

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
August 22, 2016

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 6:40 P.M. in the Superintendent's Office located within Morrison High School in said district on August 22, 2016.

On roll call, the following were present: Wolfgang Schmidt, James Ridley, Gus Linke, and Cathleen Vegter. Members Tricia Mickley, Brandon Shelton and Stephanie Neas were absent. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Principals Kay Harwood and Jennifer Oetting and one media representative.

6:41 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Ayes: Four; Nays: None. Motion carried

6:57 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Four; Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Cathleen Vegter called for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held July 25, 2016.

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting July 25, 2016.

Ayes: Four; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Good News from Around the District

Public Forum

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

The financial report as of July 31, 2016 was not available to review.

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2016

The treasurer's report as of July 31, 2016 was not available to review.

The FY14, FY15, FY16 Financial Comparisons

The FY14, FY15, FY16 Financial Comparisons as of July 31, 2016 was not available to review.

Cash Flow Projections

The Cash Flow Projections were not available to review.

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Bills as of August 22, 2016

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of August 22, 2016.

Enrollment Projections

After the first week of student attendance the current enrollment numbers are down.

FY'17 District Budget

The 2016-2017 Budget is an estimation of the revenue received by the district and the expenses dispersed by the district. At this time we are projecting receiving more General State Aid than we did last year. Overall District revenue is projected to be lower than FY'16.

FY'17 District Audit

The FY'16 District Audit has been completed. Although the full report is not yet available the district did do very well. A more detailed explanation will be forthcoming at the October Board Meeting but a major highlight was the district received a 4.0 credit rating which is the highest possible rating.

High School HVAC Project

Members of the Board Finance/Facility Committee met with Anne Noble of Stifel Nicolaus to discuss bonding options for the HVAC project. The recommendation of Ms. Noble was to issue Health Life Safety bonds for the applicable portions of the HVAC project and Working Cash Bonds for the non-Health Life Safety portions. Some considerations for the board to consider include: amount of Sales Tax dollars to commit to the project, impact of potential tax cap legislation, and duration of the outstanding bonds.

MIT Course and Fee Approval

Last Spring the Board approved the addition of Principles of Engineering as an dual credit course for MHS students. We have now been advised that the fee for this course will be \$500. Per earlier discussions students currently taking a Dual Credit course through Sauk Valley Community College are required to pay half of the tuition cost, approximately \$166 per course.

Additionally MIT is offering a second semester course entitled 3D Modeling. A brief description is listed below:

DT- 222 3D Modeling

Course Description: This course covers 3D elements of the Autodesk software including the use of parametric solid modeling and surfacing, assembly modeling, creating 3D digital prototypes, and 2D orthographic development from 3D drawings.

Term: Spring Term

Class Size Limited

Class Offer to: High School Seniors

The first semester course is a very broad study of the fundamentals of Engineering, Science, and Technology. Using hands on projects to demonstrate these fundamentals.

The second semester course is geared towards the manufacturing / mechanical fields. In the future the College would like to offer an additional course in the second semester for student's interest in furthering their knowledge of the construction and civil fields. In addition, the college would open these courses with additional courses so students could begin this journey in their junior year completely four college courses in total. Course Syllabus are being completed currently for these courses and will be provide when completed.

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Fee Reduction Options

Concern over the high cost of extracurricular fees in MCUD #6 continues to grow. In looking at other District's fees, MCUD activity fees continue to be much greater than other area schools. In discussing this situation with Mr. Dolan and community members it may be prudent to look at possible ways to reduced fees while maintaining vital revenue.

Administrative Raises

Past practice has been that district administrators receive approximately the same salary increase given to certified staff. Certified staff will see their annual increase effective with their first pay period in September. The average salary increase for certified staff will be 3.23% for the 2016-2017 school year.

MHS Concession Stand

With the resignation of our concession stand manager there is a void for organization and leadership for the high school concession stands. There has been discussion with the Morrison Athletic Booster club about that organization taking over the management of the high school concessions stands. At this time the Boosters will be managing and operating the concession stand for the 2016 football season. A formal agreement will need to be reached concerning this situation.

Southside Grading Scale

Southside Elementary is requesting that the Board of Education adopt a new grading scale. The proposed grading scale is located in the board folder. The proposed grading scale would match the current high school grading scale.

Long Term Sub Pay

Currently the District long term sub pay is \$90/day. In looking at this, when long term subs are needed they are often required to perform most of the same tasks that regular teachers are required to do. Currently \$90 is far less than regular teachers earn per day. It may be prudent to increase the amount of per day pay for long term subs in the event that they may be needed in the future. Listed below is the recommendation to the board.

- \$90 per day for 10-15 consecutive days of employment.
- \$145 per day after the 15th consecutive day of employment (sub license only)
- \$155 per day after the 15th consecutive day of employment (certified teacher BA)
- \$185 per day after the 15th consecutive day of employment (certified teacher MA)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Linke; Second: Schmidt; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of August 22, 2016, Building Activity Reports dated June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016, Personnel recommendations: Resignations Non-Certified: **Sarah Knox** as Northside Aide; Employment Certified: **Susan Jakobs** as High School Long Term Substitute Teacher, **Johnny Eissens** as High School Long Term Substitute Teacher. On roll call voting Aye – Schmidt, Ridley, Linke and Vegter; Nay – None; motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

High School Graduation Date

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve Sunday May 28, 2017 as the Morrison High School graduation date. On roll call voting Aye: Ridley, Schmidt, Linke and Vegter; Nays: none; motion carried.

Preferred Vendor Agreement

Motion: Ridley; Second: Schmidt; To approve the renewal of the vendor service agreement with Temple's/Adcraft. On roll call voting Aye: Linke, Schmidt, Ridley, and Vegter; Nay: None; motion carried.

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Retirement Request

Motion: Linke; Second: Ridley; To approve the retirement request of employee #2839 at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year.

On roll call voting Aye: Linke, Schmidt, Ridley, and Vegter; Nays: none; motion carried.

Long Term Sub Pay Rate

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve the long term sub pay rate increase as presented.

On roll call voting Aye: Schmidt, Ridley, Linke and Vegter; Nays: none; motion carried.

Morrison Institute of Technology Course Addition

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To approve addition of 3D Modeling to the approved high school curriculum.

On roll call voting Aye: Schmidt, Ridley, Linke and Vegter; Nays: none; motion carried.

Morrison Institute of Technology Course Fee

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To approve paying \$340 per student towards the \$500 course fee for Principles of Engineering course.

On roll call voting Aye: Ridley, Linke, Schmidt and Vegter; Nays: none; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN MEETING

7:50 p.m.

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

Ayes: Four; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____