



MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MCUD #6 DISTRICT OFFICE

MAY 15, 2023

6:00 (closed session)

6:30 PM (open session)

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. CLOSED SESSION:
 - A. For the purpose of matters relating to **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
 - B. For the purpose of matters relating to the **APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, or DISMISSAL of SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE**
 - C. For the purpose of **MATTERS RELATING TO A SPECIFIC STUDENT**
 - D. For the purpose of **DISCUSSING FILLING A BOARD VACANCY.**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA-ACTION ITEM
 - A. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. DISTRICT BILLS AS OF MAY 15, 2023.
 - B. BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - C. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
 1. RESIGNATIONS:
 2. HIRES:
 - a. Laini Houzenga and Jenna Weets: Concession Manager MHS
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS
- V. GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT
- VI. REPORTS
 - A. Finance/Facility
 - B. Enrollment
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INVITATION-ACTION ITEM
 1. ***The motion is that the Board of Education approves the invitation from the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference for Morrison High School to join said conference beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.***
 - B. TENURE LIST-ACTION ITEM
 1. ***The motion is that the Board of Education grants tenure status to the following teachers at the end of the 2022-2023 school year***
 - a. ***Emily Kirkland-SS***
 - b. ***Annie Knie-MHS***
 - c. ***Jennifer Streets-MHS***

C. NORTHSIDE GYM FLOOR-ACTION ITEM

1. ***The motion is that the Board of Education approves the updated quote from SS Concrete Coating, LLC for \$28,800 as presented.***

D. FY'23 AMENDED BUDGET-DISCUSSION ITEM

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MHS SWIMMING COOPERATIVE AND GOLF TEAM-DISCUSSION ITEM

B. APPROVAL OF POST PROM FUNDRAISER- ACTION ITEM

1. ***The motion is that the Board of Education approves the Post Prom fundraiser as presented.***

C. MHS FEE ADDITIONS-DISCUSSION ITEM

D. EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST-ACTION ITEM

1. ***The motion is that the Board of Education approves the early graduation request of student #985017062***

E. CERTIFIED STAFF-ACTION ITEM

1. ***The motion is that the Board of Education approves the hiring of Chelsea Eads as head softball coach at Morrison High School for the 2023-2024 school year.***
2. ***The motion is that the Board of Education approves the hiring of Nathan Vandermyde as head football coach at Morrison High School for the 2023-2024 school year.***

XII. ADJOURNMENT

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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April 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Morrison Community Unit School District #6, County of Whiteside, State of Illinois, was duly called and held at 6:37 P.M. at the District Office located at 100 E. Knox St. in said district on April 24, 2023.

On roll call, the following were present: Matt Ewoldsen, Erin Luckey, Terri Wilkens, Dustin Damhoff, Lauri Helms and Jim Ridley. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Recording Secretary LuAnn Wieneke, Cory Bielema (HS Principal), Joe Robbins (JH Principal), Andy Harridge (NS Principal), Wendy Connelly, Greg Dolan, William Patton, James Prombo, Jennifer VanderMolen, Denielle Peters, Brittany VanDrew, Shane Adams, Amber Hinrichsen and Jerry Lindsey (theCity1.com).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Jim Ridley called for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held March 20, 2023.

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Wilkens; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held March 20, 2023.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF OLD BOARD

Motion: Wilkens Second: Luckey

The motion is to Adjourn Sine Die of Old Board of Education.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried

Mr. Vance thanked Lauri Helms for the four years she served on the School Board and Mr. Ridley stated that those four years were long years with all the CoVID issues that needed to be dealt with by the Board of Education. Mr. Vance then said Jim Ridley would be greatly missed by the Board of Education after having volunteering sixteen (16) years to the District.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following Board members were present: Matt Ewoldsen, Terri Wilkens, Dustin Damhoff and Erin Luckey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Scott Vance asked for changes to the agenda.

The motion is to approve the amended agenda with Item VI – CONSENT AGENDA – Non-Certified Personnel Recommendations – 2. HIRES: a. Chelsea Stuart – Assistant Volleyball Coach at MHS should be **F/S Volleyball Coach at MHS**.

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Ewoldsen

Ayes: Four; Nays: None. Motion carried.

SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBER – James Prombo

Appointment of President Pro-tem --- Mr. Vance appointed previous Board Vice President Terri Wilkens at President Pro-tem.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION
ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

President

James Prombo nominated Erin Luckey for President. With no other nominations for President, the chair declares that Erin Luckey is elected by acclamation.

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Vice President

Erin Luckey nominated Dustin Damhoff for Vice President. With no other nominations for Vice President, the chair declares that Dustin Damhoff is elected by acclamation.

