



**MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**March 15, 2021**

**6:00 PM (closed session)**

**6:30 PM (open session)**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. CLOSED SESSION-
  - A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING MATTERS RELATING TO A SPECIFIC STUDENT
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ACTION ITEM
  - A. *The motion is that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.*
- V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES-ACTION ITEM
  - A. *The motion is that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting from February 21, 2021.*
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. DISTRICT BILLS AS OF MARCH 15, 2021.
  - B. BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORTS
  - C. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
    1. Hires:
      - a) Heather Bush-Library Aide Northside Elementary
    2. Resignations: none at this time
- VII. COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VIII. GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT
- IX. REPORTS
  - A. FINANCE/FACILITY
  - B. ENROLLMENT
  - C. TECHNOLOGY REPORT
- X. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. COVID-19 UPDATE-DISCUSSION ITEM
  - B. DISTRICT OFFICE RELOCATION-DISCUSSION ITEM
- XI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL-ACTION ITEM
    1. *The motion is that the Board of Education approves the summer credit recovery program at Morrison High School as presented.*
  - B. WORKING CASH FUND TRANSFER-ACTION ITEM
    1. *The motion is that the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$150,000 from the Working Cash fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.*
    2. *The motions is that the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$75,000 from the Working Cash fund to the Education fund.*
  - C. 2021-2022 DISTRICT INSURANCE RENEWAL-ACTION ITEM

- 1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 district medical insurance renewal as presented.**
- 2. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 district dental insurance renewal as presented.**

**D. MHS FOOTBALL SPECTATOR POLICY-ACTION ITEM**

- 1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the football spectator policy as presented.**

**E. PREARRANGED ABSENCE-ACTION ITEM**

- 1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves five (5) additional days of pre-arranged absences for student #224393272**

**F. CERTIFIED STAFF RESIGNATIONS-ACTION ITEM**

- 1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Lisa Brininger effective May 31, 2021.**
- 2. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Ian Geiger as school social worker effective May 31, 2021.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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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 6:01 PM via an in person (Morrison HS Library) and Zoom teleconference due to COVID-19 on February 22, 2021.

On roll call, the following were present: In person: Jim Ridley, Tricia Mickley, Lauri Helms, Cathleen Vegter, Scott Vance (Superintendent), Cory Bielema (HS Principal), Joe Robbins (JH Principal), Andy Harridge and Duane Shaffer (IT). Joining remote: Gus Linke, Terri Wilkens, Wolfgang Schmidt, Jeremy Keese (SS Principal), Connie Royer (HS Teacher), Wendy Connelly (teacher), Sally Lindsey, Jackie/Dustin Damhoff, Annie Palmer, Andrea Wolever, Karen Mayberry, Melissa Landes, Lisa Brininger, Jamie Harmon, Anita Dobbins, Katie Rider, Jessie Mason, Angie VanderVine, Anne Mills, Elizabeth Natynski, Charlene Bielema, Heather T., Gwenn Rickertson, Merideth Layne, Samantha Scholl, Tiffany Kao, Korby Paul, Lindsey Ebersole, Savanna Miska, Tracy Borman, Jan Scott, Kristi Usterbowski, Sidona Mahaffey, Jen Chambers, Tracy Henson, Melissa Sterenberg and Frank Wayman.

6:02 PM

**Closed Session**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt;

To enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the employment, compensation and discipline of a specific employee.

On roll call voting Aye – Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

6:37 PM

**Adjourn Closed Session**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Wilkens;

To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the Morrison HS Library and via Zoom conference.

On roll call voting Aye – Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. The motion is to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke

On roll call voting Aye – Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Cathleen Vegter called for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held January 25, 2021.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley;

To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held December 14, 2020.

On roll call voting Aye – Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: Wilkens; Second: Mickley;

To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of February 22, 2021.

On roll call voting Aye –Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens and Mickley. Abstained: Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried

To approve the consent Agenda including Building Activity Reports (January) and Hire: Tim Duncan as Assistant HS Track Coach and John Eastlick, Matt McDonnell and Bob White as Volunteer Jr High Wrestling Coaches. Resignations: none

On roll call voting Aye –Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elizabeth Natynski asked the Board "If we go to 5 days a week will there still be remote available"?

