

## **MANCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Regular Meeting October 11, 2016 Bowers Elementary**

**PRESENT:** Caldwell, Hagenow, Jacobsen, Leon, Pattacini, Scappaticci, Stafford, Thames

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

**ABSENT:** Stefanovicz

#### **A. OPENING**

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

**Chairperson Pattacini** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Pattacini reviewed that this is the first Board meeting being held in a school this fall. All in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mr. Pattacini.

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

**APPROVED – Minutes Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of September 26, 2016. Secretary Scappaticci moved and Mr. Leon seconded the motion.**

**7/0 – Voted in favor.**

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **B.1. Buildings & Sites Committee**

**Mr. Caldwell** reviewed the last meeting was held September 26, 2016. In attendance were himself, Tris Carta, Karen Clancy, Matthew Geary, Deborah Hagenow, Neal Leon, and Peter Staye.

Mr. Carta, who is President of the Manchester Road Race Committee, discussed the request of the MRRC to place a plaque or other monument near the new Steeple Chase at MHS to recognize the contribution of Mr. Joe McCluskey (a Manchester resident, Olympian, and renowned athlete) to the town of Manchester and the Manchester Road Race. The Committee instructed the Buildings & Grounds department to work with MRRC and the Athletics department to provide space for a mutually agreeable plaque that meets everyone's needs.

The next topic was road/capital bond funded projects. The town prefers if large scale work to repair or replace parking lots, sidewalks and exterior stairs be funded as part of the bi-annual road bond. A list of revised projects was reviewed. The Committee was frustrated that many of these projects, including Illing's parking lot and the Brookfield parking lot at MHS, have been waiting for funding for years and this causes another delay.

The Committee reviewed the status update for the larger projects currently underway, including Cheney/Bennet. All projects have adequate funding and are expected to be completed on schedule. The next meeting will be held November 28th at Lincoln Center.

## **C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Mr. Geary** presented eight 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. Transfer of Funds**

- Transfer from Special Education Computer Supplies & Materials account to Special Education Rentals account in the amount of \$2,000
- Transfer from Keeney Professional Development account (\$1,445) to Keeney General Supplies and Materials account in the amount of \$1,200 and to Keeney Language Arts Periodicals account in the amount of \$245, for a total transfer of \$1,445
- Transfer from Social Studies Dues and Fees account to System-wide Language Arts Instructional Supplies and Materials account in the amount of \$1,500
- Transfer from Social Studies Travel and Lodging account to Social Studies Professional Development account in the amount of \$3,000
- Transfer from System-wide Mathematics Dues/Fees account (\$390) and from System-wide Mathematics Instructional Supplies and Materials account (\$2,000) to System-wide Mathematics Professional Development account for a total transfer of \$2,390

### **C.3. Permission to apply for FY 16/17, for the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Continuation Grant application for Family & Community Engagement Partnership, in the amount of \$808,000**

**C.4. Permission for FY 16/17 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in the amount of \$120,100**

**C.5. Permission to apply for FY 16/17, Bilingual Education Program Grant, in the amount of \$4,945**

**C.6. Permission to apply for FY 16/17, Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs Grant in the amount of \$1,850,849**

**C.7. Permission to apply for FY 16/17, Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund Grant, in the amount of \$177,006**

**C.8. Permission to apply for FY 16/17, Title III, Part A, Subpart 1 - English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement Grant, in the amount of \$55,987**

**The Chairman called for a motion.**

**Secretary Scappaticci moved to amend the Consent Calendar to include item C.9. Extended Field Trip Request - Highland Park Elementary School - Discovery Center, Woodstock, CT - Fifth grade students (50) and 7 teacher chaperones, 10/24/16 - 10/26/16. Mr. Leon seconded the motion.**

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

**Secretary Scappaticci moved and Mr. Leon seconded the recommendation to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended and outlined in Section C of tonight's agenda.**

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

**D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**Nabila Hoor Un Ein** gave an update on MHS activities. She reminded us the MHS Homecoming Parade will be October 21st and all are welcome. The Homecoming dance will be held October 22nd. Spirit week is coming up as well as Heartchase. Miss MHS was held on October 7th. PSAT/SAT day is being held at MHS on October 19th. Fundraising by the Junior class is being done with a car wash on October 15th from 9-2 and a vendor fair being held on November 12th from 10-3.

