

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
November 26, 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 6:02 P.M. in the Media Center located within Morrison Junior High School in said district on November 26, 2018.

On roll call, the following were present: Gus Linke, Stephanie Neas, Jim Ridley, Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton and Cathleen Vegter. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Recording Secretary- LuAnn Wieneke, 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) and Brian Melton (Chief of Police)

6:03 P.M.

Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

6:33 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: 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: Linke; Second: Ridley

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Linke; Second: Neas; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of November 26, 2018, Activity Accounts as of October 31, 2018 and hiring the following personnel: Stephanie Brown – Paraprofessional NS Elementary, Rachael Kramoski – Substitute Cafeteria Server, Jamie Rodriguez – Jr High School Wrestling and Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach and Joy Sipes – Substitute Cafeteria Server. On roll call voting Aye – Schmidt, Ridley, Shelton, Linke, Neas 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 October 22, 2018 and the Special Board of Education meeting of November 1, 2018.

Motion: Shelton; Second: Ridley; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held October 22, 2018 and to approve the minutes of the special Board of Education meeting of November 1, 2018..

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Forum

None

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Good News from Around the District

Northside Principal, Andy Harridge –

2nd grade letters have raised approximately \$2300 to buy “School in a Box Kits” for Haiti

The Soup Opera put on by preschool was a success

Joe Mills presented Northside with a check for \$3,475.10 on behalf of the Morrison Area Community Foundation.

This was a grant that a parent applied for that Northside will use to purchase various classroom items.

Southside Principal, Cory Bielema –

Third grade students partook in a mini-field trip to Morrison’s Heritage Museum. The students witnessed exhibits of Morrison memorabilia and learned of locally manufactured products.

Fifth grade students entertained with their annual Veterans Day performance. Ms Scholl and the students did a wonderful job saluting our Veterans.

HS Student Council visited Southside classrooms to lead Thanksgiving themed activities. A couple student council members were in each classroom and told what they are thankful for. Then the Southside students shared what they are thankful for and created a “cornucopia of thanks” display for our foyer bulletin board

Junior High Principal – None

High School Principal -- None

Reports

Fiscal—

Mr. Vance presented the Treasurer’s report with numbers through the end of October 2018. And additional reports showing revenue and expenses for the different Funds.

Facility Report –

Bids for replacing the High School windows will be opened the first week in December. Different projects were discussed and categorized as to whether they are items that need to be done, things that the Board wants done and things that would be nice to have. Different traffic patterns were also discussed for options at Northside school to eliminate the congestion and make it safer for students getting off the busses.

Enrollment—

Mr. Vance stated that the enrollment numbers were up four (4) since last month and only down 1 from last year at this time. The principals stated that they had several new students scheduled to start at their buildings in the next few days.

Technology Report –

None

Curriculum—

Cheryl Robinson updated the Board on things that would improve our District.

Crisis Committee –

As part of the annual review it was decided that the different drills would be done early in the year and scheduled on a specific day and all buildings would do the drills at that time.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Resource Officer

After much discussion on the benefits of having a Police office in the school and questions for Chief Brian Melton, the Board decided to come up with a proposal to send back to the City of Morrison for them to consider.

Policy Updates (Second Reading)

Policy Updates are sent from PRESS throughout the year, the Board looks over the policy's and then will modify/accept the changes suggested.

Facility Planning Meeting

Projects that need to be done due to safety issues total \$2,678,000. The District could do an additional bond for \$2M

2018 District Levy

The 2018 Levy was discussed and Mr. Vance stated that the TORT levy amount could be raised so it could be used to cover the cost of the School Resource Officer.

Gaggle

Gaggle has trained staff that work 24/7 to personally review each and every alert they receive through their proprietary monitoring software. They weed out and false positives and only alert the school if necessary, depending on the severity of the incidents. Gaggle monitors Google Drive and/or Gmail accounts. At this time the school uses a program called "Bark" which monitors these items, but the school receives emails for every questionable incident and must check emails to determine whether the incident should be looked into. After the initial set up fee of \$750 the first year, the yearly cost to the District would be \$3525.

2019-2020 Calendar

Mr. Vance informed the Board that the State of Illinois has changed the criteria for school calendars from having to attend 300 minutes/5 hours to having to attend school 176 days. He asked for suggestions on how the Board thought the calendar should be set up. He will also send out a survey to the teachers to get their opinion.

High School Finals and SAT Policy

Mrs. Harwood has come up with some suggestions to implement for HS students when taking Semester exams- Freshman and Sophomores will not be exempt from any exams. Junior and seniors can be exempt from exams if they meet certain criteria. The exemptions would be granted at the teachers discretion. She also recommended letting students at all grade levels be released to go home after the complete the SAT and PSAT testing.

ACTION ITEMS

Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Morrison for Security Camera Access

Motion: Ridley; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the intergovernmental agreement with the Morrison Police Department for access to District security cameras as presented.

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

Risk Management Plan

Motion: Shelton; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Risk Management Plan as presented.

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

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WACC Health Life Safety Amendment

Motion: Neas; Second: Ridley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the WACC Health Life Safety Amendment as presented.
On roll call voting Aye – Linke, Neas, Schmidt, Ridley, Shelton and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried

Fund Transfer

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$232,500 from the Capital Projects fund to the Education fund.

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

Release of Junior High Library Books

Motion: Linke; Second: Neas

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the release of the outdated books from the Morrison Junior High School Library as presented.

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

Review of Closed Session Minutes

Motion: Shelton; Second: Ridley

The motion is that the Board of Education approve the destruction of any audio tapes/recordings more than 24 months old and that the currently closed session minutes through October 2018 remain closed.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN MEETING

7:41 P.M.

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____