

Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Regular Meeting- In-Person;
Manchester Jr/Sr High School - Auditorium,
20500 Dutch Drive Manchester, MI 48158

February 18, 2025

Unofficial Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting

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

Members present: Sandra Wiitala, Michael Tindall, Jennifer Caszatt, Colleen Schoenfeld, Sarah Roth

Members Absent: Rebecca Harvey, Brandon Woods

Agenda was amended to add Superintendent Search Update under New Business. Motion by Tindall, support Caszatt.

Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

OFFICIAL MEETINGS REPORTS

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on February 3, 2025 were approved. Motion by Schoenfeld, support Tindall. Roll

Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on February 6, 2025 were approved. Motion by Schoenfeld, support Caszatt. Roll

Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on February 10, 2025 were approved. Motion by Tindall, support by Roth.

Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

Minutes of the Pre-Search Workshop Meeting on February 15, 2025 were approved. Motion by Tindall, support by

Caszatt. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Motion by Roth, support by Tindall. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

COMMUNICATION

- A. Public Questions/Comments - None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Committee Lists and Committee Review - The Board discussed the current Committees, their responsibilities, and restructuring. The Personnel Committee was removed. Motion by Tindall, support by Wiitala. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MASB Board of Directors Election, Region 7 - Tindall nominated candidate Guillermo Z Lopez, with support from Wiitala. Close of nominations. Motion by Wiitala, support by Roth. Roll Call Vote: All Guillermo Z Lopez (5-0). The Manchester Community Schools Board of Education voted for Guillermo Z Lopez on the 2025 ballot to elect a MASB Board Director for Region 7. Motion by Tindall, support by Roth. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)
- B. CRC Presentation - David Tamagne from the CRC presented on the amazing happenings over the past year.
- C. CTE Presentation - Ryan Rowe from the WISD presented on expanding access for students to Career Technical Education opportunities.
- D. Updated Approval Amounts - The Board updated the approval amounts as amended. Motion by Wiitala, support by Tindall. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)
- E. Budget Amendments - Shannon Cajic presented the Following Budget Amendments
 - a. General Fund Amendment - The Board accepted the General Fund Amendment as presented. Motion by

Schoenfeld, support by Caszatt. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

- b. Community Service Amendment - The Board accepted the Community Service Amendment as presented. Motion by Tindall, support by Roth. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- c. Food Service Amendment - The Board accepted the Food Service Amendment as presented. Motion by Roth, support by Schoenfeld. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- d. Student Activity Amendment - The Board accepted the Student Activity Amendment as presented. Motion by Tindall, support by Schoenfeld. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- e. Capital Projects Fund Amendment - The Board accepted the Capital Projects Fund Amendment as presented. Motion by Roth, support by Caszatt. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)
- F. Superintendent Search Update - The Board has met several times this month to begin the search process. The Board discussed hiring options and decided to move forward with collecting 3 quotes for search companies. Motion by Tindall, support by Schoenfeld. Roll call vote: All yes (5-0)

PERSONNEL-

A. New Hires

| Department | Position | Name | As of Date | District | Contracted |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Jr Sr High School | 7th - 8th ELA Teacher | Abbie Hatch | 2/11/25 | X | |

New personnel were accepted as presented. Motion by Schoenfeld, support from Roth. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

B. Retiring - Dr. Bradley Bezeau's retirement from Manchester Community Schools, at the completion of the 2024-2025 school year, June 30, 2025 was accepted. Motion by Schoenfeld, support by Caszatt. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC - Klager has established a Staff Wellness Committee to help keep a pulse staff overall wellness. Klager held its first carnation sale to spread kindness and love for the month of February. Klager staff are undergoing Classroom Environment & Teaching Assessment (CETA) professional development to learn more about creating well aligned and organized classroom environments that promote high academic engagement and increased student participation.
- B. Riverside -Congratulations to Mr. Walsh and our leaders in entrepreneurship for being accepted to speak at the MiSTEM Network annual student showcase at WCC on Wednesday, February 26. Students' businesses and the Entrepreneurial STEM class will be showcased. The No Place For Hate Pledges are on display in the entry way at Riverside. Riverside is still selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits. Mr. Lindeman is throwing an ice cream celebration for the top seller. The last day of the sale is February 26.
- C. Jr-Sr High School - Wel recently received donations from local businesses for a new wood jointer for the shop class. This machine will help us process the lumber that was donated from Chelsea Flooring (rough cut wood that needs to be finished in order for the students to process it for projects). We have been accepted as a presenter at the annual student showcase at WCC put on by MiSTEM Network on February 26th. We will be presenting the Entrepreneurial STEM class and student businesses. Well it's a wrap on Purdue BridgeBust 2025. We may not have come away with any certificates or scholarships, but we do come away winners because most of us faced our fear and anxiety head on and came across the finish line better than before.
- D. Athletics - The wrestling team won the team district and is competing on 2/12 in the team regionals. In individual districts we had 5 champions (Sammy Stewart, Nathan Meyer, Blake Sloan, Bubba Duffing, and Nathan Fletcher) and 7 others qualify for regionals (Ryker Kleinschmidt, Onyx Ostrom, Chase Conklin, Vince Budd, Drake Neff,