Secretary

Dustin Damhoff nominated Terri Wilkens for Secretary. With no other nominations for Secretary, the chair declares that Terri Wilkens is elected by acclamation.

Mr. Vance nominated the positions of Recording Board Secretary which has been held by LuAnn Wieneke and Board Treasurer by Kyla Hanson. With no concerns they will continue in those positions.

SELECTION OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Mr. Vance will send a sign-up sheet out to the Board members for the following committees: Education Committee, Finance and Facility Committee and Procedure and Policy Committee.

6:53 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Ewoldsen; To enter into closed session for matters of collective bargaining and for matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:24 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Ewoldsen; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the Morrison School District Office.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Damhoff Second: Ewoldsen;

The motion is to approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of April 24, 2023 and Building Activity Fund Reports

Hires: Certified: none.

Non-Certified: Chelsea Stuart – F/S Volleyball Coach at MHS
Emma Sitzmore- Volunteer Volleyball Coach at MHS.

Transfers: None.

Resignations: - None

On roll call voting Aye – Ewoldsen, Wilkens, Damhoff, Prombo and Luckey. Nay – None; Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer VanderMolen – Spoke about possibly amending the guidelines stating there can only be 3 people from a township on the Board to allow a person who has run for the School Board position and not been able to be seated because of number restrictions for a township be able to fill a vacant position. She feels it would be better to allow someone who wants to be on the Board to fill the position instead of someone who may feel pressured into taking the position.

Mr. Vance said he has looked into this and there would need to be a referendum on the election ballot requesting this change and it would need to pass in every township by over 50% to take effect. He is checking with ISBE to see if there are any other options or if that would be a possibility.

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Denielle Peters – Spoke about kitchen issues at the High School.

Good News from Around the District

NORTHSIDE – Andy Harridge (Principal)

- Nine staff members stayed after work last Tuesday and cleared the landscaping of leaves and weeds. High school students will be spreading mulch on Wednesday, April 26, after dismissal.
- I want to thank everyone from other buildings who came to Northside on April 5 to help clean up after the pipe broke. Their help was amazing.
- Samantha Scholl was recognized at the Bi County Trivia night as an Unsung Hero for starting a class for students within the Life Skills program to be able to participate.

SOUTHSIDE – Keith Morgan (interim Principal)

- The end of the year is coming up fast. May is packed with activities but April is not ending without a fight.
- April 25th is the NED Show. The NED Show is a character education assembly, using humor, storytelling, audience participation and yo-yo tricks. We chose the Pay-It-Forward option in which we receive the program for free. In return Southside will run a brief yo-yo sales promotion.
- The annual Iditarod will take place on April 28th.
- During SEL, students are researching a career of their choice.
- They will be presenting their career in a career fair style to the 3rd and 4th graders on Friday, May 5th, between 2:00 and 3:00.
- Also, on May 5th is the IPA Student Leadership Recognition Brunch. The event will be held at the Dixon Elks Lodge. The criteria for this award is one male and one female student for the exiting grade level. The students should exemplify strong character, achievement, and leadership. This year the 5th grade teachers selected Eliana McDearmon and Colten Kuehl.
- Mrs. Stanton, one of our 5th grade teachers, will be attending the event with our students.
- Spring MAPS Testing will be May 8th thru May 11th.
- On May 12th William McNeal, a board member of the Friends of the Park Foundation, Morrison Rotary, and the Morrison Police Department will present a Bicycle Safety Program. Each 3rd and 4th grade student will receive a bicycle helmet donated by the Morrison Rotary. In addition, with the support of the Morrison Police Department and Dairy Queen, through the summer, if an officer sees a child under the age of 16 riding their bike with one of the donated helmets on, the Officer will reward that child with a coupon for a free ice cream cone.
- The 5th Grade Spring Band Concert will be held on May 16th at 2:15 at the High School. Plus, on May 18th the 5th Grade Band will play alongside the Jr. High Band. Concert time is 6:00 at the High School.
- The 5th Grade will be taking a field trip to John Deere Historic Site and Castle Rock State Park on May 17th
- May 23rd is the schoolwide Kickball Tournament. Team Teachers could be the Cinderella story of this year's tournament.
- The lunch cookout will be on May 25th.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL – Joe Robbins (Principal)

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- All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade MJHS students completed IAR Testing during the month of April.
- Our 8th grade students also completed the ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing last week.
- MJHS held our annual Spring Fling Bring A Friend Dance on March 14th. We had 33 friends come. Everything went well. All proceeds from dances are put into our Student Rewards Account which goes directly back to the students for rewards and incentives.
- Our Track Season is underway and we have already competed in 4 track meets. We have a few individuals and relays that are currently sitting with the #1 seed for the Sectional Track meet on May 13th.
- We held our Career Fair on Friday. We had representatives from: WCHD, FBI, MIT, CGH, FNB, SVCC, TCS, MCUD, SuperWash, DC 7024, The Onion, and a Youtube Mechanic. Each presenter talked to 8 groups of 20 our students for 20 minutes about their careers or career fields.
- 8th Grade promotion will be May 25th at 7:00PM at Morrison High School in the auditorium.
- Mr. Vance received a phone call from a JH parent that was very appreciative of Mr Thicksten for helping their student with a situation that could have been very difficult for the student.

