

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
April 24, 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 6:32 P.M. in the Office of the Superintendent located within Morrison High School in said district on April 24, 2017.

On roll call, the following were present: Gus Linke, Tricia Mickley, Jim Ridley (arrived at 6:39pm), Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton and Cathleen Vegter. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance recording Secretary LuAnn Wieneke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda.

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Shelton- Ayes: Five; 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 and closed sessions held April 24, 2017 and the finance committee meeting of April 18, 2017.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting and Closed Sessions held April 24, 2017 and the Finance committee of April 18, 2017. Ayes: Five; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF OLD BOARD

6:34 p.m.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Vegter; To adjourn Sine Die of the old Board of Education. Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – CONVENING OF NEW BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Cathleen Vegter was appointed President Pro-Tem for the purpose of reconvening the new Board.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF NEW BOARD

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton, Gus Linke and Cathleen Vegter. Stephanie Neas was absent and Jim Ridley(arrived at 6:39pm during closed session). Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Board Secretary LuAnn Wieneke, High School Principal Kay Harwood, Junior High Principal Joe Robbins, and Elementary Principal Jennifer Oetting. Also present were Duane Shaffer (MCUD #6 – IT), Cheryl Robinson (Curriculum Director- MCUD #6), Jerry Lindsey (press) and from the public Ashley Belha.

BOARD REORGANIZATION- Election of Board Officers

President

Brandon Shelton nominated Cathleen Vegter for President of the Morrison CUSD #6 Board of Education. Tricia Mickley seconded the nomination. No other nominations were voiced for President. Vote: 5/0 in favor of Cathleen Vegter for President.

Vice President

Tricia Mickley nominated Jim Ridley for Vice-President. Brandon Shelton seconded the nomination. No other nominations were voiced for Vice-President. Vote: 5/0 in favor of Jim Ridley for Vice-President.

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Secretary

Brandon Shelton nominated Wolfgang Schmidt for Secretary of the Morrison CUSD #6 Board of Education. No other nominations were voiced for Secretary. Vote: 5/0 in favor of Wolfgang Schmidt for Secretary.

Secretary Pro-Tem

Gus Linke nominated Brandon Shelton for Secretary Pro Tem of the Morrison CUSD #6 Board of Education. No other nominations were voiced for Secretary Pro Tem. Vote: 5/0 in favor of Brandon Shelton Secretary Pro Tem.

6:36 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing student discipline and matters relating to specific students).

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:09 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Good News from Around the District

Mrs. Harwood updated the Board on activities that have been happening at the High School. The High School recently hosted two different assemblies this month. The first was Stand for the Silent - a very serious look at bullying and its effect on others. Students took this assembly very seriously and we heard many positive comments after. The second was a more light hearted presentation on positive attitude from the group Atta Boy! It was a mixture of positive messages and stories with original and cover music. Students really liked it. Some returned for a free concert that evening. The music department's trip to New York City was amazing and Prom will be Saturday at Deere Valley Golf Course.

Mr. Robbins updated the Board on good things that have been happening at the Junior High School. 8th Grade took a field trip to NIU for a STEM day activity. The activities for the day STEMmed around the I Survived book series by Lauren Tarshis. The students were able to listen to the author speak about her books and then participated in some hands on activities they had to problem solve in order to figure out the answers. Some of our 7th and 8th grade students attended the annual Art Field Trip into Chicago. The trip is open to 7th and 8th grade students on a first come, first served basis. The Art field trip has been taking place for over 30 years. MJHS students visit different styles of Art that Chicago has to offer including, museums, architecture, outdoor sculptures, and dining. Miss Aldridge/Sibley organized the trip. Track has begun for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In the first meet alone we had several individuals and relays that already qualified for state with their times and distances. Our 6th Grade students will be taking a trip into Chicago this week. The grade has been learning across the curriculum about the Great Chicago fire. They will be taking a boat trip on the Chicago River that will point out many of the buildings that either survived or were rebuilt because of the fire. They will also be visiting several historical Chicago establishments including Navy Pier and the Museum of Science and Industry. PARCC Testing is finished with the exceptions of a few make ups.

Mrs. Oetting updated the Board on events that have taken place at the Elementary schools. On April 11, 2017 Southside had a Title I Literacy Night which was a camping theme. Mr. Vance came a read to students. Karen Mayberry, Laura Duncan and I attended a workshop on Standards Based Assessments and Grading. It was informative and engaging.

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Public Forum

none

Committee Reports

Finance Facility Committee report – The new signs for in front of the High School and Junior High should be here within a couple weeks. Lead testing will be required by law beginning December 2017.

Curriculum Report from Cheryl Robinson – Updated the board on some of the end of year things that she has been working with the teachers on. They have been using assessments for student growth.

Duane Shaffer spoke on multiple different topics. 1) Professional Development workshop on building drones, 2) IT has been testing 2 new access points and have had no Wi-Fi issues in the last month, 3) Mendota had IT equipment they were giving away, we were able to acquire 4 servers valued at \$20,000 if purchased new, 4) Phone system – IVC wants our business, the startup cost would be \$3500, 5) ERATE has been filed for this year, we received \$40,584 for 2015 and \$24,255 for 2016, 6) the school had a Botnet Attack to the system and server “Adam” is being taken out of service and replaced with one of the 4 servers listed in item 3 above.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

The financial report as of April 24, 2017 was reviewed.

Bills as of April 24, 2017

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of April 24, 2017.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

District enrollment has increased for this month. As of today, enrollment is up to 1023 students. Unfortunately this number is again down 30 students from last year.

ROOF ANALYSIS

The District recently had a roof analysis completed to gauge the status of the district roofs. This analysis discovered some minor issues with the roofs of Morrison High School and Northside Elementary. The Southside roof requires a more in depth thermal imaging scan to determine the cause of leakage there. The total cost of the imaging and patchwork is \$7315.00.

