

## **MANCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Regular Meeting**

**March 27, 2017**

Lincoln

**PRESENT:** Caldwell, Conyers, Hagenow, Jacobsen, Scappaticci, Stefanovicz, Thames

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent of Schools Geary, Deputy Superintendent Curriculum & Special Services Radikas, Director of Finance & Management Clancy

**ABSENT:** Leon, Pattacini,

### **A. OPENING**

#### **A.1. & 2. Meeting Called to Order**

**Acting Chairperson Scappaticci** called the meeting back to order at 7:01 p.m., explaining that the meeting had been called to order earlier in Executive Session. Mr. Scappaticci reviewed that he would be acting as Chairperson in Mr. Pattacini's absence this evening, and Mr. Thames would step in as Secretary. All in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mr. Scappaticci.

#### **A.3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**APPROVED – Minutes Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of March 13, 2017 held at Verplanck. Acting Secretary Thames moved and Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion.**

**7/0 – Voted in favor.**

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **B.1. Policy Committee**

**Ms. Hagenow** reviewed the last meeting took place on March 13th with the following people present: Ms. Hagenow, Ms. Jacobsen, Mr. Pattacini, Mr.

Thames, Mr. Geary, and Marney Reardon. The Committee discussed the potential administration of Naloxone (Narcan) by personnel who possess the education and knowledge necessary, at the middle and high school levels. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. The Committee is in favor of pursuing this possibility and directed the Superintendent to check for policy recommendations from the Board's attorney. Ms. Reardon, District Nursing Supervisor, will gather information on the potential cost of storage and administration.

The next meeting will be held May 8, 2017.

### **C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Mr. Geary** presented four items on the Consent Calendar for Board approval.

#### **C.1. Personnel Action**

Details had already been provided to the Board members with their agenda.

#### **C.2. Establish a preliminary appropriation for FY 17-18 in the amount of \$602,729 for Manchester Head Start**

#### **C.3. Permission to apply for FY 17-18 for the College Career Pathways Grant in the amount of \$12,899 from Manchester Community College**

#### **C.4. Amend the appropriation for FY 16-18 for the Instructors of the Handicapped (IOH) Pool Repairs at Manchester High School in the amount of \$216,085**

**The Acting Chairman called for a motion.**

**Acting Secretary Thames moved and Ms. Stefanovicz seconded the recommendation to adopt the Consent Calendar as outlined in tonight's agenda.**

**7/0 - Voted in favor.**

#### **D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**Shania Stanton** and Nabila Hoor Un Ein were present this evening. Ms. Stanton reviewed the Mr. MHS winner on March 24th was Matt Boyer. College Planning Night for families of juniors will be March 30th at 6:30. The Sophomore class is hosting a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on April 3rd. Capt and SATs will be held April 5th. The National College Fair will be held April 7th. The Sophomore class will host a fundraiser at Sweet Frog on April 7th. Last, there will be an author visit at MHS on April 18th.

**Mr. Scappaticci**, Mr. MHS 1999, offered his congratulations to Mr. MHS 2017.

#### **E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, reviewed this was National Women's History Month. He recommended the movie *Hidden Figures*. It was also Irish American Heritage Month. Mr. Stringfellow recommended the book *Navigating Achievement for Struggling Students and the Common Core*. He suggested a Latino newspaper, noting everyone makes a difference. Last, Mr. Stringfellow touched on the discrimination of black marines in World War II.

#### **F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – PART I**

##### **F.1. Art and Music Update**

**Dr. Radikas** welcomed Pasqua Guzzi, PreK-12 Visual Arts Curriculum Chair, and Keith Berry, PreK-12 Music Curriculum Chair. Ms. Guzzi and Mr. Berry brought with them more than a dozen students who showcased their musical and artistic talents.

**Ms. Jacobsen** loved the program and the great art presented.

**Mr. Scappaticci** wondered about the choices offered at the middle school. Ms. Guzzi noted students have been polled. Some classes being offered bridge to those offered at the high school, such as introduction to jewelry making. Mr. Berry reviewed that in 8th grade students have more music choices. It was reviewed that at the high school all students can take all electives, not just ones that pertain to their academy. Dr. Radikas noted that next year costume design will be offered. Mr. Scappaticci noted that many times parents complain that

there are too few choices or the arts get cut with tight budgets and he is proud that Manchester continues to fund the arts. We have done a brilliant job in enriching the lives of students.

**Mr. Thames** touched on the Theory of Multiple Intelligence. Mr. Berry added that artists think differently and the world needs that.

### **F.2. Health Services Update**

**Mr. Geary** introduced Marney Reardon, Nursing Supervisor. Ms. Reardon presented a powerpoint outlining the medical staff, the children they serve, and the many duties they undertake. This is available on the website for viewing.

**Mr. Caldwell** wondered why only some grades receive vision and hearing screening. Ms. Reardon explained that this is state regulated.

**Ms. Jacobsen** wondered if parents are contacted for permission before screenings. Ms. Reardon explained that parents are contacted for permission prior to scoliosis testing due to the need to remove outer shirts, however other screening is done routinely and parents are only contacted if their children fail the test.

**Mr. Geary** touched on the potential of a school-based health center for Illing. Mr. Fred Lynn from First Choice Health Centers was present to answer questions.

**Mr. Thames** wondered if mental health services would be provided. Mr. Lynn stated that is a relevant service and both substance abuse and mental health services are addressed in school based clinics.

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **G.1. Policy Recommendations**

**Mr. Geary** reviewed that at the last meeting four policies were reviewed for changes. Two of those policies were removed for further clarification and the other two are presented for a second reading and adoption this evening. There were no questions from Board members regarding the policy changes.

- a. Policy 5012 - Section 504/ADA Policy for Students**
- b. Policy 4012 - Section 504/ADA Policy for Employees**

**Acting Secretary Thames moved for the Board to adopt policy revisions for Policy 5012 - Section 504/ADA Policy for Students. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion.**

**7/0 - Voted in favor.**

**Acting Secretary Thames moved for the Board to adopt policy revisions for Policy 4012 - Section 504/ADA Policy for Employees. Ms. Jacobsen seconded the motion.**

**7/0 - Voted in favor.**

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **I. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to items on tonight's agenda)

Mr. Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supports items 3 and 4 on the Consent Calendar, along with the policy changes. He enjoyed the art and music presenters. Mr. Stringfellow recommended a series of books along with the movie *Moana*, a film about a Polynesian girl. Regarding the health clinic, he noted that East Hartford offers the same. Mr. Stringfellow notes that mental health is important to address as it affects learning.

#### **J. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Ms. Jacobsen** attended two events this past Saturday. The first was a community celebration of two great role models, including 2011 MHS graduate (and Princeton graduate) Seth DeValve, who raised money to benefit another great role model's family (Mitch). The second event she attended was the K-8 Science Fair, where it was great to see so many wonderful exhibits.

**Mr. Scappaticci** noted he and several Board members recently attended the musical *Godspell* at MHS and he congratulated Mr. Tyler on his last musical as the director.

**K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Scappaticci called for a motion to adjourn.**

**Mr. Caldwell moved and Ms. Jacobsen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**7/0 - Voted in favor.**

**Adjournment 7:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl Thames, Sr.  
Acting Board Secretary