**Mr. Pattacini** asked what time the parade is being held and the answer was 5:00 p.m.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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

**F.1. Bowers School Improvement Plan**

**Mr. Geary** reviewed that when the Board first started holding meetings in schools that Bowers was the first school to host a meeting two years ago. Mr. Pattacini and Mr. Geary handed out certificates of recognition for staff and students who participated in Fit Kids, a running club. The students works toward a goal of a half or full marathon. This program would not be possible without teachers to support it.

Dr. Ruggiero-Colwell, principal of Bowers, along with Mr. Anthony Brooks, Vice Principal, presented a video about Bowers highlighting the wonderful things going on in the school. The video will be available on the website for viewing.

The Bowers PTA President reviewed the goals of the PTA this year were to increase membership and family participation, create a 'Welcome to Bowers' folder for new families, and to fund a new playground, which to date has raised almost \$4,000. A piece of playground equipment for the older students will be purchased shortly.

**Mr. Pattacini** thought it was great to see so many people engaged in learning.

**Ms. Jacobsen** felt it was a great presentation. She sees the enthusiasm in the children and is proud of the work the PTA has done. Ms. Jacobsen feels the staff are doing a great job.

**Mr. Pattacini** loves to hear about the great work happening in schools and to hear students sharing those experiences.

**A short recess was called to allow families with small children to leave at 7:45 p.m.**

**The meeting was called back to order at 7:53 p.m.**

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **G.1. Policy Revisions**

**Mr. Pattacini** reviewed this is the second reading of the following policy revisions and unless Board members raise objection, they will be voted on this evening. There were no questions from Board members.

#### **1a) Policy 4025 - Use of Social Networking/Media**

**Secretary Scappaticci** moved for the Board to adopt Policy 4025 - Use of Social Networking/Media. **Mr. Leon** seconded the motion.

**8/0 - Voted in favor.**

#### **1b) Policy 3170 - Board of Education Issued Credit Card**

**Secretary Scappaticci** moved for the Board to adopt Policy 3170 - Board of Education Issued Credit Card. **Mr. Leon** seconded the motion.

**8/0 - Voted in favor.**

### **G.2. Discussion of Extended Field Trip Request - MHS Euro Trip - World Language - Paris and Madrid - June 7, 2017 - June 16, 2017**

**Mr. Geary** reviewed this field trip was previously approved by the Board last year. As the funding from families is due soon, he wanted to be sure the Board members had no further questions about the trip.

**Mr. Leon** wondered if we know how many families are signed up and what number we need to participate in the trip. Mr. Geary stated there are thirteen families signed up and there would be a problem if the number drops below 10. All the families have confirmed participation at this point.

**Mr. Thames** wondered how many families were originally signed up. Mr. Geary noted there were about 20 families originally interested, but due to various reasons, be it financial or world issues, about 7 dropped out.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

### **H.1. Discussion of Road Bond Request for November 2017**

**Mr. Geary** noted that Peter Staye brought the list of items we want put in road bonds, including both the Brookfield and Illing parking lots and lighting at the Brookfield lot. We have dropped the tennis court request to the 2019 list. A memo to Town Manager Shanley will be drafted.

**Mr. Leon** wants the town to know how important these items are, especially the parking lot at Illing. There are safety concerns we have brought to the Board of Directors at least twice previously and we need to emphasize to the Board of Directors these safety concerns once again.

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

None.

**J. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Mr. Scappaticci** presented a birthday gift to the recording secretary and noted she was a fine example of Manchester, recently welcoming a foster child from one of our schools into her family. (The recording secretary thanks the Board for their generosity and friendship).

**K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Secretary Scappaticci moved and Mr. Leon seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**8/0 - Voted in favor.**

**Adjournment 8:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Scappaticci  
Board Secretary