



## **SPECIAL (REGULAR) MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 9, 2023**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Scott Merillat at 7:02 p.m.

### **Board Members Present**

Scott Merillat, Brad Moran, Brandon Stover, Heather Sarnac, Rebecca Berger, Jodi Kruse

### **Board Member Absent**

None

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Moment of Silence**

### **Officers: Organization of Board of Education**

#### ***President***

Moved by Brad Moran, seconded by Jodi Kruse that Heather Sarnac be elected as President of the Board of Education for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 4-2

#### ***Vice-President***

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Heather Sarnac that Brad Moran be elected as Vice-President of the Board of Education for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

#### ***Secretary***

Moved by Brandon Stover, seconded by Jodi Kruse that Rebecca Berger be elected as Secretary of the Board of Education for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

#### ***Treasurer***

Moved by Heather Sarnac, seconded by Rebecca Berger that Jodi Kruse be elected as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Set Agenda**

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Brandon Stover to approve the agenda for the January 9, 2023 special monthly meeting as amended to include Approval of Water Heater Replacement, Overnight Trip for Leadership Class. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Educational Topics**

MS/HS Google Classrooms

**Staff of the Month**

Whereas Morenci Area Schools recognizes employees of the month, I nominate **Ashley Britt**, Morenci Area Schools Information Technology Coordinator, for this honor:

Ashley is completely approachable, competent, and patient while assisting teachers and staff with technology concerns and challenges. She works tireless hours and always has a smile on her face. She responds to requests for support in a timely manner that exceeds expectations.

Ashley understands that children and adults have varying skill levels, comfort with using technology, and other needs related to connectivity, and she works hard to create pathways for all to access technology with minimal disruption.

Ashley's know-how also allows her to address unique requests for cords, cables, equipment, and support. My students and I have benefited from her expertise on many occasions. A huge shout-out and a BIG thank you to Ashley for all the gifts and talents she brings to her role at Morenci Area Schools! Her family can be very proud of the amazing person she is!

Respectfully, Melissa Elliott

**Designation of Depositories for All School Funds**

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Brad Moran that the following banking institutions be approved/not approved as the official depositories for the funds of the Morenci Area School District for the Calendar Year 2023:

- I. Premier Bank
- II. Old National Bank
- III. Huntington
- IV. Bank of New York Mellon
- V. County National Bank

Motion carried: 6-0

**Authorized Signers**

**Checks, Deposits, and Withdrawals**

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Brad Moran that any two (2) of the following be authorized to sign checks for all school funds: Board President, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer, Finance Director, and Superintendent for the Calendar Year 2023.

Motion carried: 6-0

**Contracts and Agreements**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Brandon Stover that the Superintendent be authorized to sign contracts and agreements for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

**Purchase Orders**

Moved by Jodi Kruse, seconded by Brandon Stover that the Superintendent be authorized to sign purchase orders for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

**Collective Bargaining Agreements**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Brad Moran that the Board Officers be authorized to sign Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

**Designation of Date, Time and Place for Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Education for Calendar Year 2023**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Rebecca Moran that the Regular Meetings of the Morenci Board of Education be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Middle School Library, except for the months of April, September, January. Those meeting will be held on the following alternative dates: April 10, 2023 / September 11, 2023 / January 8, 2024

Motion carried: 6-0

**Designated Administrator to Assume Treasurer and/or Secretary Responsibilities**

Moved by Brad Moran, seconded by Brandon Stover that the Finance Director be authorized to conduct responsibilities of the Treasurer and/or Secretary for the Calendar year 2023.

Motion carried: 6-0

**Designated Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO)**

Moved by Jodi Kruse, seconded by Brandon Stover that the Finance Director be designated as the Electronic Transfer Officer for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

**Appointment of Calendar Year 2023 MASB Liaison Member**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Brandon Stover that Heather Sarnac be appointed as the MASB Liaison Member for the Morenci Area Schools for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion carried: 6-0

**Appointment of Calendar Year 2023 Representative to the Board of Directors of the LCASB**

(Action Required)

Moved by Brad Moran, seconded by Rebecca Berger to appoint Heather Sarnac as the Representative to the Board of Directors of the LCASB for the Calendar Year 2023.

Motion carried: 6-2

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Brandon Stover to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried: 6-0

**Approval of Financial Reports**

Moved by Jodi Kruse, seconded by Brad Moran to approve the financial reports as listed:

Cafeteria	\$	25,051.40
Athletic	\$	6,348.14
General Fund	\$	130,965.40
Debt Retirement	\$	-
Gross Payroll	\$	406,761.45
Student Activities	\$	7,298.89
Energy Bond	\$	-
Total Expenditures	\$	576,425.28

Motion carried: 6-0

**Approval of Updated Middle/High School Course Descriptions**

Moved by Jodi Kruse, seconded by Brandon Stover to approve the updated Middle/High School Course Descriptions. Motion carried: 6-0

**Approval of Hires**

Moved by Brandon Stover, seconded by Rebecca Berger to approve the hiring of Tabby Murray as the elementary paraprofessional. Motion carried: 6-0

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Rebecca Berger to approve the hiring of Erica Sandusky in the elementary library. Motion carried: 6-0

Moved by Brandon Stover, seconded by Jodi Kruse to approve the hiring of Garrett Schermerhorn as the High School Assistant Track Coach. Motion carried: 6-0

Moved by Jodi Kruse, seconded by Brad Moran to approve the hiring of Rebekah Shoemaker as the 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried: 6-0

Moved by Brandon Stover, seconded by Brad Moran to approve the hiring of Matt Mueller as the Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach. Motion carried: 6-0

**Approval of Resignations**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Brandon Stover to accept the resignation of Brent Wilder. Motion carried: 6-0

**Set Board Workshop Date and Time - January 23, 2023, 5-8 p.m.**

Moved by Jodi Kruse, seconded by Rebecca Berger to accept the board workshop date of January 23, 2023, 5-8 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0

**Approval of May 2023 Election Resolution (18 mills)**

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Brad Moran to approve of the May 2023 Election Resolution (18 mills). Motion carried:6-0

**Approval of Water Heater Replacement**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Brandon Stover to approve of replacing the water heater at the elementary school by Adrian Mechanical in the amount of \$ 7,000. Motion carried: 6-0

**Overnight Trip for Leadership Class**

Moved by Brandon Stover, seconded by Jodi Kruse to approve of the overnight trip for the leadership class in Grand Rapids Michigan February 26-27th. Motion carried: 6-0

**Set Special Meeting Date and Time**

Moved by Scott Merillat, seconded by Jodi Kruse to set a special meeting date for Tuesday,

January 17th at 5:00 p.m. in the middle school library for board member candidate interviews.  
Motion carried: 6-0

***Adjournment*** (Action Required)

Moved by Rebecca Berger, seconded by Brad Moran to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m..  
Motion carried: 6-0