

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
May 22, 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 6:09 P.M. in the Office of the Superintendent located within Morrison High School in said district on May 22, 2017.

On roll call, the following were present: Gus Linke, Tricia Mickley, Stephanie Neas (arrived at 6:20pm), Jim Ridley, Wolfgang Schmidt, Brandon Shelton and Cathleen Vegter. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance recording Secretary LuAnn Wieneke, Principals – Kay Harwood (HS), Joe Robbins (JH) and Jennifer Oetting (Elem). Staff – Cheryl Robinson (curriculum director) and Duane Shaffer (IT Director), Jamie Harmon (new art teacher), Jan Scott (teacher). Public – Anne Noble (Stifel Nicholas) and Joseph Hughes and Zack Hughes (IPC).

6:10 P.M.

Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:12 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda.

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley- Ayes: Seven; 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 May 16, 2017.

Motion: Ridley; Second: Vegter; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting and Closed Sessions held April 24, 2017 and the Finance committee of May 16, 2017. Ayes: Seven; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Noble of Stifel Nicholas updated and gave information and options to the board in regards to the Bond that is being taken out. **Joseph Hughes and Zack Hughes of IPC** gave the board information on pricing for updating and cost savings for our current telephone system/bill.

Good News from Around the District

Mrs. Harwood updated the Board on activities that have been happening at the High School. The High School schedules for the 2017-18 school year are complete and have been made available to the students. The High School handbook has been updated. Honors night was held this month and this year's Senior class has been offered over \$1.3 million in scholarships. Morrison's softball team has won Regionals and will continue post season play and four boys (Kobe Brackemeyer, Keegan Anderson, Evan Wiebenga and Nathan Mickley) from our track team have qualified for State. Graduation will be held on May 28th and will probably be held in the gym with the rain that has been forecast.

Mr. Robbins updated the Board on good things that have been happening at the Junior High School. The 7th grade Boys track team are the State Champions. All of our athletes performed well at the meet. We came home with 22 medals! Awards assemblies were held this week for all three grade levels. 8th grade Promotion is tomorrow night at 7:30 in the MHS auditorium. End of the year assessments are complete. 7th grade students took a field trip to Maquoketa Caves, this aligns more with their Science curriculum.

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Mrs. Oetting updated the Board on events that have taken place at the Elementary schools. Two students took 1st and 2nd in the Healthy Soils Conservation poster contest for the Whiteside County SWCD. Theron Decker took 1st place and Brenna Kretschman placed 2nd. Northside School nominated Mindy Remmers and Bonnie and John Bauscher for the "Because Nice Matters" award because they assisted with students and provided them with blankets when the fire alarm went off. The 4th quarter S.P.A.C.E. party was held on Friday, May 19th. Students were treated with ice cream treats and a dance. 2nd grade poetry programs were quite successful. 5th grade visited the junior high school on May 5th. They ate lunch, toured the building and had a question/answer session with Mr. Robbins.

Public Forum

Jamie Harmon was introduced to the board as the new JH art teacher.

Committee Reports

Finance Facility Committee report – The high light of the meeting was discussion about the HVAC project.

Curriculum Report from Cheryl Robinson – In an effort to have uniform academic data for all grade levels, we have engaged in pilots of the STAR Reading and Math Assessments at MJHS and MHS. The elementary staff has participated in a pilot of STAR Math. Renaissance Learning provided 60 free licenses for each school. Based on teacher input and the need for an assessment that can serve as a screener, progress monitor, and connect grade levels, it is my recommendation that we continue to purchase STAR for the elementary levels and purchase for grades 9 – 11 at MHS. Staff at Morrison High School has been reviewing curriculum to use with the new alternative school program that will begin in the Fall. Moving forward, we would like to use the same curriculum resource for summer school and intervention purposes at both MHS and MJHS. This would allow us to progress monitor across grade-levels and programs. On May 10, staff members participated in an overview of the program and will continue to review APEX on May 24th Teacher Institute. Mrs. Kao also visited Nachusa, where APEX is used to see the program in action with students. We have an opportunity to use APEX this summer at MHS for our summer school curriculum for 25 students free through the use of available licenses from the ROE Alternative School. APEX offers full courses, with unlimited access for each license, as well as tutorials to help close the achievement gap for struggling learners. The courses would be used for credit recovery, summer school, and alternative school. The tutorials could be used for RTI interventions, special education students, and students who need support in targeted areas.

Duane Shaffer spoke on multiple different topics. 1) We began collecting chrome books from Seniors on Friday, May 19th, for those who didn't have to take finals this week, and the rest were collected by homeroom teachers on Monday the 22nd (today). This is the it has been done the last 2 years and it seemed to work well then, so we stuck with it. 2) We had enough chrome books leftover from the December purchase that I polled the staff to ask who still had the older, gray chrome books so that we could begin exchanging them in anticipation that we will soon be phasing them out. Most of the staff already had newer chrome books, but there were quite a few still with the older models., 3) I received a demo model of a flip chrome book and gave it to the Northside teachers for the last week and half to see what they thought of it as a replacement for iPads. It was very well received, with only a few minor concerns that have already been addressed. One of which was storage. We will be able to convert the current carts to house these chrome books with just a few power strips and a little drilling. If we decide to move forward this summer with replacing them, I would like to go ahead and at least purchase enough for each Northside teacher as soon as possible so they can have the majority of the summer to get used to them and discover what apps exist on the Android market and Chrome that may be beneficial for their students, 4) We now have a fully functioning Primary and Secondary Domain controller (so we have the redundancy we need in case things go bad again), 5) We are still working on transferring everything to the new servers. Next up is the keyless entry system, the network and Google cloud printing management, and other file storage systems still in use.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

The financial report as of May 22, 2017 was reviewed.