### **Good News from Around the District**

- **NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY-** Andy Harridge (Principal)
  - Students were able to have a Valentine's Day party on February 12, it was almost a normal day
  - PreK and kindergarten screenings are ongoing. We only have a few more appointments available.
- **SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY-** Jeremy Keesee (Principal)
  - We had our safe touch presentations last we at Southside. The people from the YWCA conducted this via zoom.
  - We also had our growth and development talk with our 5th grade classes last week. Mr. Geiger and I held the meeting with the boys and Mrs. Boonstra and the 5th grade teachers held theirs with the girls.
  - We will be having spring pictures Friday, Feb. 26.
  - Nice to see gym at Southside being used by some of the sports teams
- **MORRISON JUNIOR HIGH-** Joe Robbins (Principal)
- **MORRISON HIGH SCHOOL –** Cory Bielema (Principal)
  - Tanna Frederick, Emily Henson, and Lexi Tichler today, presented a breakout session on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at the virtual Sauk College and Career Readiness Summit. Their 30-minutes presentation was on remote learning from the perspective of being both a student and a "teacher" in the classroom during their Education Pathway class.

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- Student council made over 100 Valentine's cards and delivered them to at Resthave, Pleasant View and Windsor Manor residents in Morrison. Normally the students are able to stay and mingle with the residents, but that was modified this year.

## **Reports**

**Finance/Facility Report** — *Finance* reports are included in the packet. Several of the buildings have developed leaks from the snow/ice we have received lately. It is difficult to find the leaks with all the unmelted snow up there.

### **Enrollment**

The District enrollment numbers have increased by five students this past month, but are still down 53 from this time last year.

### **Technology Report** –

Mr. Shaffer stated that everything seems to be running smoothly. The NFHS camera is having some problems. Additional Chromebooks will be purchased.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Mr. Vance stated that the numbers have trended down and we have had six (6) days with zero (0) positive cases. Several staff members received the vaccine and others are in the second round with about 20 left.

### **DISTRICT OFFICE RELOCATION**

Mr. Vance talked about the current District office set up for the last few years. The Farm Bureau Building has a space that offers offices, conference room and storage. Farm Bureau will put in a bathroom. There would be a 1 year lease, \$1538 per month. There could possibly be a \$7200 fee for additional internet. Mr. Shaffer will check on this cost to verify before any decision is made.

### **HIGH SCHOOL PROM**

Much discussion was held. What does the Board feel about Prom? Tricia Mickley feels they should let them have Prom and Lauri Helms agreed. Mr. Vance as Superintendent said he has to speak for the District and will pursue the idea and figure out the best way to do it. Tricia Mickley wants to check with kids to see what they prefer, Eagle Point Park or Deer Valley.

### **EXPANSION OF GIRLS SWIMMING CO-OP**

Erie has a swimmer that would like to join our swim team.

### **SUMMER DRIVERS EDUCATION**

Mr. Vance stated that Mr. Bartoz would like to offer Summer Drivers Education again this year with the possibility of opening it up to students from other Districts.

### **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING AND LEADING STANDARDS**

This is a teacher prep standard. It is for new teachers, not for schools. This does not affect what we teach.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **WACC HLS AMENDMENT**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the WACC Health Life Safety Amendment as presented.

On roll call voting Aye – Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried

### **5 DAY IN-PERSON LEARNING**

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 5 Day In-Person learning plan as presented.

Discussion--- Terri Wilkens wanted all staff and parents to know that there has been lengthy discussions on this and the decision was not made without a lot of thought.

On roll call voting Aye – Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

### **2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Helms;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 as presented.

Discussion---This final calendar has one of the August inservice days moved to September for MAPS training. Mr. Ridley asked about snow days and make up. Wants as many in person days as possible.

On roll call voting Aye – Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

### **DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the District Improvement plan as presented.

On roll call voting Aye – Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

### **MATH INTERVENTIONIST**

Motion: Linke; Second: Wilkens;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the addition of a K-5 Math Interventionist position for the 2021-2022 school year.

On roll call voting Aye – Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

### **ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PLAN**

Motion: Ridley; Second: Wilkens;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the Elementary Summer learning plan as presented.

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On roll call voting Aye – Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**TRANSITIONAL 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Wilkens;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the addition of a Transitional First Grade classroom for the 2021-2022 school year.

On roll call voting Aye – Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**TRS RESOLUTION**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the resolution adopting the Teacher Retirement System supplemental savings plan as presented.

On roll call voting Aye – Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE**

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley;

1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the purchase of 350 Acer Chromebooks and management consoles for \$76,137.60
2. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the purchase of 50 HP Touchscreen Chromebooks and licenses for \$15,933.50.

