

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
October 24, 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 Morrison High School Library located within Morrison High School in said district on October 24, 2016.

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, Wolfgang Schmidt, James Ridley, Brandon Shelton, Gus Linke and Cathleen Vegter. Stephanie Neas was absent. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Board Secretary LuAnn Wieneke, Principals Kay Harwood, Joe Robbins and Jennifer Oetting. Members from the Public: Kevin Larsen (FCAE), Daniel Hartman (FCAE) Geneseo FFA Ag Instructor, Brian Stahl, Ag Issues team: Nicole Haverback, Logan Loitz and Ellie Korthals, Cheryl Robinson, Serena Larsen, Ron Shank, Carla Cruse, Susan Wilkens, Tracy Henson, Andrea Allen, Eugene Bonneur, Doug Kuehl, Jeremy Geerts, Jeff Deets one media representative.

6:31 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Shelton; Second: Linke; To enter into closed session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

7:00 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. Removed from the Agenda was Communications/Public comments – Anna Brown, MCUD Choral Teacher. Added to the Agenda: Action Item – Release of Used Wrestling Mat.

Motion: Six; 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 September 26, 2016, Finance/Facility Committee Meeting held October 18, 2016 and Policy/Student Safety Committee Meeting held October 19, 2016.

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting of September 26, 2016, Finance/Facility Committee Meeting of October 18, 2016 and Policy/Student Safety Committee Meeting of October 19, 2016.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Good News from Around the District

Principal Harwood stated the MHS Social Emotional Learning Team has been making great progress and they have created a referral system to identify students who may need support. Connie Royer received a small grant from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Ethan Fischbach has established a new IHSA State record and National High School record for the Most KO returns for a TD in a single season. 9 High School Choral students qualified for the District IMEA competition.

Principal Robbins stated the Jr High's COLT's Club is underway. There are 45-50 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in this group. They will be focusing on building and community involvement/improvements such as decorating the building and helping around the community. Boys basketball and cheerleading have begun.

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
October 24, 2016

Principal Oetting stated the Kindergarten teachers are progressing with KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey) implementation and utilizing it for student report cards. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes had a presentation from Excelon on what a nuclear plant does and how it produces energy. There have many fall field trips attended by many classes to the apple orchard.

Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

The financial report as of September 30, 2016 was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2016

The treasurer's report as of September 30, 2016 was not available to review.

Bills as of October 24, 2016

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of October 24, 2016.

Enrollment Projections

In reviewing the district enrollment, a miscalculation was discovered. The actual district enrollment through the month of September was 1032 students. The current district enrollment is 1026 students. This is 40 students less than were enrolled at the same time last year.

NOTICE TO ISSUE BONDS

In order to move forward with the HVAC project the board must publish a notice of intent to issue bonds.

2016 EAV

The district has received information on the estimated EAV from the County Clerk's office. Based on this information the estimated EAV has gone up approximately \$5.7 million from last year or 5%.

With the possibility of tax cap legislation being enacted once again, this year's levy is incredibly important.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

The District website has undergone some major changes in past few weeks. At this time the District is ready to go live with the updated website.

EXTRACURRICULAR FEE SURVEY

The results of the Extracurricular Fee Survey have been collected. A total of 260 responses were submitted which will provide the Board with valuable information moving forward.

EXTRACURRICULAR FEE REDUCTION

Since the survey has been complete the discussion now needs to move towards what direction the board would like to take in terms of potential extracurricular fee restructuring. There was much discussion and the Board asked Mr. Vance to bring two options back to the next meeting.

2016-2017 BUDGET BOOK

In an attempt to better communicate with the community on matters of the district budget. A "Budget at a Glance" document has been created. The purpose of the book is to explain the basics of the district budget and to show past trends and future predictions.

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
October 24, 2016

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SCALE

Morrison Junior High School is requesting the board approve an updated grading scale. The proposed grading scale would align with the other schools in the district. The proposed grading scale is listed below:

- 100%-90% A
- 89%-80% B
- 79%-70% C
- 69%-60% D
- 59% and below F

HIGH SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM UPDATES

Morrison High School has been given the chance to host a IHSA Boys Basketball 2A Regional this March. It has been a number of years since the high school has been afforded this honor. In order to showcase the school and the district in the most positive light there would be a need to update some of our facilities including...

- Painting of the current locker rooms
- Painting of the gym
- Remove and update the current lockers.
- Plumbing issues

All of the potential updates are needed and were currently being discussed by the Finance/Facility committee, but with potentially hosting an IHSA series event the timeline may need to be moved up.

THERAPY DOGS

Steve Braasch has requested that the board approve the purchase of two therapy dogs for the district. Similar dogs have been very beneficial for our students in dealing with issues we have had in the past. The purchase would be done using funds from the SAP grant. The dogs would remain with Mr. Braasch and Mrs. Wiersema. Both counselors would have to undergo training which would also be covered by the grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Shelton; Second: Vegter; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of October 24, 2016, Building Activity Reports dated September 30, 2016, Personnel recommendations:

Hires: Non-Certified: **Diana VanRiet** as Northside Office Manager, **Jim DuBois** as F/S Boys Basketball Coach, **Jamie Rodriguez** as Jr High Wrestling Coach and **Michael Budka** as High School Varsity Baseball Coach. **Dave Mickley** and **Brian Oostenryk** were approved as Volunteer Basketball Coaches.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to Issue Working Cash Bonds

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve the Resolution declaring the intent of the Board to issue not to exceed \$2,000,000 of working cash fund bonds of the District as presented.

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

Extended Pre-Arranged Absenses

Motion: Ridley; Second: Mickley; To approve one additional pre-arranged absence day for student # 148826831. Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Therapy Dogs

Motion: Ridley; Second: Neas; To approve the purchase of two (2) therapy dogs.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
October 24, 2016

Release of Equipment

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the release of the following equipment.

- 102 Desktop Computers
- 12 Laptops (HP, Dell, Compaq, and Gateway)
- 67 Acer Chromebooks
- 22 Printers
- 16 In Focus Projectors
- 45 CRT Computer Monitors
- 350 Miscellaneous items including docking stations, cables, and phones

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

MJHS Grading Scale

Motion: Schmidt; Second: Linke; To approve the approve the updated Morrison Junior High School grading scale as presented.

- 100%-90% A
- 89%-80% B
- 79%-70% C
- 69%-60% D
- 59% and below F

On roll call voting: Tabled pending more information.

Release of used Wrestling Mat

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve the release of the used wrestling mat.

Ayes: Six; Nays: none; Motion carried.

9:19 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Linke; Second: Shelton; 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

9:36 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN MEETING

9:36 p.m.

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

Ayes: Five; Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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