

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
February 27, 2017

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 6:30 P.M. in the Office of the Superintendent located within Morrison High School in said district on February 27, 2017.

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, Stephanie Neas, Jim Ridley, Wolfgang Schmidt, and Cathleen Vegter. Gus Linke arrived to the meeting at 6:32pm. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Principals Kay Harwood, Joe Robbins and Jennifer Oetting, recording Secretary LuAnn Wieneke. Members from the Public: Angie VanderVinne and Cheryl Robinson (curriculum director – MCUSD#6).

6:31 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt; To enter into closed session for the purpose of student discipline and matters involving a specific student and the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee).

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:02 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the HS Library.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. There were no additions or subtractions to the Agenda.

Motion: Neas; Second: Ridley; Ayes: Six; Nays: 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 February 27, 2017.

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting of February 27, 2017.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Good News from Around the District

Mrs. Harwood updated the Board on activities that have been happening at the High School. Highlights from the High School include: First Real MVP awards for January and February have been given awarded. They students have been interviewed by the Whiteside County Sentinel. Adam Smith and Sandi Bechtel recently attended the Conscious Classroom Management Seminar. They have both been using several of the ideas they learned in their classroom and have found them to be successful. Men's Basketball Regionals were completed here Friday evening with many positive comments received from the public. Women's basketball made it to the championship game of the regionals but fell short. The Wrestling Team finished its season with seven Sectional qualifiers and two that won Sectionals and advanced to the State tournament. Joe Eads came home with the State Champion medal in the 138# division and Dylan Keller captured 6th Place in the 160# division. Scholastic Bowl won the Masonic Sectional tournament by going 7-0 on the day and Kayla Saville, Isaac Damhoff and Kaleb McCoy were named to the All-Sectional scholastic bowl team.

Mr. Robbins updated the Board on good things that have been happening at the Junior High School. Allison Taylor, 7th grade, participated in the regional Spelling Bee in Dixon. Alyssa Aldridge and Kate Metzler attended a conscious discipline workshop and brought back many ideas from it and shared it with the staff. Post it note

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dispensers were placed on the walls throughout the hallways with a message above them encouraging students to use the post it notes to spread kindness by writing something nice on it and putting it on another student's lockers. Mrs. Oetting stated the on March 2nd the 2nd grade will have their musical performance in the high school auditorium. Southside is having a mannequin challenge and will be making a video to be presented at an assembly prior to the PARCC assessment. On the February 10th Institute Day, KIDS Assessment workshop with Peggy Potthoff and sponsored by the ROE had 55 participants from area schools. There were many positive comments from those attending on our teachers' classrooms and wanting to go back and update their own rooms.

Public Forum

none

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

The financial report as of January 31, 2017 was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2017

The treasurer's report as of January 31, 2017 was not available to review.

Bills as of February 27, 2017

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of February 27, 2017.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

For the second consecutive month the District enrollment has increased. As of today, enrollment is up to 1018 students. Unfortunately, this number is still down 35 students from last year.

INSURANCE RENEWAL

The 2017 insurance renewal quotes/options have been received. HUB international has provided the district with several options. A detailed breakdown of each option is included in the board folder. Listed below is a broad overview of the cost/changes:

Blue Cross Blue Shield	United Health Care
\$1500 deductible	\$1500 deductible
80/20 coverage	90/10 coverage
\$495.79 per month (9.1% increase)	\$389.43 per month*
	*Unconfirmed rate

HVAC UPDATE

The HLS Amendments for the proposed HVAC project have been resubmitted to the State Board of Education. Once the amendments have been approved the District will have a better idea of necessary bond amount to complete the project. We are still anticipating issuing bid packs within the next few weeks.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

Kim Hunter, program aide at Morrison Junior High School is requesting a leave of absence from February 27th through March 10th. The leave will be unpaid and will not cost the district any financial or academic hardship.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Ridley; Second: Schmidt; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of February 27, 2017, Building Activity Reports dated January 31, 2017, Personnel recommendations:

Hires: Non-Certified: **Andy Henson** as MJH Girls Track Coach(February 28, 2017) and Andrew Tenboer as MJH Boys Track Coach (February 28, 2017). Resignations: -Certified: None, Non-Certified: None.

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

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ACTION ITEMS

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE REQUEST

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley; To approve four (4) additional days of excused absences for student #22000035.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE REQUEST

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve four (4) additional days of excused absences for student #202008.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve unpaid leave of absence for Kim Hunter from 2/27/2017 to 3/10/2017.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

2017-2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the 2017-2018 District calendar as presented.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve increasing substitute teacher pay to \$90.00 per day, effective immediately.
On roll call voting Aye: Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Linke, Neas and Vegter; Nays: None; motion carried

SUBSTITUTE AIDE PAY

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve increasing substitute aide pay to \$60.00 per day, effective immediately.
On roll call voting Aye: Ridley, Linke, Neas, Mickley, Schmidt and Vegter; Nays: None; motion carried

DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE CHANGE

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To approve the change to the High School Drivers Education course as presented.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

2017-2018 DISTRICT REGISTRATION FEES

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley; To approve the 2017-2018 registration fees as presented:

- Elementary \$75/\$37.50
- Junior High \$100/\$50
- High School \$115/\$57.50

On roll call voting Aye: Linke, Neas, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley and Vegter; Nays: None; motion carried

TREASURER'S BOND

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve a \$150,000 Treasurer's Bond for the 2017-2018 school year.
On roll call voting Aye: Neas, Mickley, Schmidt, Ridley, Linke and Vegter; Nays: None; motion carried

STUDY HALL RELEASE POLICY

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley; To approve the study hall early release policy as presented.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

CERTIFIED STAFF RETIREMENT REQUEST

Motion: Neas; Second: Linke; That the Board accept the retirement request of Sue Keime, 3rd Grade teacher at Southside Elementary at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

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8:00 P.M.

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Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To enter into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining matters.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

9:07 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the HS Library.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN MEETING

9:08 p.m.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____