

MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

9 October 2019 (*rescheduled from 14 October 2019*)

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 – present; Steve Smith – present. 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 Maletta, second by DeJong, to approve the agenda, *with the exception to possibly discuss and approve the early graduation for two seniors*. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by DeJong, second by Baty, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting held 9/9/19. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Motion by Maletta, second by Baty, to approve additional board bills: **General Fund** – DeJong Digging \$100; Alliant Energy \$6,478.19; Pitney Bowes \$171.60; J. Robert Hopson \$300; AirGas USA \$1,051.92; First Bankcard Visa \$2,023. **Nutrition Fund** – First Bankcard Visa \$2,024.62. **Activity Fund** –Power Graphics \$458.25; Mat Club \$132; First Bankcard Visa \$4,541.98; Debra Kearney \$723; Smith Fertilizer \$273.77. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve payroll wages totaling \$213,642.75, and board benefits paid to IPERS \$19,734.84, Medicare \$2,936.05, Social Security \$12,554.07, Principal Dental \$793.67, Principal Life AD&D \$201.16, and United Healthcare \$44,255.84 for September 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Manager/Treasurer Financial Report and Activity Report for month ending September 2019 were received.

President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Jerry Power presented a certificate for IASB Safety Group, which recognizes the district as being in the top 50% of all public and private schools, area education agencies, and community college in the State of Iowa in the area of workers' compensation.

Board Discussion

- DeJong praised the band and drum line for their incredible performances at Pancake Day and Ottumwa Oktoberfest.
- Baty thanked Jayne Gibb for providing Jim Milani with an excellent tour of the school's new facility. Baty also suggested having first responders available at future cross country meets to assist with injuries or medical issues.
- Smith inquired about the non-use of excessive desks and tables in the district. Smith also asked about repairing the mud holes in the parking lot.
- Maletta also praised the band and drum line, as well as volleyball and football on their successes this year. Maletta also thanked the community for both positive and negative feedback and to be patient when reaching out to her due to her job demands.
- Spencer read a thank you note from the Moravia Historical Society commending Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Collins on the impact their work has on the community. In addition, Spencer informed the board that \$300 in memorial donations were received in the name of longtime community member and supporter of MHS athletics, Denny Underwood. Also, \$12,250 funds for the Mary Jo Hoff Scholarship were received. Jerry Power was asked by Mr. Hoff to assist with the annual \$500 scholarship application and selection process.

Administration Discussion

- Superintendent Breon provided home school figures to the board for consideration. In order to provide a home school option, the district would need a minimum 50 students in order to break even.
- Rick Grunig is working on completing items noted in the State Fire Marshall report.
- Student Council President, Spencer Baty, was present to update the board on homecoming, lunch line rule, and parking issue.
- Principal Marx reports MTSS will in about a week and the Jr. class will be attending the leadership conference in Ankeny with Mr. Reischauer.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE:

CSIAC Update: November 4, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Open Enrollments: Two open enrollment application forms (coming into the district from Centerville) were provided. Both applications meet requirements set forth by the state. No board action is necessary.

Willard Armstrong provided two bus quotes. A representative from Blue Bird was present to discuss and answer questions about bus options and new policies. Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve the purchase of a 2021 unleaded gas Blue Bird bus for \$97,989 from School Bus Sales with the no air conditioning option. Motion carried 5-0.

Armstrong also provided a quote for outside camera system for the current fleet of school buses. Motion by Maletta, second by Smith, to purchase five cameras systems for \$9,625. After some discussion, the motion was amended by Maletta, second by DeJong, to purchase four cameras for route buses for approximately \$7,700. Motion carried 4-1 (*Smith opposed*).

APPROVE ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Maletta, second by Smith, to approve allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance of \$56,992.87 at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote: DeJong-aye; Spencer-aye; Maletta-aye; Baty-aye; Smith-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, 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.

Discussed first reading of new board policy #429 – Licensed Employee Professional Development. Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve the first reading of new board policy #429. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussed first reading of new board policy #430 – Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection. Motion by Maletta, second by Smith, to approve the first reading of new board policy #430. Motion carried 5-0.

Resignations: Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coach; JH Girls Basketball

Motion by DeJong, second by Smith, to approve the resignation of Derek Reischauer as assistant high school girls' basketball coach, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by DeJong, to approve the resignation of Matt Finley as JH girls' basketball coach, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Motion carried 5-0.

Contract Recommendations: Head HS Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coach, Associate

Motion by DeJong, second by Maletta, to approve Jeannie Main as a 1:1 associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Maletta, to approve Derek Reischauer as head HS girls' basketball coach. Motion carried 3-2 (*Baty and DeJong opposed*).

Motion by Baty, second by Smith, to approve Nicole Beaty as assistant HS girls' basketball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming – October 11; RSAI Annual Meeting in Des Moines – October 16; Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 24 & 29; School Board Election – November 5.

Items for next board meeting: Drop Out Prevention Allowable Growth; Seat Belt Policy; Approve early graduation for two seniors

Next Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 11 @ 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Maletta, second by DeJong, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.