MORRISON HIGH SCHOOL – Cory Bielema (Principal)

- The MHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 5. Twenty-eight students were inducted into Morrison's chapter of NHS; joining the fourteen students continuing their membership. Students were selected based on academic credentials (GPA of 3.5 or higher); their leadership in school and community activities; their solid character; and their service to others.

Reports

Finance/Facility –

The Finance committee did not meet this month, but Mr. Vance said that the track project is ongoing, orders for the HVAC project at NS/JH have started to arrive and the resurfacing of the gym at Northside will be done over the summer if approved later in the meeting.

Enrollment –

The District enrollment numbers are up 5 students from last month and we are now at 1002 students in the District which is the first time since May 2020 that there have been over 1000 students in the District.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INVITATION

Morrison High School has been invited to join the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference (NUIC) as a full member starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Scott Vance, Mr. Gregg Dolan and Mr. Cory Bielema answered questions and presented information to the Board with pros and cons as to whether this would be a good fit for the MHS teams. If Morrison was to join this conference the school sizes would be more comparable in size to that of Morrison. We would fall in the middle of the High Schools for enrollment. Travel for most games would be no farther than what we are traveling at this time with the majority of the games being closer since we would play teams in the southern part of the conference and then crossover with other teams and possibly still play some of our local rivals.

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BOARD VACANCY

Mr. Scott Vance stated he will be posting a letter asking for applicants for the Board vacancy that was unable to be filled by those that ran for the Board since 4 candidates were from Mt. Pleasant township and there is a limit of 3 from any one township and a second vacancy will be open with Brian Witt resigning from the Board since he will be relocating outside the District. Once applications have been received the Board will do interviews to fill the openings.

ACTION ITEMS

TENURE LIST

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Ewoldsen;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves moving the following teachers from first year probationary status to 2nd year probationary status at the end of the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Chelsea Eads – NS
- b. Chandler Gilbraith – MHS
- c. Erin Morris – MHS and MJHS
- d. Kelsey Pudlas – MHS and MJHS
- e. Chelsea Stuart – SS
- f. Sarah Whitebread – NS
- g. Thomas Franks – MHS
- h. Gwendolyn Worrell - MHS

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Ewoldsen

The motion is that the Board of Education approves moving the following teachers from 2nd year probationary status to 3rd year probationary status at the end of the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Dana Bass – NS
- b. Allison Brockel – MJHS
- c. Kelly Holland – MJHS
- d. Ashley Johnson – MJHS
- e. Megan Modglin – SS
- f. Jessica Prowant – NS
- g. Amber Wright – SS

Ayes: Five, Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion: Damhoff; Second: Wilkens

The motion is the Board of Education approves moving the following teacher(s) from 3rd year probationary status to 4th year probationary status at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Tom Drosopoulos – MHS

On roll call voting Aye – Wilkens, Damhoff, Ewoldsen, Luckey, Abstain: Prombo, Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion: Wilkens; Second: Ewoldsen

The motion is that the Board of Education grants tenure status to the following teachers at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Emily Kirkland – SS
- b. Annie Knie – MHS
- c. Jennifer Streets – MHS

NO VOTE taken ---- TABLED

ENROLLMENT REPORT

2021-2022	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
PRE-K	42	44	45	46	45	45	46	47	47	47
KINDERGARTEN	60	61	62	62	62	64	64	64	63	63
1ST GRADE	63	63	65	65	64	64	64	63	63	62
2ND GRADE	64	64	64	64	64	67	67	67	67	67
NS TOTAL	229	232	236	237	235	240	241	241	240	239
3RD GRADE	74	75	75	75	75	77	75	76	77	77
4TH GRADE	59	59	60	60	60	59	58	59	59	59
5TH GRADE	63	63	63	63	63	63	62	62	63	63
SS TOTAL	196	197	198	198	198	199	195	197	199	199
6TH GRADE	83	84	85	86	86	86	86	86	86	85
7TH GRADE	79	79	78	77	76	75	73	73	73	72
8TH GRADE	81	81	81	81	81	79	79	79	79	79
MJHS TOTAL	243	244	244	244	243	240	238	238	238	236
9TH GRADE	71	71	71	71	71	74	73	73	73	73
10TH GRADE	74	74	73	73	73	74	73	73	73	73
11TH GRADE	79	77	77	76	76	76	76	76	75	75
12TH GRADE	83	81	80	80	80	79	79	79	79	79
MHS TOTAL	307	303	301	300	300	303	301	301	300	300
MCUD TOTAL	975	976	979	979	976	982	975	977	977	974