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The District has received several bids for the proposed network infrastructure upgrade proposed by the District Technology Department. The project includes upgrades to:

- Wireless access points
- Internet switches
- Battery back ups

A full list of the project components is located in your board folder. The Board must also determine the method in which the district wishes to pay for the project.

TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT PLAN

The District is looking at possible ways to replace some aging technology throughout the District. Listed below is a brief list of the technology that is scheduled for replacement:

- Student Chromebooks
- Teachers laptops (SS, JH, and HS)
- Office staff desktop computer
- Teacher Projectors
- Classroom Smartboard

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The District administration is looking at various options to fund the replacement. A complete list of devices as well as projected costs is located in the board folder.

HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHT ROOM UPGRADES

High School Athletic Director Gregg Dolan is investigating the possibility of replacing some of the aging equipment in the High School weight room. A copy of the proposed alignment as well as cost is included in the board folder. Mr. Dolan has reached out the Morrison Booster Club to gauge their interest in helping financing the project.

BOARD POLICIES SECOND READING

The latest version of PRESS Plus has been released. Listed below are the biggest changes to current board policies. A list of all changes and updates is included in your board folder.

- 2:125 Board Member Compensation Expenses-renamed and rewritten.
- 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender - renamed and updated.
- 5:60 Expenses -rewritten in response to updated policy 2:125.
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy - Updated to clarify current compulsory school attendance.
- 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools - New policy based on policy 7:310
Restrictions on Publications

BOND REPAYMENT PLAN

With the imminent sale of Health Life Safety and Working Cash Bonds to finance the upcoming HVAC project the board needs to discuss how it would like to organize its repayment of these bonds. A potential repayment schedule is located in the board folder. Highlights of this plan include:

- 13 year payback schedule
- Continued abatement of existing bonds, but no abatement of future bonds.
- Consistent tax rate of approximately \$.85

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Several factors are making it necessary for the Board of Education to discuss the long term viability of the High School golf program. Those factors include:

- Home course availability
- Low participation numbers
- Coaching turnover

The District has reached out to a neighboring district to explore the possibility of a cooperative agreement, at this time that District is not interested in this type of agreement.

HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED CHOIR

The High School musical department has requested that the Board of Education consider changing the Advanced Choir course from a semester to a full year.

By making the change, Advanced Choir would replace the Madrigal course currently offered the first semester of each year. The High School music department feels that this change could increase participation which is currently lagging.

The advanced choir would continue to put on a performance similar to the Madrigal dinner and tea.

NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY HVAC

The Northside Elementary HVAC project was included as an alternate bid as part of the overall District HVAC building project. The proposed work was bid at \$418,000. The Board has 60 days to accept that bid or will be required to rebid the project again should the board opt to completed the proposed work.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Shelton; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of April 24, 2017, Building Activity Reports dated March 31, 2017, Personnel recommendations: Hires: Certified: **Dana Francis** as High School English Teacher, **Kerry Grimm** as High School Science Teacher and **Buddy Haas** at Agricultural Education Teacher. Non-Certified: None. Transfers: Certified: **Tiffany Kao** to Alternative Classroom at HS, **Rory Coghlan** to Special Education at HS and **Julia Deter** Physical Education Teacher at HS. Resignations: -Non-Certified: Brandy Stephenson from 2nd shift Custodian at Southside elementary).

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

ACTION ITEMS

DISTRICT INTERNET RENEWAL

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve the quoted internet renewal from NIU Net for the cost of \$18,600 per year. On roll call voting Aye – Ridley, Shelton, Linke, Mickley, Schmidt and Vegter. Nay – None; motion carried.

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To approve the proposed network infrastructure upgrade project as presented for a cost of \$36,000 (post discount).

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

APPROVAL OF PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve the following full time teachers to completion of 1st year probationary status at the end of the 2016-2017 school year:

Michael Budka (HS)
Maria Brown (HS, JH)
Julia Churchill (HS)
Katherine Metzler (JH)
Janelle Miller (SS)
Ryan Oetting (HS)
Anna Robertson (NS)
Dennis Weston (JH)

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion: Mickley; Second: Ridley; To approve the following full time teachers to completion of 2nd year probationary status at the end of the 2016-2017 school year:

Kelli Eastman (NS, SS)
Sarah Lawson (JH)
Katelyn Rodriguez (NS, SS)
Samantha Scholl (NS, SS)
Josh Youngs (HS, JH)

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion: Shelton; Second: Ridley; To approve the following full time teachers to completion of 3rd year probationary status at the end of the 2016-2017 school year:

Korby Paul (SS)
Andrea Wolever (NS)

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion: Linke; Second: Shelton; To approve the following full time teachers to completion of 4th year probationary status at the end of the 2016-2017 school year:

Dana Bennett (NS)
Carla Cruse (SS)
Carissa Swanson (NS)
Allyson Wetzell (JH)

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

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Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the following full time teachers to tenure status beginning with the 2017-2018 school year:

Dana Bennett (NS)
Carla Cruse (SS)
Carissa Swanson (NS)
Allyson Wetzell (JH)

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

WACC HEALTH LIFE SAFETY AMENDMENT

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Vegter; To approve the Whiteside Area Career Center Health Life Safety Amendment as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF HVAC BID

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Shelton; To approve Ryan and Associate's from Davenport, Iowa base bid of \$3,979,000 for HVAC repair work at Morrison High School and Southside Elementary.

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

8:42 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley; To enter into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining matters and employment, compensation, discipline of a specific employee.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

10:01 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Shelton; Second: Schmidt; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN MEETING

10:03 p.m.

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

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____