MINUTES
MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at District Office at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: President Ron Blunck, Vice President Gaylene Adams, Kelly Preece, Lars Birkeland, Student School Board Member Kaylee Wardell.

District Staff: Superintendent Doug Jacobs, Business Administrator Scott McMillan, Secretary Jana Brown.


Welcome: President Ron Blunck opened the meeting. He introduced and welcomed Student School Board Member Kaylee Wardell.

Pledge/Prayer: Superintendent Doug Jacobs

Consent Agenda:

President Blunck asked if there are any changes to the consent agenda. He indicated that the Human Sexuality Curriculum needs to be removed from the consent agenda as it was approved at the last meeting. He reported that if there are no objections, the consent agenda is adopted.

Public Comments

Jonene Johansen expressed concerns regarding the 1619 curriculum that is being taught in American schools today and she asked the Board to consider using the 1776 curriculum instead. She presented information on the 1776 curriculum and asked the Board members to review it.

Superintendent’s Report:

Employee Spotlights – Mountain Green Elementary

1. Emily Woody – MGES 3rd Grade Teacher
2. Jamie Woolsey – MGES Custodian
3. Curt Johnson – MGES Custodian
Retirement Honorees

1. Blaine Fackrell – Adult Education Director
2. Laurel Hoopes – Bus Driver
3. Mike Hansen – Bus Driver

Stronger Together – Covid-19 Response Update

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the district has had approximately 20 students and 15 employees who have had to quarantine. All of those who have quarantined have experienced very mild or no symptoms. He commended the students and staff for doing their best to mitigate the risk of spreading Covid-19.

Board Member Training: Online Open Meetings Law and Trust Lands

Superintendent Jacobs reported that he emailed the Board members the link for the Online Open Meetings and Trust Lands. He asked them to complete the training and email him once they have completed it.

Teacher Licensure

Michelle Morrell presented the list of teachers currently working on obtaining their teaching licenses. She noted that this is a new program through the state that now requires School Board approval.

School TSSA Plans – Principals

The principals presented their individual TSSA plans and discussed where these funds will be allocated.

Business Administrator Report:

Capital Improvements

Scott McMillan discussed the capital projects that are currently underway.

Budget, CARES Update


Scott the discussed what was purchased with the CARES funds. He noted that the district will be receiving more CARES funds from the state.

Discussion Items:
Policy Review: FF Student Activities, FDC Breakfast, AS Equal Opportunity

President Blunck reported that these policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee. There were no changes recommended by the committee.

Foreign Exchange Student Policy FBAA

Gaylene Adams reported that the review of this policy is generated by a unique situation where a J1 foreign exchange student is moving to the area with her host family. She suggested an exception to the policy for this particular instance.

Board Compensation

Scott McMillan presented information regarding how districts in the state compensate their School Board members. He noted that we are the only district where their compensation does not pay 100% of the board members’ insurance premiums. Scott stated that he feels that the district should pay 100% of their insurance premiums. This requires a public hearing that will be held during the next meeting.

District Response to Covid-19 Monthly Review

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the district employees and the students are doing a great job at mitigating the risk of Covid-19.

Action Items:

Teacher Licensure

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the Teacher Licensure list.
SECOND: Gaylene Adams
DISCUSSION: Gaylene noted that she feels that it is better to one teacher monitoring this for the district.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Evaluation Policy

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve the Teacher Evaluation Policy.
SECOND: Lars Birkeland
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Home School Applications

MOTION: President Blunck moved to approve the Home School Applications.
SECOND: Kelly Preece
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.
FBAA Policy Exception

**MOTION:** Gaylene Adams moved to approve an exception to FBAA Policy for a J1 foreign exchange student who is moving to Morgan with a host family for the current year.

**SECOND:** President Blunck

**DISCUSSION:** Kelly Preece suggested that the Board look at adding to the policy in the future stating that if a J1 foreign exchange student’s host family moves to Morgan, he/she will be accepted.

**APPROVAL:** The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:**

The Board members and Student School Board members gave updates on their visits and committee assignments.

**Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:**

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Business Administrator, Scott McMillan