2022-2023	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
PRE-K	48	48	49	49	49	51	51	52	52	
KINDERGARTEN	68	69	69	70	70	69	70	71	71	
1ST GRADE	67	67	68	69	69	69	69	69	69	
2ND GRADE	67	67	67	65	65	65	66	66	66	
NS TOTAL	250	251	253	253	253	254	256	258	258	0
3RD GRADE	74	74	75	74	74	74	74	74	74	
4TH GRADE	77	76	76	76	76	76	76	77	77	
5TH GRADE	63	63	64	65	65	66	66	67	67	
SS TOTAL	214	213	215	215	215	216	216	218	218	0
6TH GRADE	66	65	65	66	66	68	68	68	67	
7TH GRADE	88	88	87	86	86	86	85	84	84	
8TH GRADE	76	75	75	74	74	76	76	76	76	
MJHS TOTAL	230	228	227	226	226	230	229	228	227	0
9TH GRADE	81	82	82	82	82	83	82	82	81	
10TH GRADE	75	75	72	73	73	74	74	75	74	
11TH GRADE	67	65	64	65	65	65	65	66	65	
12TH GRADE	78	77	77	77	77	76	75	75	74	
MHS TOTAL	301	299	295	297	297	298	296	298	294	0
MCUD TOTAL	995	991	990	991	991	998	997	1002	997	0

YEAR TO YEAR	20	15	11	12	15	16	22	25	20	-974
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GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

- MAPS testing is underway at Northside. There have been some technical issues on the MAPS side, but there have been a lot of people helping to ensure that we are completing the assessments.
- First grade had their field trip on Friday, May 12. They visited Skate City in East Moline and then had a picnic at Millennium Park in Moline.
- Kindergarten students visited the post office, the hospital, Sullivan's, and TBK bank this month.
- Second grade traveled to Southside on Friday, May 12 in order to get a tour of Southside and see what 3rd grade is going to look like.

SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

- Spring MAPS Testing was completed on May 11th.
- On May 12th the 2nd graders visited Southside. The visit included lunch, tour of the building, and meeting with the 3rd grade teachers. While the 2nd graders visited our building the 5th grade took a trip over to the Jr. High. The 5th grade had lunch, a building tour, and a questions and answer section with some of the 8th grade students.
- On May 12th our 3rd and 4th graders received a bicycle helmet donated by the Friends of the Park Foundation, Morrison Rotary, and the Morrison Police Department presented a Bicycle Safety Program. With the support of the Morrison Police Department and Dairy Queen, through the summer, if an officer sees a child under the age of 16 riding their bike with one of the donated helmets on, the Officer will reward that child with a coupon for a free ice cream cone.
- The 5th Grade Spring Band Concert will be held on May 16th at 2:15 at the High School. Plus on May 18th the 5th Grade Band will play alongside the Jr. High Band. Concert time is 6:00 at the High School.
- The 5th Grade will be taking a field trip to John Deere Historic Site and Castle Rock State Park on May 17th.
- Also, on May 17th the 3rd grade will be taking a walking field trip to Waterworks Park.
- ON May 24th the winner of the Masonic Book for Bikes program will be presented with a bike.
- May 23rd is the schoolwide Kickball Tournament.
- The lunch cookout will be on May 25th.
- On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board of Education and Mr. Vance for giving me the opportunity to serve the students, faculty, and staff of Southside.

MORRISON JUNIOR HIGH

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MORRISON HIGH SCHOOL

- Mrs. Morris chaperoned a group of choir and theater students to Chicago to see [Into the Woods](#). They loved the show!



- Ms. Pudlas reported that roughly 400 people attend MHS's production of Clue on the weekend of May 6th-7th.



- Mr. Wright informs us that the K-12 Spring art show is this weekend (May 13th & 14th).
- Key Club donated the grant money we earned from our spring blood drive to Odell library for their summer reading program. They were able to donate approximately \$275.

NORTHWEST UPSTATE ILLINI CONFERENCE NUIC

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Dear Mr. Vance,

During our regular meeting of the Northwest Upstate Illini conference on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, there was a successful vote to invite Morrison High School to join the NUIC Conference. Please consider this as a formal invitation to become a full member of our conference starting with the 2024-2025 school year.

Please let me know in writing as soon as possible as to your intentions. If there are any questions, please let me know. I may be reached at (815)858-9005.

Respectfully,



Shean Albrecht
President
Northwest Upstate Illini Conference

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