

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
June 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 5:30 P.M. in the Office of the Superintendent located within Morrison High School in said district on June 22, 2017.

On roll call, the following were present: Gus Linke (arrived 5:33pm), Tricia Mickley, Stephanie Neas, 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 – Duane Shaffer (IT Director). Press – Jerry Lindsey (Whiteside News Sentinel) and Cody Cutter (Sauk Valley Media).

5:32 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Neas; Second: Shelton; To enter into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining and discussing matters relating to student discipline).

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:10 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session in the Office of the Superintendent.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:12 P.M.

Declare the Public Hearing Open

Public Hearing on 2016-2017 Amended Budget

No comments from the board or public

Motion to Adjourn Hearing: Linke; Second: Shelton

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: Neas; Second: Schmidt

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Neas; Second: Schmidt; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of June 22, 2017, Building Activity Reports dated May 31, 2017 and Personnel recommendations: **Hires: Certified: Brian Bartoz** as Drivers Education Instructor and Scholastic Bowl Coach, **Kerry Grim** as Head HS Girls Basketball Coach, **Korby Paul** as Head HS Girls Softball Coach, **Thomas Drosopoulos** as HS Math Teacher, **Amanda Friel** as JH English Teacher, **Ashley Haskell** as SS 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, **Jennifer Stevenson** as District Library Media Specialist, **Justin Stevenson** as HS Business Teacher, **Kerry Tenboer** as HS F/S Volleyball Coach and **Nathan Vandermyde** as HS Math Teacher and HS Football Coach. **Non-Certified: Summer workers: Aaron Deter and Steven Kramoski.** **Transfers**: None. **Resignations: -Certified: Marjorie Blunt** from HS English Teacher and **Rory Coghlan** as Boys HS Track Coach. **Non-Certified: Dave Peugh** as HS Boys Basketball Coach.

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

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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 May 22, 2017.

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting and Closed Sessions held May 22. Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Good News from Around the District

Public Forum

Reports

Enrollment Report – Mr. Vance reported that we ended the school year with two less students than what we started the year with. We were down 1 student in the final month of the school year.

Technology Report – Tech Office Relocation - We have temporarily moved our office to the Junior High for the remainder of the summer. We are in Mrs. Tenboer's old lab.

1. Chromebook Collection - The collection of chromebooks went very well this year at the high school and in the end we ended up with only 2 missing.
2. Final Transfer - We are in the process of transferring the final systems over to the new server. Once complete, all old servers will be shut down and recycled.
3. E-Rate Update - No news to report at this time. They have already started sending out funding commitment decision letters to applicants for FY17. Ours applications are still listed as "In Review" at this time.
4. Increased Bandwidth - Our work order has been placed and it will take effect July 1.
5. Access Systems - I met with two representatives from Access Systems. They are an IT service company based in the Quad Cities that works with businesses and schools to offer a wide range of solutions including Copier and Printer services. I provided them with some information on our current usage as well as what I felt would be our future needs and goals. They are very interested in working with us to come up with a solution that would fit our district. I would like to invite them to the next board meeting to present to the board some information and see if they might be a good fit for our Copier and Print services.
6. Phone Takeover - If it's something the Board wishes to pursue further and eventually approve, the first thing IPC would need to do is take a look at all of our lines we are currently using and need, then give us a final price. They would work with us to figure out what is needed and what is not. Once we confirm any or all changes, they will need an agency letter and will work with Frontier to make all the changes. This could take two to three months to complete.
7. Technology Replacement Plan: Chromebooks and Computers - Pricing is being updated as I get more solidified totals the numbers presented in the spreadsheet should be very close to what is needed to replace and/or add devices to the district for students and staff. Any major changes would be addressed with Mr. Vance prior to purchasing, should the decision be made to move forward.
8. Viewsonic Interactive Touch Panels - On the last day of inservice, a representative from Viewsonic was able to bring in a demo unit for teachers to see and play around with. He was able to demonstrate the software as well as discuss many of the panel's applications with several teachers. There were even a few students (thank you Mr. Vance) that were able to play with the board. It was very well received by all that spoke with me and I can easily see it as an educationally valuable device to have in the district. Initial projections put us at \$209,000 to get one for every teacher, however after speaking with several of them and how they would like to use it in their rooms we were able to reconfigure the plan and bring the price

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down to just over \$184,000. I'm still waiting to hear from some teachers on what their preference would be if we got them, but the figure is based on my best guess at this time.

9. E-Waste - We have been trying to help clear space in the district by logging and collecting all the broken technology. We have a list of a number of items we would like to have removed by an e-waste recycler to get those things out of everyone's way! [E-Waste List](#)

Curriculum Report –

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**APEX ONLINE CURRICULUM**

We have had 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was discussed with the Board what type of information and how much detail they wanted presented as a part of the Monthly Financial Reports

**ACTION ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION TO ISSUE WORKING CASH AND HEALTH LIFE SAFETY BONDS**

Motion: Shelton; Second: Schmidt; To approve the "Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$8,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017A, and not to exceed \$500,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017B, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, in connection with the sale of said bonds."

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

**2016-2017 AMENDED BUDGET**

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley; To approve the 2016-2017 amended budget as presented.

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

**RC SMITH CONTRACT**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve the 2017-2018 RC Smith contract as presented.

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

**DISTRICT ACCOUNT VERIFICATION**

Motion: Shelton; Second: Vegter; To approve the designated depositories as presented.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

**2017-2018 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To approve the 2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

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**DISTRICT PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt; To approve the District Property Insurance Renewal for an annual cost up to \$62,282.

After a lengthy discussion on deductible amounts, different options that should be added to the plan and items that could possibly be removed a motion was made to amend the prior motion.

Motion: Shelton; Second: Linke; To approve the District Property Insurance Renewal for an annual cost of up to \$67,000.

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

**DISCIPLINARY RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT #974019130**

Motion: Neas; Second: Schmidt; To approve the Disciplinary resolution for student #974019130 as presented.

On roll call voting Aye: Neas, Schmidt and Vegter; Nays: Mickley; Abstained: Shelton and Linke Motion carried

**ELECTRONIC WASTE RELEASE**

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To approve the release of the proposed electronic devices for recycling.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNT FUND TRANSFER**

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To approve the transfer of the following amounts from the High School Interest Activity Account to the designated accounts.

- 1) \$300 to AP Testing account
- 2) \$4000 to School/Student Assistance account
- 3) \$1000 to Faculty Fund account
- 4) \$1500 to School Gift account

On roll call voting Aye: Neas, Mickley, Schmidt, Shelton, Linke and Vegter Nays: None. Motion carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board will meet for a Workshop to begin the process of evaluating the Superintendent on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm..

**ADJOURN MEETING**

7:51 p.m.

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) \_\_\_\_\_

(Secretary) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_