

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
December 17, 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 6:00 P.M. in the Media Center located within Morrison Junior High School in said district on December 17, 2018.

On roll call, the following were present: Gus Linke, Tricia Mickley, Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton and Cathleen Vegter. Stephanie Neas arrived at 6:06pm. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Curriculum Director – Cheryl Robinson, Duane Shaffer -- Director of Technology, Jerry Lindsey (Whiteside News Sentinel), Andy Harridge (NS Principal) Cory Bielema (SS Principal), Joe Robbins (JH Principal), Kay Harwood (HS Principal), Brian Melton (Chief of Police), and members from the public- Vernon Tervelt, Kris Schmidt, Sarah Schmidt, Kevin Larson, Adam Schaeffer and Ann Noble (Stifel, Nicolaus and Company Inc.)

6:01 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Shelton; Second: Linke; 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.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

6:22 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 District Tax Levy

Hearing was declared open at 6:23pm. The District Tax Levy would extend \$5,061,000 with the EAV up 2% he had made a small change to the Budget since the actually dollar amount the District will be receiving from the State is not known, they have changed to “evidence based funding” this year. There were no comments from the Public. The hearing was closed at 6:45pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. The motion is to approve the agenda with the change to Old Business “D” to read “the motion is that the Board of Education approves the hazardous route designations pending the hiring of an additional bus driver by RC Smith Transportation.”

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of December 17, 2018, Activity Accounts as of November 30, 2018 and hiring the following personnel: Rachael Kramoski – Cafeteria Server, Dennis Westin – Jr High School 5th/6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach and the resignation of Mindy Norman as cafeteria server.

On roll call voting Aye – Schmidt, Shelton, Linke, Neas, Mickley 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 November 26, 2018.

Motion: Linke; Second: Neas; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held November 26, 2018.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Forum

None

Stifel, Nicolaus and Company Inc

Anne Noble discussed the Alternative Bonding Information – we have 1 payment remaining on the 2013-2017 Bonds

Good News from Around the District

Northside Principal, Andy Harridge – Kindergarten and 1st grade Christmas program was exciting and everyone did a great job. United Way penny drive raised a total of \$629.59 with the winning class raising a total of \$102.14 and earning them a popcorn party.

Southside Principal, Cory Bielema – Southside students collected a total of \$658.51 in this Fall's United Way penny drive. Mrs. Pons' class was the top collecting class with a total of \$112.19, they also earned a popcorn party courtesy of the United Way.

Morrison Jr High School, Joe Robbins – Students who passed all of their classes for the 1st semester are invited to a Lock-In this Friday at MJHS, the students will stay at the JH until Saturday morning at 8:00am. Our SST teams were able to exit several students who were receiving interventions to help them perform better at school. The boys basketball season came to an end with the end of year tournament. Jan Scott and Allyson Sidman have been working with our newly developed student group. We have 2 representatives from each grade level, one boy and one girl. The students are delegates for their respected classes. This group helps generate ideas for things that happen in the school such as dances, incentives, and other activities. Our PE classes are currently doing their skating unit. This is offered annually and usually done the week before the winter break. It's a very popular unit with the students. If any board members want to relive their glory days, stop on in.

High School Principal – “Blind” students went to Kohls for their annual shopping trip for needy students. Jennifer Stevenson has been working on the High School multimedia area.

Reports

Finance/Facility Report —Mr. Vance presented the Treasurer's report with numbers through the end of November 2018. And additional reports showing revenue and expenses for the different Funds. The Facility report included a “punch list” – these items will hopefully be done by break. 5 dinks at NS, 3 kitchen sinks at HS, 6 door closers on room doors, switch black van to fleet van and a broken window at NS. We have one more year of sales tax for abatement. Anne presented fastest way to pay back with an interest rate of 3.6%. 2.5 million resolution is the top amount but don't have to go that high. There will be a public hearing in March and it could be approved in April. Anne also explained the 2.4 million abatement

Enrollment—

Mr. Vance stated that the enrollment numbers were up four (4) since last month.

