

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
September 26, 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 6:30 P.M. in the Superintendent's Office located within Morrison High School in said district on September 26, 2016.

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, James Ridley, Gus Linke, Stephanie Neas and Cathleen Vegter. Wolfgang Schmidt arrived at 6:35 and Brandon Shelton was absent. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Board Secretary LuAnn Wieneke, Principals Kay Harwood, Joe Robbins and Jennifer Oetting. Members from the Public: Dave Bean, Eric Phend, Allen Bush, Carol Janvrin, Allie Renkes, Kelsey Hohlen, Carolyn Aiken, Laura Duncan, Susie Ottens and one media representative.

6:31 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To enter into closed session to discuss matters of student discipline.

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:10 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; To adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016-2017 DISTRICT BUDGET

President Cathleen Vegter declared the hearing open. Board members reviewed the budget and with no Public comments being offered the hearing was declared closed at 7:15pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. Added to the Agenda: Action Item – Release of Equipment at Jr High.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; 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 August 22, 2016. Joe Robbins was listed as being present, but was not. Correction will be made.

Motion: Linke; Second: Ridley; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting August 22, 2016.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Good News from Around the District

Principal Robbins explained a new program he has implemented at the Jr. High called Principal's Pick. Students who are positive role models are rewarded for their actions in hopes that the other students will see the rewards those students are receiving and will work to improve their actions to also receive the rewards. Principal Kay Harwood stated that there were many fun things initiated by the homecoming committee, including having board games for students to play along with the dance.

Public Forum

A citizen addressed the board, and requested that they re-evaluate the current policy of penalizing athletes excessively, and stated that keeping students involved in sports is important.

Eric Phend, Morrison Music Theatre Association (MMTA) President presented a proposal for Auditorium Usage Fees for theatre productions. With the current costs it is very difficult to make any profit. The Board was asked to review the proposal.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

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

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2016

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

The FY14, FY15, FY16 Financial Comparisons

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

Cash Flow Projections

The Cash Flow Projections were not available to review.

Bills as of September 26, 2016

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of September 26, 2016.

Enrollment Projections

The District enrollment through September 20th is 1048. This is 18 students less than the September 2015 enrollment (2% decline). 1048 students is three (3) students less than the district enrollment at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Fee Reduction Options

The idea of fee reductions was discussed last month. At that time the board discussed looking at what other district charge for registration. That information is located in your board folder. Mr. Vance will be sending out a survey and bringing the information back to the Board.

High School Concession Stand Agreement

A rough draft of an agreement between the district and the Morrison Athletic Boosters for the managing of the high school concession stands has been created. The document is located in your board folder. If the agreement is acceptable a formal agreement will be drafted and signed at a later date.

IASB Fall Northwest Dinner

The annual IASB Northwest Dinner will be October 6 in Oregon. The speaker will be Ralph Martire who will be discussing the future of Illinois and State Funding. Mr. Martire is very well known and parts of his school funding formula are being pushed in Springfield as part of the Vision 20/20 movement. Anyone interested in attending should let either myself or Tori Eads know.

District Bookkeeper/Payroll Position

With the reason resignation in the district office it is now necessary to reorganize the district fiscal department. Included in the board folder is a rough draft of a district bookkeeper/payroll position for the board to review.

Specialized Data Systems

The district's financial software is becoming old and outdated. In addition the software is not web based and is therefore only accessible through the district server which can be troublesome. Specialized Data Systems provides a web based system that incorporates a payroll system and budget planning system in one.

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Classroom Projectors

Several classroom projectors in the district are out of date. The technology department is suggesting a three year rotation to update all the projectors in the district. Lease money can be used to fund the project.

Board Policy Updates

The following policies have been updated or are recommended for addition to the current policy manual by the IASB PRESS services. The full list of policies updates is available in the board folder.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of September 26, 2016, Building Activity Reports dated August 31, 2016, Personnel recommendations:

Hires: Non-Certified: **Bev Betts, Breeanne Findley, Mindy Norman and Rebekah Winkelman** as High School Cafeteria workers.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Health Life Safety Amendments

Motion: Ridley; Second: Neas; To approve the Health Life Safety Amendments for the High School HVAC project as presented.

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

Application for Recognition of Schools

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the 2016-2017 Morrison School District Application for Recognition of Schools.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Northside/Southside Grading Scale

Motion: Ridley; Second: Neas; To approve the adjusted Northside and Southside grading scale as presented.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

Non-Certified Staffing Increases

Motion: Mickley; Second: Vegter; To approve the staffing increases as presented.

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

Administrative Salary Increase

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt; To approve the following salary increases for the district administrators for the 2016-2017 school year. Increases will be retroactive to July 1, 2016.

- Dean Wallace-Director of Facilities...3%
- Lynelle Criss-Food Service Director...3%
- Steve Bechtel-Systems Administrator...3%
- Jennifer Oetting-Elementary Principal...3%
- Joe Robbins-Junior High Principal...3%
- Kay Harwood-High School Principal...3%
- Scott Vance-District Superintendent...3%

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

2016-2017 District Budget

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke; To approve the 2016-2017 Morrison School District Budget as presented.

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

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Release of Equipment at Jr High School

Motion: Neas; Second: Linke; To approve the release of equipment at the Jr. High School as presented.
Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

8:58 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Neas; Second: Mickley; To enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee and collective bargaining matters.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

9:42 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

Motion: Mickley; 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

9:44 p.m.

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

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(President) _____

(Secretary) _____ Date Approved _____