

MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

11 September 2017

5:00 p.m.

Moravia High School Library

Minutes

Board President Chris Spencer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call; **John Houser-absent, John Baty-present, Chris Spencer-present, Heather Maletta-present, Steve Smith present.** Also present were Superintendent Brad Breon, High School Principal Kathy Carr, Elementary Principal Kay Singley, Business Manager/Board Secretary Christina Bickel, and interested members of the public.

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve minutes of previous board meeting held 8/14/17. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Baty, to approve payment of Activity Fund bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve additional board bills: **General Fund** – Gopher \$770.99; School Specialty \$230.27; Follett School Solutions \$1,983; Iowa HS Music Assn \$26; Moravia Union \$206.62; Premier Agendas \$1,163.26; Iowa Communications Network \$784; Kay Singley \$31.20; Stacey Garmon \$87.36; Lathrop Farms \$8,272.02; Engel Law Office \$332.50; Agriland FS \$1,288.39; BugPro \$120; Albia Newspaper \$25.50. **Activity Fund** – Denny Whitlow \$71.94; CD's Restaurant \$500; Power Graphic \$787.25. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Smith, to approve payroll wages totaling \$202,044.06 and board benefits paid to IPERS \$17,882.71, Medicare \$2,742.64, Social Security \$11,727.11, Principal Dental \$752.42, Principal Life AD&D \$195.38, and United Health Care \$41,609.07 for August 2017 payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

Business Manager/Treasurer Financial Report and Activity Report for month ending 8/31/17 were received.

President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Board Discussion

- Smith noted the extended parking area looks good.

- The board expressed their condolences to the family of Betty Haver, former educator at Moravia, who recently passed away.
- Spencer suggested purchasing a water system for the football field.

Administration Discussion

- School board election is Tuesday, September 12.
- Mr. Breon provided an updated faculty list for the board.
- Mr. Breon provided information and discussed next year's budget. Due to the lack of state aid, the district will soon be spending more than it brings in, which could mean potential cuts in the near future. Expenditures will be closely monitored.
- Mrs. Carr provided ACT report from last year; mid-term is September 22; Homecoming is October 6.
- Mrs. Singley informed the board of a revision to the math program which will include lower elementary classes; student council has been implemented for 5th and 6th grade to help students gain leadership skills.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE: Shannon Starr presented a TLC update for the board. Dr. Danny Brassell spoke to teachers and associates about literacy during a shared in-service with Seymour. He was very energetic and positive; the staff was surveyed after the presentation and 100% of the staff said they thought it was a beneficial day of professional development. In addition, training with the majority of the staff in CPR has been done, with the remainder of the staff being trained on September 29. Also, the district will be sending people to different trainings over the next four months.

CSIAC Update: Next meeting to be held September 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Open Enrollments: Several open enrollments were presented. No action necessary as all applications meet the state guidelines.

FFA sponsor, Tara Powers, and many FFA members were present to request permission to attend FFA Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 25-27. Motion by Baty, second by Smith, to approve FFA members attend FFA Nationals October 25-27. Motion carried 4-0.

Don Ponxs, a representative from Woodman Controls, was present to discuss the recent issues with the heating and cooling system in the new gymnasium. Mr. Ponxs will conduct a system analysis to determine if there are any issues with the system.

The board received a bid for consideration from Green Grass Solutions to seed the practice football field at the end of the season in the amount of \$1,050. Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve the bid from Green Grass Solutions for \$1,050. Motion carried 4-0.

The board discussed sharing the transportation director position with Mormon Trail CSD. Mr. Armstrong would spend 20% of his time at Mormon Trail and 80% at Moravia. Sharing the position would net the district +5 students in state aid. Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to approve a 28E transportation director sharing agreement with Mormon Trail CSD. Motion carried 4-0.

Resignations: None

Contract recommendations: Associates, Academic Bowl Sponsor, JH Boys Track Coach

Motion by Maletta, second by Smith, to approve Pam Gladfelder as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Maletta, second by Smith, to approve Penny Schwenke as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to approve Chira McKee as academic bowl sponsor. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Baty, to approve Matt Finley as JH boys track coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming Events

School Board Election – September 12; Fall Festival (No School) – September 15;
Homecoming – October 6.

Items for next board meeting: Reorganizational meeting; quote for A/C in new offices

Next Regular Board (Reorganizational) Meeting on Monday, October 9 @ 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.