

RECORD OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MORRISON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
November 28, 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 November 28, 2016.

On roll call, the following were present: Tricia Mickley, Wolfgang Schmidt, James Ridley, Brandon Shelton, Stephanie Neas and Cathleen Vegter. Gus Linke arrived at 6:41pm. Also present were Superintendent Scott Vance, Principals Kay Harwood, Joe Robbins and Jennifer Oetting. Members from the Public: Mark Ernst, Rory Coghlan, Stephanie Scachette, Jason Scachette, Julia Deter and Cheryl Robinson.

6:32 P.M.

Closed Session

Motion: Mickley; Second: Schmidt; To enter into closed session for the matters relating to individual students and collective bargaining.

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

6:59 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING** concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed \$2,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District and \$6,000,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds

7:06 P.M. - President Cathleen Vegter declared the hearing open. Board member Jim Ridley commented on the past HLS amendment to replace HS boiler system with Geo-Thermal that was discontinued. There were no comments from the public.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Linke     Motion: That the hearing be declared closed at 7:11pm

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Cathleen Vegter asked for changes to the agenda. Added to the Agenda was Action Item E – Board Policy Updates and adding Rory Coghlan to the Public Forum.

Motion: Mickley; Second: Neas; 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 held October 24, 2016, Finance/Facility Committee Meeting held November 22, 2016 and Policy/Student Safety Committee Meeting held November 1, 2016.

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting of October 24, 2016, Finance/Facility Committee Meeting held November 22, 2016 and Policy/Student Safety Committee Meeting held November 1, 2016.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Good News from Around the District

Mrs. Harwood gave a summary of the "Good News" at the High School. Mr. Joe Robbins gave an update of the Colts Club decoration of JH entryway (20-25 members participated). Mrs. Oetting updated the board on a STEM activity conducted by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Pre-K soup Opera' Veteran's Day program; NICIL presentation on disabilities at both NS and SS; Kindergarten night KIDS assessment utilized as Kindergarten report card.

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Mr. Coghlan and Ms. Deter gave a presentation about the possibility of adding an assistant track coach at the High School.

Mr. Vance introduced Stephanie Scachette, Director of Fiscal Management and Personnel.

Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Report

The financial report as of October 31, 2016 was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2016

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

Bills as of November 28, 2016

The Board reviewed the bills for payment as of November 28, 2016.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

District enrollment continues to decline. The current district enrollment is 1019 students, down seven (7) students from last month. The continued decline in enrollment is troublesome. With the recent dramatic decline in enrollment the District will need to look at the implications of this decline.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL UNIFORM REQUEST

The Morrison High School softball team is requesting the district's assistance in purchasing new uniforms for the 2017 season. The anticipated cost is \$3500.<sup>00</sup>, of which the team is requesting the board to pay up to 80% of the total (\$2,800). The team has done several fundraisers in the past to help offset the cost.

FUTURE READY PLEDGE

MCUD #6 curriculum director, Cheryl Robinson, recently attended a "Future Ready" conference in Peoria. Future Ready helps district leaders plan and implement, research-based digital learning strategies so all students can achieve their full potential.

ADOPTION OF SAT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

With the adoption of the SAT as the standardized assessment for high school students in Illinois, Morrison High School is looking to realign its assessments in order to gather as much data as possible to help drive student learning. Therefore the high school is requesting that the district adopt and purchase the SAT suite of assessments. These assessments will be given to students in grades 8-10 and align with the 11th grade SAT assessment. Listed below is the list of assessments students would be taking...

- PSAT (8th Grade)
- PSAT (9th Grade)
- PSAT/NMSQT (10th Grade)

The assessments are designed to measure the essential ingredients for college and career readiness and success.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Parent teacher conferences were held earlier this month. A summary of the responses to the district evaluation sheet is included in your folder.

FEE REDUCTION OPTIONS

After much discussion the options for reducing Extracurricular Fees at Morrison High School can be found in your board folder.

- Option 1: Sliding Scale (\$175, \$100, \$50)
- Option 2: Flat Fee Per Sport (\$150/sport)
- Option 3: One Time Fee (\$300 for all sports)
- Option 4: One Time Fee (\$275 1 sport and \$300 for multiple sports)

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MMTA REQUEST

In September, members of the Morrison Musical Theater Association presented a proposal to the Board of Education pertaining to their use of the school facilities. A copy of that proposal is included in your board folder. The highlights of the request are:

- MMTA pays Class IV rental fees for each day of rehearsal and performance in the auditorium, including use of the sound/light booth at no additional charge.
- Air conditioning will be provided if necessary without additional charge.
- When MMTA is using the auditorium during normal custodial hours, no custodial charge will be added to the bill. An MMTA member who is also a district custodial employee may, at his/her prerogative, donate their time for custodial duties.
- Band and choir rooms will be used for dress rehearsal and performances only and will be provided at no additional charge.

HIGH SCHOOL BELL/CLOCKS UPGRADE

The high school bell/clock system is in need of an upgrade. Currently the staff is unable to enter a new bell schedule without assistance from the software company. A simple upgrade to the software would allow the high school staff to update their bell/clock schedules as needed.

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM

In October Kevin Larsen presented to the Board of Education about the possibility of adding Agriculture Education to Morrison High School. The high school administration is in favor of the addition.

2016 TAX LEVY

Early estimates show that the District EAV will be increasing by approximately 5% from 2015. Therefore the 2016 levy will show an increase of 9.90%. This increase includes an inflated estimate of 5% in order to capture all possible revenue for the district. The total tax extension for the District in 2016 is \$5,877,442 compared to \$5,439,108 from 2015.

AMENDED BUDGET

An error in the approved FY'17 budget was recognized through the District audit. In order to comply with state legislation it is required that we correct this error and as a result pass an amended budget for FY'17. A copy of the amended budget is included in the board folder. As a result, the overall Education Fund deficit has been reduced by approximately \$30,000.

ASSISTANT TRACK POSITION

The MHS Track program has requested the board approve the hiring an assistant track coach for the 2017 season. There are several reasons for this request include, a considerable increase in the number of participants and safety concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Ridley; Second: Linke; To approve the consent Agenda including District bills for payment as of November 28, 2016, Building Activity Reports dated October 31, 2016, Personnel recommendations:

Hires: Non-Certified: None, **Julia Deter** as HS Girls Track Coach. Resignations: Non-Certified: **Melissa Houzenga** as Para-professional at NS and **Julia Deter** as JH Track Coach.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Budget At a Glance Book

Motion: Linke; Second: Shelton; To approve the 2016 "Budget at a Glance" book for distribution as presented.

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

FY '17 Amended Budget

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve the FY'17 amended District budget as presented.

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

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Extended Pre-Arranged Absense

Motion: Shelton; Second: Mickley; To approve one additional pre-arranged absence day for student #20170670.  
Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

Director of Fiscal Management and Personnel

Motion: Linke; Second: Mickley; To approve hiring Mrs. Stephanie Scachette as the Director of Fiscal Management and Personnel.

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

Board Policy Updates

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

Ayes: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

8:42 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: Seven; Nays: None. Motion carried

10:05 P.M.

Adjourn Closed Session

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN MEETING

10:06 p.m.

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

Ayes: Six; Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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