

Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Regular Meeting
Jr/Sr High School 20500 Dutch Dr. Manchester, MI 48158
October 21, 2024 at 6:00pm In-Person & via YouTube

Unofficial 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, Michael Tindall, Rebecca Harvey, Ryan Novess, Dan Budd

Members absent: Corey Horky

The Agenda was amended to add Cori Kastel as a proposed New Hire to be voted on under Old Business after Board discussion . Motion by Tindall, support Wiitala. Roll call vote: (4-2) Yays: Wiitala, Tindall, Novess, Budd. Nays: Woods, Harvey.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 16, 2024 were approved. Motion by Novess, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

Motion by Tindall, support by Wiitala to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

COMMUNICATION

A. Public Questions/Comments

- I. Rattray - Student support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- Z. Schiel - Student support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- X. Stewart - Student support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- C. Burrell - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- K. Porter - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- A. Renfro - Student support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- A. Houttekier - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- D. Line - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- V. Hieber - Student support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- M. Marsh - Alumni support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- E. Marsh - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- D. Lauer - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- S. Harvey - Parent support for the Boards previous vote
- A. Williams - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach
- B. Hadden - Parent support for hiring Girls Basketball Coach

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Board discussed and approved the Electric Buses as presented. Motion by Tindall, support Novess. Roll call vote: All Yes (6-0)
- B. The Board discussed and approved the New Hire for Cori Kastel as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. Motion by Tindall, support Wiitala. Roll call vote: (4-2) Yays: Wiitala, Tindall, Novess, Budd. Nays: Woods, Harvey.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Future of the Wheel - Link Crew students presented the many ways that they help support students in 7th grade.
- B. Bond Update - Superintendent Bezeau shared an update on the progress of the Bond noting a Capital Improvement Committee Meeting on November 13, 2024.
- C. Manchester Community Schools Update - Superintendent Bezeau presented a quarterly check in with the District's mission, vision and focus.
- D. WISD Special Education Millage Renewal Update - Superintendent Bezeau shared a reminder about the upcoming millage that will be on the November 5, 2024 ballot.
- E. Manchester Community Schools Board of Education Election - Superintendent Bezeau shared a reminder about the upcoming election regarding the Manchester Board of Education open seats that will be on the November 5, 2024 ballot

PERSONNEL REPORT

1. New Hires & Position Changes

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Special Education	Paraprofessional	Allison Schuelke	10/2/2024	X	

The personnel report was accepted as presented. Motion by Novess, support by Budd. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

2.

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Special Education	Paraprofessional	Tisha Carrico	10/8/2024	X	

The personnel report was accepted as presented. Motion by Harvey, support by Novess. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Jr-Sr High School	Quiz Bowl Advisor	Keely Sanders	10/14/2024	X	

The personnel report was accepted as presented. Motion by Harvey, support by Novess. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Jr-Sr High School	DECA Advisor	Mark Davis	10/14/2024	X	

The personnel report was accepted as presented. Motion by Novess, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Athletics	7th Grade Basketball Coach	Joe Rogowski	10/14/2024		X

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Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Riverside	4th Grade Teacher	Laurie Hubbard	10/21/2024	X	

The personnel report was accepted as presented. Motion by Novess, support by Harvey. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

2. Position Change

Department	Position	Name	Exit Date	District	EDUstaff
Riverside	4th moving to 6th Grade teacher	Nick Niehaus	10/21/2024	X	

This position change was discussed and accepted as presented. Motion by Harvey, support by Novess. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

3. Open positions - Listed on our Manchester Community Schools Web page

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC - Our Fun Run was a huge success!The Manchester Historical Museum hosted Klager on Friday, October 11, 2024. All classrooms got a chance to visit the museum and learn about the history of Manchester.
- B. Riverside - We are excited to announce the hiring of our new fourth grade teacher at Riverside, Mrs. Laurie Hubbard.A representative from each classroom has been chosen to head up our first “No Place For Hate” committee.Riverside children participated in the yearly PTO Fun Run once more. Seeing the community and students band together to generate funds for our district was amazing. We would especially want to thank Mrs. Terri Punches and Ms. Katie McClure for their hard work in planning our Mental Health Fair at Riverside.
- C. Jr-Sr High School -Mr. Ward’s students were excited to volunteer to be in charge of the Bubble Machine at the Klager/Riverside Fun Run. Mrs. Zygnier and a few students from Yearbook/Journalism class accepted their award from Josten’s for the 2023-2024 yearbook. Rain could not stop the fun from being had at the 2024 Homecoming Parade. There were many activities for students to participate in the whole week, ending with a win Friday night and largely attended the dance on Saturday.
- D. Athletics - We are nearing the end of a successful fall sports season. Winter Sports are getting ready to kick off. Congratulations to our fall coaches and athletes on their seasons and good luck to our winter coaches and athletes.
- E. Special Education
- F. Technology - We have had an influx of wonderful new programs, all of which present new opportunities for our staff and students to grow.
- G. Business Office - This year we have enough GSRP students to open two classrooms at Klager Elementary. Mrs. Luqman and her team have been diligently laying the groundwork, setting

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things up, and now teaching students. I have been working with the WISD on GSRP budgets for grant funding. With opening a new classroom, we receive more grant funds allowing us to service more students.

- H. Buildings & Grounds - The B&G Team has been busy keeping up with all the little things that arise when we start up school. They have been supporting our Teachers, Students, and Staff with getting classrooms “just right”. With all of our internal HVAC systems cleaned over the summer, we have moved to working on our rooftop units and getting our boiler rooms ready for the heating season. While we’re up there we are clearing our roof drains and checking the condition of our roofings materials.
- I. Student - Video presentation of activities that are going on in the High School.
- J. Food Service
- K. School Nurse - Have intervened with 307 students thus far to start the year, updated student asthma action plans, maintained AED monthly checks.
- L. PTSA - None
- M. PTO -Conferences - PTO to provide a taco bar for teachers & staff at Klager & Riverside, will participate in two trunk or treats in the area to encourage more parent and community involvement and participation
- N. Board -The Board discussed various academic and sports improvements moving forward to help support the district.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

UPCOMING DATES

- October 25, 2024 - End of 1st Marking Period
- November 1, 2024 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- November 5, 2024 - Election Day
- November 18, 2024 - Board of Education Meeting 6:00PM
- November 20, 2024 - K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00PM-8:00PM
- November 21, 2024 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00PM-8:00PM

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Novess, support by Budd to adjourn meeting at 8:19pm. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)