Technology Report – Duane stated the all the Promethean Panels have been installed at this point. There has been some interest from other schools to take a look at what we have done and come to look after the holiday. Duane has started the E-Rate application process to estimate the costs to upgrade the network infrastructure at Northside. The tech department is also evaluating replacement devices for the next Chromebook rollout in the spring. This purchase will be for approximately 200 devices (depending on what we do with NS devices.)

Curriculum—

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ESSA ACCOUNTABILITY INFORMATINO PRESENTATION

This was tabled until the next meeting

CRISIS GO

This is an internet platform for realtime crisis – Mr. Shaffer explained all the options.

HIGH SCHOOL WELDING FACILITY

Kevin Larson presented information about a new grant available. Kevin presented a different proposal for welding options. There is a need for ventilation, everything in the proposal runs off of 120 volts. Mr. Vance commented sales tax money could be used and District could maybe cover exhaust and electricity. Farmers National has given \$1500 towards this project.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANT

\$900,000 possible abatement.

ACTION ITEMS

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Motion: Shelton; Second: Linke

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the City of Morrison for a School Resource Officer program, pending review by the District's Attorney.

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

POLICY UPDATES

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the update to Board Policies 2:260, 4:40, 4:40AP, 5:20, 5:20E, and 5:170 as presented.

Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

GAGGLE

Motion: Neas; Second: Mickley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the purchase and implementation of the Gaggle online safety platform.

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

HAZARDOUS ROUTE DESIGNATIONS

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the hazardous route designations pending hire of a bus driver by RC Smith Transportation.

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

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2019-2020 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 District calendar as presented.

Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

HIGH SCHOOL FINALS AND SAT RELEASE POLICY

Motion: Linke; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approve the High School Finals and SAT release policy as presented.

Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

2018 DISTRICT TAX LEVY

Motion: Neas; Second: Linke

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 2018 District Tax Lev as presented.

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

MAKE-UP SNOW DAY

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the use of March 4, 2019 (Casimir Pulaski Day) as a make-up day for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

ADDITIONAL PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke

1. The motion is that the Board of Education approves two (2) additional days of pre-arranged absences for student # 136403557.
2. The motion is that the Board of Education approves two (2) additional days of pre-arranged absences for student # 258071153.

Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

RELEASE OF USED LIBRARY BOOKS

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the release of used library books as presented.

Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING UNIFORM PURCHASE

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the purchase of thirty five (35) wrestling singlets for Morrison Junior High School for a cost not to exceed \$1,746.

** There was a question as to how old the current uniforms were.

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

CERTIFIED STAFFING

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the hiring of Joplin Patras as a certified Special Education Teacher at Morrison High School beginning on January 1, 2019 at the Master's Degree Year Thirteen (13) step.

** Once we receive transcripts his level may need to be adjusted.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate revenue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended.

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

MHS WINDOW REPLACEMENT BID

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the base bid of \$1,090,000 from Sjostrom and Sons, Inc. to remove and replace the High School windows.

On roll call voting Aye – NONE. Nay – Linke, Neas, Mickley, Schmidt, Shelton and Vegter; Motion failed.

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the first alternate bid of \$1,031,000 from Sjostrom and Sons, Inc. for the installation of “storefront” style windows at the Morrison High School

** The new windows will match what the recently replaced windows are.

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

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the second alternate bid of \$59,000 from Sjostrom and Sons, Inc. for the removal and installation of doors/frames from Morrison High School as presented.

** Discussion of which doors are to be replaced.

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

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the third alternate bid of \$26,900 from Sjostrom and Sons, Inc. for the installation of mini blinds at Morrison High School as presented.

** Blinds will be put on every window.

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

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the fourth alternate bid of \$54,250 from Sjostrom and Sons, Inc. for the installation of snap trim window trim at Morrison High School as presented.

On roll call voting Aye – NONE. Nay – Shelton, Linke, Neas, Mickley, Schmidt and Vegter; Motion failed.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN MEETING

7:32 P.M.

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____