On roll call voting Aye – Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**CERTIFIED STAFF RESIGNATIONS**

Motion: Wilkens Second: Linke;

1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Savanna Miska effective May 31, 2021.
2. The motion is that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Derek McAnally effective February 15, 2021.

On roll call voting Aye – Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**CERTIFIED STAFF EMPLOYMENT**

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt;

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the hiring of Tony Wright as Head Wrestling Coach at Morrison Junior High.

On roll call voting Aye – Schmidt, Ridley, Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ADJOURN MEETING**

7:32 P.M.

Motion: Ridley; Second: Wilkens;

The motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call voting Aye – Helms, Linke, Wilkens, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried.

(President) \_\_\_\_\_

(Secretary) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_



# ENROLLMENT REPORT

2019-2020	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	+/-
EARLY CHILDHOOD	43	43	43	44	44	43	43	43	43	0
KINDERGARTEN	70	70	70	70	70	69	69	69	69	-1
1ST GRADE	79	79	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	-1
2ND GRADE	63	62	62	62	64	62	62	62	62	-1
<b>NS TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>-3</b>
3RD GRADE	70	70	70	70	70	70	69	69	69	-1
4TH GRADE	86	86	86	86	85	84	84	84	84	-2
5TH GRADE	79	79	78	78	78	78	77	77	77	-2
<b>SS TOTAL</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>-5</b>
6TH GRADE	87	89	89	89	90	90	90	90	90	3
7TH GRADE	78	78	78	77	76	75	75	75	75	-3
8TH GRADE	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	79	79	1
<b>MJHS TOTAL</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>1</b>
9TH GRADE	85	86	86	85	85	85	85	85	85	0
10TH GRADE	89	89	88	87	84	84	84	84	84	-5
11TH GRADE	64	64	63	63	62	62	62	62	62	-2
12TH GRADE	62	61	61	61	60	60	59	59	59	-3
<b>MHS TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>MCUD TOTAL</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>-17</b>

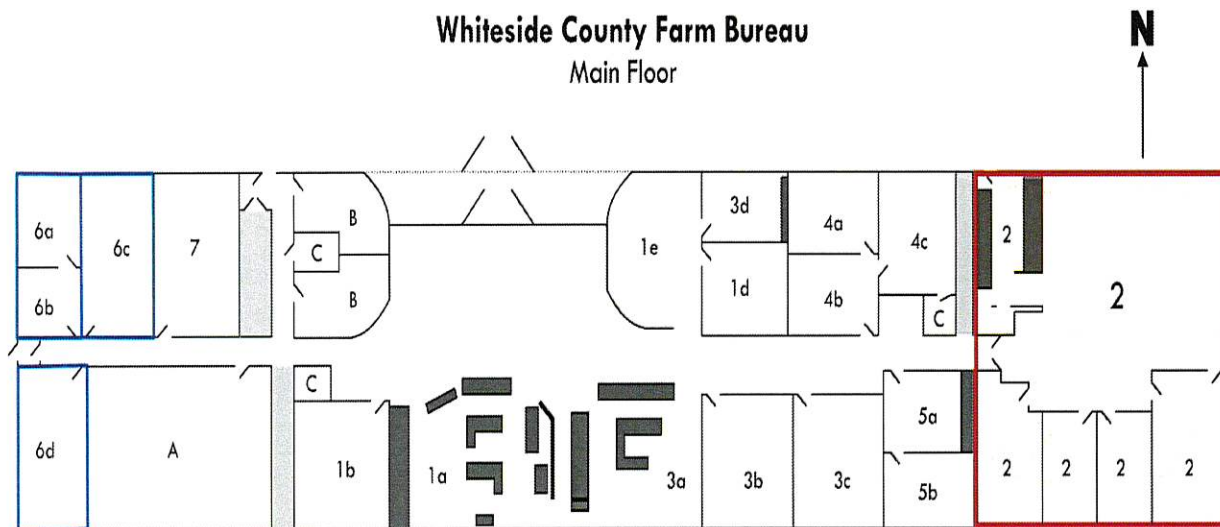
2020-2021	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	+/-
EARLY CHILDHOOD	41	45	46	45	45	46	46			-41
KINDERGARTEN	60	58	59	59	59	59	59			-60
1ST GRADE	64	65	65	66	66	68	68			-64
2ND GRADE	70	69	71	71	72	72	73			-70
<b>NS TOTAL</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-23</b>
3RD GRADE	57	54	56	56	56	58	58			-57
4TH GRADE	63	61	63	63	61	63	64			-63
5TH GRADE	78	77	79	80	80	80	79			-78
<b>SS TOTAL</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-19</b>
6TH GRADE	71	71	71	71	71	73	73			-71
7TH GRADE	87	87	87	87	86	85	85			-87
8TH GRADE	70	71	71	70	68	67	67			-70
<b>MJHS TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-22</b>
9TH GRADE	76	75	76	76	76	76	76			-76
10TH GRADE	82	82	81	81	82	82	82			-82
11TH GRADE	80	78	77	77	80	79	79			-80
12TH GRADE	58	57	56	56	58	57	57			-58
<b>MHS TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-29</b>
<b>MCUD TOTAL</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-95</b>

