for students; MECC is hiring for summer help
- B. Riverside - Thanked PTO for spearheading staff appreciation week; ACES was successful
- C. Jr-Sr High School / Athletic Department - Working on scheduling for 2021-2022, going to a 5 block schedule; graduation to be held outside on the football field
- D. Technology - Working through Verizon jetpack recall; copying changes coming this summer
- E. Business Office - Applied for 2021 Summer Food Service Grant; replaced a refrigerator at the Jr/Sr; paid off the 2011 bond debt.
- F. Buildings & Grounds - Working with The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for K-12 HVAC assistance program. Program paid for by the State.

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- G. Student - J. Mann reported: Great experience being a 'member' of the Board and seeing the business end of things; clubs are wrapping up until fall; teacher of the month - Ms. Kranz; music/choir program on May 18; Memorial Day parade cancelled for band members; 4 more days for seniors then the walk throughs (Klager, Riverside and Jr/Sr High); Rachel Blaine will be the new student Board member; prom was great; senior class to donate a sign at Jr/Sr High; thank you to all who tried to make this school year as normal as possible.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Recognized the following for receiving MSBO certifications: J. Jones, L. Neal, S. Cajic; kids enjoyed the prom (thanked A. Armstrong for all of her work); senior walk through to be held Friday, May 21.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

J. Mann spoke on behalf of G. McCalla for allowing the food drop to happen at Jr/Sr.  
Woods spoke on behalf of R. Smith and thanked everyone who supported the plant sale.  
Harvey spoke on some points from the legislative coffee - allocations of Fed/State funding; teacher shortage; bipartisan issues

#### UPCOMING DATES

May 21, 2021 - Last Day for Seniors  
May 27, 2020 - Baccalaureate (5:30pm)  
May 31, 2021 - No School - Memorial Day  
June 3, 2021 - Last Day of MECC Preschool; Preschool Graduation (6:00pm); 7th-11th Awards (5:30pm)  
June 4, 2021 - Year End Celebration - MECC  
June 5, 2021 - Virtual release of student spring play - The Wizard of Oz  
June 6, 2021 - Graduation (2:00pm)  
June 11, 2021 - Last Day of School - Half-Day Students; Hooray Day (Riverside)  
June 21, 2021 - Board of Education Public Hearing - 2021 - 2022 Budget (5:30pm)  
June 21, 2021 - Board Of Education Regular Meeting (6:00pm)  
\*Summer academic programs start as early as June 21, 2021

#### OTHER

Austin - Girls soccer remains undefeated

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Woods, supported by Naylor to adjourn meeting at 7:37pm. Roll call vote: All yes (7-0)