Bills as of May 22, 2017

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of May 22, 2017.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

District enrollment has remained the same. As of today, enrollment is up to 1023 students. Unfortunately this number is again down 28 students from last year.

AMENDED FY'17 BUDGET

The FY'17 Budget needs to be amended to give a more accurate picture of District's expenditures and revenues. In order to meet legal requirements the amended budget must be on display for 30 days before adoption. Additionally the board will need to reschedule the June board meeting until after June 21st to meet this requirement. The next meeting will be held on June 22nd with a closed session at 6pm and regular meeting at 6:30pm.

HVAC UPDATE

The District HVAC project is scheduled to begin with asbestos abatement on July 5 with demolition of the current high school boilers possibly beginning in June. At this time we are awaiting a construction schedule from Ryan and Associates. Once that is received the District will have a better idea of the timeline and scope of removing and relocating classrooms and office space.

ADDITIONAL BOND PROJECTS

With a potential surplus of bond funds the District is in a position to undertake other major projects. A tentative list of possible projects has been compiled and is located in your board folder. Possibilities include both facility and equipment upgrades.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

As a reminder the board Self Evaluation is scheduled for Monday June 5th. The time of the meeting has yet to be determined. It was decided to start this meeting at 6pm.

SUMMER CUSTODIAL HELP

Due to vacation day usage and retirements our custodial staff in the summer is often short staffed. In the past the District has hired part time workers for all buildings as well as a floating district employee. Workers would begin in June and work Monday through Friday until the first week of August.

SOUTHSIDE GARDENING CLUB

Southside Elementary teacher Chelsea Stuart has planted a garden outside of Southside with her 3rd grade class. In order to ensure the maintenance of the garden throughout the summer Mrs. Stuart would like to form a gardening club. The club would meet throughout the summer to maintain and tend to the garden.

HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The High School handbook has been updated for the 2017-2018 school year. Major changes to the Handbook include:

- Section on families in crisis
- English III policy/agreement
- Updated grading scale
- Determining class standing
- Driver's Education requirements

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- Credit Recovery costs
- WACC contract
- Updated bullying procedures
- FFA information
- National Honor Society guidelines
- Establishes October 15 to comply with health requirements

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Shelton; Second: Neas; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of May 22, 2017, Building Activity Reports dated April 30, 2017, Personnel recommendations: Hires: Certified: **Jason Long** as Northside Physical Education Teacher, **Ceara Stanton** as 5th Grade Teacher and **Jamie Harmon** as Jr High Art Teacher. Non-Certified: Summer workers: **Chelsea Eads, Wayne Hook**. Volunteer Coach: **Erin Beswick** as Volunteer Pons coach. Transfers: None. Resignations: -Certified: **Adam Smith** from HS Math Teacher. Non-Certified: **Michaela McNeece** from 2nd shift Custodian at Jr High).

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

ACTION ITEMS

REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the District as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF BOND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley; To approve the continuing disclosure and procedures as presented.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To approve the updated board policies as presented.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

SOUTHSIDE GARDENING CLUB

Motion: Shelton; Second: Linke; To approve the creation of the Southside Gardening Club. Southside Elementary teacher Chelsea Stuart has planted a garden outside of Southside with her 3rd grade class. In order to ensure the maintenance of the garden throughout the summer Mrs. Stuart would like to form a gardening club. The club would meet throughout the summer for approximately an hour per week to maintain and tend to the garden.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

STARR ASSESSMENT PURCHASE

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the purchase of STAR assessment suite from Renaissance Learning for Northside Elementary, Southside Elementary, and Morrison High School for the cost of \$17, 750.00..

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

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Motion: Linke; Second: Neas; To approve closing the Class of 2017 Account, create the Morrison High School FFA account, and create the Morrison Agricultural Account.

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

APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL BID

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley; To approve Abel Plus Services from Gilbert, Illinois base bid of \$504,000 for asbestos removal at Morrison High School.

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

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RENEWAL OF HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To approve the following high school coaches/advisors for re-hire for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Football
 - Head Varsity Coach-Cory Bielema
 - Assistant Varsity Coach-Gregg Dolan
 - Head F/S Coach-Duane Shaffer
 - Head Freshmen Coach-TBD
 - Assistant F/S Coach-Ryan Oetting
- Volleyball
 - Head Varsity-Julia Deter
 - F/S Coach-TBD
- Girls Swimming
 - Head Coach-Chelsea Brewer
- Golf
 - Head Coach-TBD
- Wrestling
 - Head Coach-Tony Wright
 - Assistant Coach-Matt McDonnell
- Girls Basketball
 - Head Coach-TBD
 - F/S Coach-TBD
- Boys Basketball
 - Head Coach-Dave Peugh
 - F/S Coach-TBD
- Boys Swimming
 - Head Coach-Craig Sipes
- Baseball
 - Head Coach-Michael Budka
 - F/S Coach-Dan Kuehl
- Softball
 - Head Coach-TBD
 - F/S Coach-Adam Smith
- Track
 - Head Girls Coach-Julia Deter
 - Head Boys Coach-TBD
 - Assistant Track-Sammy Biggs
- Scholastic Bowl
 - Head Coach-Adam Smith
- Cheerleading
 - Head Coach-Katie Rodriguez
- Pons
 - Head Coach-Jill Beswick

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

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN MEETING

8:48 p.m.

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

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____