<b>YEAR TO YEAR</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-1016</b>	<b>-1016</b>	<b>-94</b>
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## Tech updates - March

- Student Online Privacy Protection Act
  - Requires schools to make public, a list of all applications used that have access to student information by July 1st
  - I made a list of known companies we work with
  - To start a list of apps I didn't know about, I installed a chrome extension on staff and students accounts that scans our entire network to catch anything that's being used.
  - Joined the Illinois Student Privacy Alliance
  - Under one of the provisions of the law, schools are allowed to "piggyback" on other agreements that have a general offer of privacy protections.
  - So far, I've been able to establish agreements with 8 companies
  - There are several others that don't have open agreements to use so I've reached out to them, sent them an agreement, and am waiting to hear back from them.
  - All agreements are uploaded to our ISPA page, which creates a public link that I can post on our website.
- NFHS Network Woes
  - Working with the NFHS Network this year has been a battle
  - After months of going back and forth with the company and their tech support, they finally sent us a replacement computer for the gym. It seems to be working better now, but it took an extremely long time to get them to send it.
  - At the time I write this (I have a troubleshooting call at 1PM Friday the 12th), the football field unit is not functioning properly. The last update received from their support team is that the camera and computer are not connecting to each other. I would like to say it will be fixed by the first home football game, but I am not hopeful given my past experience with the gym unit.
- Elementary Chromebooks:
  - We've seen an increase in damage and issues with elementary chromebooks
    - 10 broken touch screens (expensive to fix)
    - 2 with water damage
    - Several "dropped" devices with significant cosmetic damage
    - 10+ no longer usable devices (now stripped for parts)
  - Since we are going back to full in-person instruction, I have asked K-5 teachers to no longer send devices home.
    - The devices will go back to carts full-time
  - Cases will be collected and washed, then transferred to JH and HS students.
    - Some will remain in the elementary buildings for any students that end up remote for any reason.





#### Option: Farm Bureau Building

- Description: Eastern wing of Whiteside County Farm Bureau building, 100 East Knox Street.
  - 3-4 offices
  - Exterior dedicated entrance.
  - Reception area
  - Work area/board meeting area
  - Available storage
  - Approximately 1700 square feet.
- Availability: March 6th.
- Cost:
  - Office Space: \$1345.32/month
  - Storage Space: \$193.10/month
  - Total: \$1538.42
- Pros:
  - Located in town near school buildings
  - Adequate space
  - Board meeting area
  - Availability
  - Parking
  - Able to connect to District wifi network and phone system
- Cons:
  - Expense
  - One restroom for building (Farm Bureau may be willing to add bathroom)
  - May need some upgrades (carpet, technology)

## DISTRICT INSURANCE RENEWAL

### BOARD PAID 100% Employee Portion

	CURRENT	RENEWAL	INCREASE
Employee (88)	\$567.11	\$716.36	26.32%
Employee + Spouse (3)	\$1,341.60	\$1,597.90	19.10%
Employee + Child(ren) (3)	\$1,289.78	\$1,543.52	19.67%
Family (4)	\$2,064.26	\$2,425.07	17.48%

### LOWER DEDUCTIBLE PPO

	CURRENT	RENEWAL	INCREASE
Employee (5)	\$630.71	\$783.57	24.24%
Employee + Spouse (1)	\$1,492.05	\$1,747.81	17.14%
Employee (0)	\$1,434.42	\$1,688.32	17.70%
Family (0)	\$2,295.76	\$2,652.56	15.54%

### HSA

	CURRENT	RENEWAL	INCREASE
Employee (3)	\$473.39	\$594.83	25.65%
Employee + Spouse (0)	\$1,119.89	\$1,326.81	18.48%
Employee (1)	\$1,076.63	\$1,281.66	19.04%
Family (0)	\$1,723.12	\$2,013.65	16.86%

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