

# MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

9 October 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-present, 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 Houser, to approve the agenda (*with the exception of discussing and possibly approving the sharing of grounds and maintenance with Mormon Trail*). Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Smith, to approve minutes of previous board meeting held 9/11/17. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve payment of Activity Fund bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Maletta, second by Houser, to approve additional board bills: **General Fund** – Decker Equipment \$307.73; Scholastic \$693.28; West Music \$256.50; Renaissance \$2,879; Moravia Union \$221.95; Harris School Solutions \$250; Iowa Communications Network \$784; Brenda Hoffman \$1,800; Butch Gibbs \$350; Alliant Energy \$6,524.71; Appanoose Co. Auditor \$562.97; East Union CSD \$60; Baty Electric \$173.98; Baty Electric \$2,913.78; Houghton-Mifflin \$959.09; Teaching Strategies \$219.45. **Activity Fund** – Gracie Stallman-Perry \$4.57; Panther Marching Band \$160; Christina Bickel \$25.56; Lauren Perry \$8.98; Nimco, Inc. \$237.05; Martin Bros. \$156.05; Power Graphics \$2,194.50; Ami Hamilton \$69.57. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to approve payroll wages totaling \$197,148.41 and board benefits paid to IPERS \$17,369.76, Medicare \$2,671.03, Social Security \$11,420.88, Principal Dental \$779.92, Principal Life AD&D \$195.38, and United Health Care \$41,197.05 for September 2017 payroll. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Manager/Treasurer Financial Report and Activity Report for month ending 9/30/17 were received.

The board acknowledged the results from the September 12, 2017, school board election. The board members thanked John Houser for his many years of service.

Motion by Maletta, second by Smith, to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

## **NEW BOARD MEETING**

Superintendent Breon called the new board to order at 5:23 p.m. Roll call; Andy DeJong-present, John Baty-present; Chris Spencer-present, Heather Maletta-present, Steve Smith-present. Also present were Superintendent Brad Breon, Principal Kathy Carr, Elementary Principal Kay Singley, Business Manager/Board Secretary Christina Bickel, and interested members of the public.

Board members Chris Spencer and Andy DeJong were sworn in by Superintendent Breon.

Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to nominate Chris Spencer as President. Motion carried 4-0. (*Spencer abstained*).

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to nominate Steve Smith as Vice President. Nomination accepted. Motion carried 4-0. (*Smith abstained*).

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to establish the second Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. to be the day and time for future regular board meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

## **Board Discussion**

- Maletta congratulated the band and drum line on their outstanding performances at Oktoberfest and Pancake Day, as well as student council sponsor, Sally Johnson, and the student body for a great Homecoming week of activities.
- Spencer was impressed by the student participation at Fall Festival.

## **Administration Discussion**

- Mr. Breon updated the board on the new entrance and office area. The anticipated date of opening will be right after Thanksgiving break.
- Mr. Breon informed the board that other schools in the Blue Grass Conference are considering raising gate pricing to \$5 for students. Currently, pricing structure is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The board does not agree with raising prices locally and asked Mr. Breon to vote against increasing the student price.
- Closed bids will be accepted for a used bus and a used car. Maletta suggested advertising this on the school's Facebook page rather than placing an ad in the local newspapers.
- Mr. Breon provided and discussed the Unspent Authorized Budget and Spending Authority for the school district.
- Mrs. Carr reports Homecoming week was great; the district is considering holding separate awards banquets to recognize sports and fine arts.
- Mrs. Singley updated the board about Fast Bridge, which is a fluency screening for grades K-6; Silly Sally the Clown will be here for an assembly; Red Ribbon Week is approaching; student council is conducting a character counts project to raise funds for a student who recently suffered a house fire.

## **SCHOOL OF CHOICE:**

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

**Open Enrollments:** None

Discussion was held regarding cameras on school buses. Mr. Armstrong provided pricing for the board to review. The board will need to approve a policy to address cameras on school buses. Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to allow Mr. Armstrong to purchase four camera units (with audio) at a cost of up to \$150 per unit. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion held regarding an inquiry from Mormon Trail CSD to share a custodian/grounds and maintenance employee one day per week. Mr. Breon will determine the annual amount payable to Mormon Trail and will email the information to the board members. The board agreed to have Mr. Breon and the board president make the determination. Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve sharing a custodian/grounds and maintenance employee one day per week contingent upon board president and administration approval based on contract amount. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to continue same guideline as in the past and allow athletic teams to attend state tournament for one day as designated by the coach. Motion carried 5-0.

### **BUILDING NEEDS**

Mr. Breon provided the board with a flooring bid for the new office entrance. The flooring will consist of both carpet and linoleum. Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to approve the purchase and installation of flooring in the amount of \$3,228.48 to Richwell Carpet & Cabinet Center. Motion carried 5-0.

### **APPROVE ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance of \$14,617.79 at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote: DeJong-aye; Spencer-aye; Maletta-aye; Baty-aye; Smith-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Resignations:** Assistant HS Softball Coach

Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to approve the resignation of Kevin Fritz as assistant high school softball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Contract recommendations:** Associate, Head HS Softball Coach

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve Robin Houck as associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Maletta, to approved Kevin Fritz as head high school softball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Upcoming Events**

Host 1<sup>st</sup> round regional volleyball – October 17; RSAI Convention – October 25.

*Items for next board meeting: Cameras on bus policy*

### **Next Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 13 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.