

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
October 22, 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 6:04 P.M. in the Media Center located within Morrison Junior High School in said district on October 22, 2018.

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, Jim Ridley, Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton and Cathleen Vegter. Stephanie Neas arrived at 6:34pm. 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), Brian Melton (Chief of Police), Tyler Sutton (band instructor) and Ryan Neumann (Music Booster member).

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.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

6:28 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: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. Changes made included changing Item E under New Business to Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Morrison.

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

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Ridley; Second: Shelton; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of October 22, 2018, Activity Accounts as of September 30, 2018 and hiring the following personnel: Dennis Weston – 5th/6th grade Boys Basketball coach and Dulcinea Eastlick as substitute paraprofessional.

On roll call voting Aye – Schmidt, Ridley, Shelton, 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 September 26, 2018.

Motion: Ridley; Second: Shelton; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held September 26, 2018.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Forum

None

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Good News from Around the District

Northside Principal, Andy Harridge reported that the 2nd grade classes read the book Off to Class about different schools around the world. In the Book, there is a discussion about schools in Haiti and what they had to do in order to have school after the earthquake in 2010. On October 7th, there was another earthquake in Haiti. The students were concerned and wanted to know what they could do to help the children there. It was discovered that you can help by buying a "School-in-a-Box" kit for \$200 which includes supplies and materials for up to 40 students. The 2nd graders then wrote letters to approximately 25 local businesses asking for a donation in order to buy as many of the kits as possible. .

Southside Principal, Cory Bielema reported that the Morrison Lions Club donated the cost covering a new nurse's cot for the school. The received boxes of donated materials from 3M that included sticky notes, tape, wrist bands, mouse pads, two personal laminating machines and much more..

Junior High Principal, Joe Robbins reported that the Jr High will be hosting a parent support group night on October 25th. This is the first of hopefully several nights to get parents engaged in the school and the educational day of their children.

Reports

Fiscal—

Mr. Vance presented the Treasurer's report with numbers through the end of September 2018.

Facility Report –

Ryan's have most of their work done but still have some items they will be coming in to complete over the next few weeks. 4 heaters will be installed but the restroom project needed to get to a certain point before this could be done. The chillers have been shut down and will be drained so they don't freeze up over the winter and the boilers are now running. Some of the lockers have been delivered. Plumbing is finishing up. Doors, RR accessories and locks are being installed and adjusted. We are still waiting on cabinets, more lockers and windows.

Enrollment—

Mr. Vance stated that the enrollment numbers were up two (2) since last month, but down 3 from the start of school last year.

Technology Report –

The Technology Department reported that they have 5 more panels left to install. Many teachers have found some great ways to use their panels with their students. They will begin installing the remaining cameras the week of 10/22, with the expectation of completing the project by 11/2 (weather permitting).

Curriculum—

Cheryl talked about the P-8 and HS Accountability System and had a handout with information. All 4 schools in the District are listed in the commendable category on the State's website (ISBE).

District Improvement— The new activity bus has been ordered and should arrive soon. The pre-bid meeting for the library roof is Tuesday and the bid opening is Wednesday the 31st.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Policy Updates (First 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.

District Risk management Plan

As part of the District's Risk management Plan it allows them to use a TORT levy to pay a certain percentage of Administrative contracts, legal fees and insurance

Contruction Update/Facility Planning Meeting

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Morrison for Security Camera Access

This agreement would give the City of Morrison full access from any mobile device in an emergency situation. Police would have access but should not look at anything unless there's a reason. This is able to be monitored by the IT Department.

ACTION ITEMS

School Resource Officer

Motion: Shelton; Second: Schmidt

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the School Resource Officer agreement with the City of Morrison as presented.

After a lengthy discussion and more questions were being brought up for Chief Melton to clarify with the Morrison City Counsel, there was a motion to table this Action Item until questions were answered.

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Neas

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

Hazardous Route Designation

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the designation of U.S. Route 30 and the Union Pacific Railroad rail line as student crossing hazards for students in grade 6th-- 8th.

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

2018-2019 Administrative Contracts

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the following employment contracts:

Kay Harwood to serve as Principal of Morrison High School for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Cheryl Robinson to serve as District Curriculum Director for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Dean Wallace to serve as Facility Director for the Morrison School District for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Duane Shaffer to serve as Technology Director for the Morrison School District for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Kyla Hanson to serve as Fiscal Director for the Morrison School District for the 2018-2019 school year as presented

Lynelle Criss to serve as Food Service Director for the Morrison School District for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Steve Bechtel to serve as Systems Administrator for the Morrison School District for the 2018-2019 school year as presented

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

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Motion: Schmidt; Second: Mickley

The motion is that the Board of Education Approves the following employment contract with Joe Robbins to serve as principal of Morrison Junior High School for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.
On roll call voting Aye – Neas, Mickley, Schmidt, Shelton and Vegter. Ridley - Abstained. Nay – None; Motion carried

Band Uniform Request

Motion: Shelton; Second: Schmidt

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the purchase of eighty (80) band uniforms for a cost not to exceed \$32,856 with the school paying \$26,284.80 and the Music Boosters paying \$6,571.20.
On roll call voting Aye – Schmidt, Ridley, Shelton, Neas, Mickley and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried

District Office Staff Contracts

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the contracts for the District Office Staff as presented.
On roll call voting Aye – Ridley, Shelton, Neas, Mickley, Schmidt and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried

Prairie Farms Caps Program

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approves Southside Elementary participation in the Prairie Farms Caps school rewards program.
Ayes-- Six; Nays-- None. Motion carried

Certified Staff

Motion: Mickley; Second: Shelton

The motion is that the Board of Education approves the hiring of Stephanie Bergland as a certified vocal music teacher at Morrison Junior High and Morrison High School beginning in January 2019 at the BA Year one (1) step pending successful completion of teacher preparation program and issuance of valid teaching certificate.
On roll call voting Aye – Neas, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Shelton and Vegter. Nay – None; Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN MEETING

7:47 P.M.

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____