Dylan Gauss, and Easton Magnusson). The team also won the conference tournament and conference championship. Good luck in continuing on in the state tournament!! Boys varsity basketball is currently 5-14 overall and 4-12 in the conference. The young team has made improvements throughout the season and have 2 games left before districts at Whiteford. Good luck in districts! Girls varsity basketball is currently 3-12 and have 6 games left before competing in districts at Plymouth Christian Academy. Good luck ladies!!

The Youth Basketball camp run by Coach Bennett and Coach Kastel has over 50 participants. They will be playing at halftimes of some of the upcoming varsity games. We are in the beginning stages of working on a Co-op Agreement for Boys Soccer in the fall with Napoleon. Coach Tar expects us to have only about 10 soccer players, Napoleon does not have a soccer team but has 7 or 8 boys interested in playing. I will continue working on this with Napoleon's AD, once the details are ironed out we will present to our respective school boards and notify the state by May 1st that we intend to Co-Op. These are 2 year agreements, it likely would move us from Division 4 to most likely Division 3 for Boys Soccer next year. Spring sports practices will be beginning on March 10th

E. Special Education

F. Technology - Ms. Supers and Mrs. Zahner have been working very hard to get the Chromebooks ready while continuing to provide excellent Media Center service. Rollout for Chromebooks should begin the week of the 17th as the new carts will be in for Klager. For Riverside parents of 3rd through 5th graders. The chargers your students have now will continue to work for your new Chromebook. If you would like to replace your charger, have your student bring it in and we will replace it. For Klager, chargers will not be going out with the students as they don't take the devices home this year.

G. Business Office - None

H. Building & Grounds - Keeping very busy.

I. Student - The seventh graders had a Panda Express lunch as a reward for winning the canned food drive. DECA is preparing for the state competition in March. Link Crew made Valentines for their mentees. Robotics are preparing to move into their new space.

J. Food Service - Global Eats this month featured; India, Italy, Mexico, and China.

K. School Nurse - Mobile dentist was a success! Successfully completed one CPR session for staff, had to reschedule the 2nd one due to snow/ice day. Completed immunization reporting for winter report to State of Michigan reporting system.

L. PTO - Upcoming events:

Assemblies:

- Feb 28th - Riverside- "Super U"
- Feb 20th - Klager- "Practice & Persistence"
- April 4th - Klager- "The Girl who Swallowed a Cactus" presented by EMU
- May TBD - Klager "Leadership Looks Like" presented by Bridgewater Equestrian Support Services

Carnival Fundraiser:

- March 14th - 5:30-7:30 Collaborative effort with Leader in Me group and PTO. NHS students will lead the games

Donuts with Grownups:

- April 17th - 7-8 am - Klager cafeteria

M. Board - Discussed policies and timelines to be discussed in Policy Committee Meeting, as well as future Board Meeting recordings.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Bezeau

- District wide Professional Development with Educational Epiphany
- Kindergarten Information Night will take place on March 18, 2025 at 6:00pm
- Kindergarten Roundup will take place on April 19, 2025
- The District is currently reviewing the Master schedule for the next year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- D. Budd - Parent concern on implementation of school policies and support for students.
- E. Roberts - WISD School Board Candidate spoke on his why of running for the WISD School Board.

UPCOMING DATES

- March 17, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting
- March 19, 2025 - K-12 Full Day of School: K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 PM
- March 21, 2025: End of Third Marking Period

OTHER - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, support by Roth to adjourn meeting at 8:18pm. Roll Call Vote: All yes (5-0)