

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
August 27, 2018

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 6:03 P.M. in the Media Center located within Morrison Junior High School in said district on August 27, 2018.

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, Stephanie Neas, Jim Ridley, Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton and Cathleen Vegter. Gus Linke arrived at 6:05pm. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Recording Secretary- LuAnn Wieneke, Curriculum Director – Cheryl Robinson, Duane Shaffer -- Director of Technology, Andy Harridge (NS Principal) Cory Bielema (SS Principal), Joe Robbins (JH Principal), Kay Harwood (HS Principal) and Stephanie Shelton (public).

6:05 P.M.

**Closed Session**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton; To enter into closed session for matters relating to the employment, appointment, and compensation of a specific employee and matters relating to a specific student(s).

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

6:34 P.M.

**Adjourn Closed Session**

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the Media Center of the Junior High School.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. Changes made included adding Cory Tedder as a Custodian in the HS Student handbook.

The motion is to approve the agenda with the above change.

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of August 27, 2018 and Activity Accounts as of July 31, 2018

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

Motion: Linke; Second: Neas; To approve the hiring of the following individuals for the positions listed below:

1. Donna Boonstra – Licensed Practical Nurse at Southside Elementary
2. Kathy Houzenga – Certified Nursing Assistant at Morrison Junior High School
3. Jamie Rodriguez – Long Term Social Studies Substitute at Morrison Junior High School
4. Laurie Beigler – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian at Southside and Morrison Junior High Schools.
5. Brandi Estrada – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade classroom aide Southside School
6. Kristina Hamm – 1:1 Aide Northside Elementary
7. Lindsay Workman – Title/Kindergarten Aide Northside elementary

And the resignation of :

1. Jamie Sherwood – Jr High School and Southside Custodian

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Cathleen Vegter called for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held July 25, 2018.

Motion: Shelton; Second: Ridley; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held June 25, 2018.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Public Forum**

A parent of a cheerleader voiced her concerns with Cheerleading tryouts that were held before the end of last school year. Her concerns were: 1) one cheerleader who tried out was allowed to use a previous years tape and not attend the actual tryouts, 2) the cheerleader made the squad but was told they could not travel to any away games to cheer, and 3) paperwork handed out prior to tryouts stated that Cheerleaders would not be allowed to participate in other sports teams during Cheerleading season and there is a cheerleader that was chosen that is currently being allowed to participate on the Swim team. The Board will look into the concerns and what is in the Handbook and handouts and address the issue at a later date.

**Good News from Around the District**

Northside Principal, Andy Harridge reported that there have been improvements made to the playground at Northside and the students are very happy with them. Staff, (past/present) have done a lot of landscaping at the school which looks very nice.

Southside Principal, Cory Bielema reported that the new HVAC system has been fantastic. The controlled climate has been welcomed by the students and faculty.

Junior High Principal, Joe Robbins reported that the start of the school year has been very successful. Starting school with a full day and not having any early dismissal days was very good for their students, especially 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

High School Principal, Kay Harwood reported that school started on time even with the construction. The opening day "boot camp" was very bush as students cycled through a number of stations and learned the expectations for each area. Teachers and students are enjoying the air conditioning.

**Reports**

Fiscal-- Mr. Vance presented the Treasurer's report with numbers through the end of July 2018.

Technology Report – The Technology Department had 39 Promethean Panels up and running before the start of school, putting them nearly 3 weeks ahead of schedule. 43 teachers received the basic training during the institute days with more sessions to come at later dates.

Facility Report –

Work is continuing on both projects at the HS. Some areas have been restricted for student and staff safety. Ryan Construction continues to work on the chiller. It is running and cooling so the building is cool in most places. Areas not yet cooling are areas where there is insulating to do on the pipes. Without the insulation there would be small floods of condensation. Southside is cool now, the chiller at Southside is up and running with a few things that still need adjusting.

The restroom/locker room project ran into delays when asbestos removal did not start on time. There was a 1" mistake in the handicap accessibility showers which is causing 5 walls to be removed and replaced but the crews are on it and hopefully that will not result in a huge delay. Lockers are due to arrive in mid September with windows also arriving about the same time for the locker and restroom areas.

There has been some humidity issues at the Jr High School that are being looked into.

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Curriculum—

Cheryl Robinson gave the Board information on the “Story of KIDS” (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey) the State requires that the survey be done by the School within the first 40 days of school, once a year. Morrison has been reporting this information 3 times per year (Fall-Winter-Spring). All of Morrison’s teachers have been trained plus KIDS Coaching from Peggy Potthoff has been part of our Institute and Early out days training. Mr. Harridge and Mrs. Robinson have met with Peggy Potthoff and will review detailed reports to determine if these were reported accurately and have the KIDS Coach work with our teachers. We will also continue to report three times a year and use for reports cards.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**District Activity Bus**

Mr. Vance has been in correspondence with Midwest Transit and said they may have a new 2017 unit available which the warranty would start upon delivery or newer year units would be arriving in September/October time frame. Mr. Vance will be getting more definite pricing.

**Principal Evaluation Timeline**

Mr. Vance stated he has talked with all principals to go over the expectations moving forward for evaluations next year.

**District Construction Update**

Update is listed above in the Facility report. Completion date was anticipated to be possibly late September/early October.

**School Resource Officer Update**

There is a sample agreement/contract pending the approval of this by the City Council. The school will be able to use Tort dollars to cover this cost.

**FY '19 Preliminary Budget**

The Preliminary Budget was discussed.

**September Board Meeting Date Change**

The date of the September Board of Education Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in the Morrison Junior High School Library.

**Long Term Facility Planning Meeting**

The Board will be planning a meeting to determine long term plans for the District.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Recreation Program**

The City of Morrison will no longer be organizing any 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade rec programs. The School District will be taking over organizing these programs.

**Substitute Nurse Rate**

Discussion was tabled until a later date.

**MHS Cheerleading Fees**

Discussion was tabled until a later date.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Early Graduation Requests**

Motion: Linke; Second: Shelton; To approve the early graduation request of student #769313709 and also student #586346968.

Ayes – Seven. Nay – None; Motion carried

**Retirement Request**

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley; To approve the retirement request of employee #1861226 after the 2020-2021 school year and that the Board of Education grants employee #1861226 the six percent (6%) salary increase for the next three years per 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

**Certified Staffing**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To approve the following:

1. Hiring -- Kelly Twidwell as a certified PK grade teacher at Northside Elementary School at the Masters Degree Year Ten (10) step.
2. Hiring -- Ian Geiger as a certified Social Worker for Northside and Southside Elementary at the Masters Degree Year One (1) step.
3. Transfer – Becky Coons from Pre-K to Kindergarten teacher at Northside Elementary.
4. Resignation – Anna-Maria Brown as certified Choral Instructor at Morrison High School and Morrison Junior High School.

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

8:06 P.M.

**Closed Session**

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Neas; To enter into closed session for matters relating to the employment, appointment, and compensation of a specific employee.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

8:41 P.M.

**Adjourn Closed Session**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the Media Center of the Junior High School.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

8:42 P.M.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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