

# MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

12 November 2018

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; **Andy DeJong-present, John Baty-present, Chris Spencer-present, Heather Maletta-absent, Steve Smith-absent.** Also present were Superintendent Brad Breon, High School Principal Levi Marx, Business Manager/Board Secretary Christina Bickel, and interested members of the public. *Elementary Principal Kay Singley was absent.*

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve minutes of previous board meeting held 10/8/18. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve minutes of the special board meeting held 10/16/18. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve payment of Activity Fund bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve additional board bills: **General Fund** – Alliant Energy \$5,508.37; Janna Ward \$500; Iowa Communications Network \$235.20; Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl \$38; First Bankcard VISA \$2,475; Kay Singley \$23.40. **Activity Fund** – Decatur Co. Rotary Club \$1,582; Levi Collins \$53.36; Denny Whitlow \$156.99; Sports Page \$2,386.99; Power Graphics \$186.75; First Bankcard VISA \$1,384.99. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve payroll wages totaling \$204,495.63 and board benefits paid to IPERS \$18,721.24, Medicare \$2,810.52, Social Security \$12,017.48, Principal Dental \$766.17, Principal Life AD&D \$186.82, and United Health Care \$41,114.69 for October 2018 payroll. Motion carried 3-0.

Business Manager/Treasurer Financial Report and Activity Report for month ending 10/31/18 were received.

President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

A parent addressed the board with concerns she raised at the previous board meeting and asked if a formal inquiry into the matter is being investigated. Mr. Breon reminded the parent that any action taken would not be publicly announced. The parent reiterated her concerns for student safety at all times.

Melanie Seals provided the board with updated information regarding the baseball field fundraiser project. Michael Seals will build wooden boxes to store the baseball net and other equipment. A board member suggested to have the shipment of the netting delayed until spring. With the extra funds raised, the committee suggested purchasing a new scoreboard. Mr. Breon noted a scoreboard would be a school expense.

Clayton Daniels requested permission to use the facilities for helping younger students with sporting activities. The board approved. Mr. Breon suggested Clayton get with Mr. Finley and Mr. Bickel to review the schedule to find open gym time.

A concerned parent inquired about the districts math curriculum (Saxon). Mr. Breon said the district is looking into upgrading next school year.

### **Board Discussion**

- Baty felt the fall awards banquet was well attended and recommended moving the banquet to the old gym rather than multi next year.
- Spencer asked that a new Iowa flag be ordered and to also put a U.S. flag in the multi.
- The board commended the staff on a great Veteran's Day assembly.
- The board supports sharing the security camera system with the law enforcement.

### **Administration Discussion**

- The board was provided open enrollment numbers for the school year, as well as numbers of students in each grade. In addition, a comparison was given showing enrollment in schools in the Blue Grass conference.
- The board was provided starting salary information for non-certified employees working in schools in the Blue Grass conference.
- Mr. Marx praised the staff and students on a great Veteran's Day assembly; junior class will be attending the Jostens leadership conference; thank you to M-Club for the donation to purchase a weight room and wrestling sign; an enclosed trailer was purchased to transport equipment for the trap team, football team, band, and other need that arises; a sensory classroom is being developed for students to meet IEP behavioral goals; a proposed change is in the works for academic eligibility for high school students – a written change will be provided to the board for approval at the December board meeting.

The board received an early graduation request from Erika Miller. Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve the early graduation request for Erika Miller, *contingent upon meeting the graduation requirements set forth by the district*. Motion carried 3-0.

The board received an early graduation request from Mercedes Grubb. Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve the early graduation request for Mercedes Grubb, *contingent upon meeting the graduation requirements set forth by the district*. Motion carried 3-0.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** None

**CSIAC Update:** February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Open Enrollments:** None

## **BUILDING NEEDS**

Discussed stage lights. Mr. Breon will invite Center Stage to present to the board.

Mr. Breon purchased wood working equipment for the shop, including a band saw, lathe, and planer.

Discussion held regarding the foreign language waiver for Spanish IV for the 2018-19 school year. The waiver is necessary when the district offers Spanish IV, however no students are enrolled so no action will be taken.

Mr. Breon provided a copy of the early retirement program and asked the board to review the program in place and to decide if the district is interested in offering the program this year. The board will bring recommendations to discuss and decide at the December board meeting.

Discussed SBRC Allowable Growth for increased enrollment and open enrollment. Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve Allowable Growth in the amount of \$44,457. Roll call vote: DeJong-aye; Baty-aye; Spencer-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Resignations:** Associate

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve the resignation of Susan Bragga as associate. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Contract recommendations:** Elementary Associate, Basketball Cheer Sponsor, Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve Steph Johnson as associate. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve Ami Hamilton as basketball cheer sponsor. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve Levi Marx as volunteer wrestling coach. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve Phil Starr as volunteer high school boys basketball coach. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Upcoming Events**

Thanksgiving break – November 21-23; Elementary Christmas Program – December 10; JH-HS Christmas Program – December 17; Christmas break – December 24 – January 4.

*Items for next board meeting: Stage lights*

### **Next Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 10 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.