

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at District Office at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Other Staff and Patrons: Crae Wilson, Heidi Andreasen, Tyrel Mikesell, Renn Hoopes, Andy Jensen, William Long, Kristene Nelson, Gwen Romero, Steve Wood, Jennilyn Stanger, Jennie Durrant, Stan Durrant, Delwin Carter.

Welcome: President Ron Blunck opened the meeting.

Prayer: Lars Birkeland **Pledge:** Delwin Carter

Consent Agenda:

President Blunck asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. He reported that if there are no objections, the consent agenda is adopted.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments regarding fees and/or fundraising.

Superintendent's Report:

Employee Spotlights – Mountain Green Middle School

1. Jennilyn Stanger - MGMS Teacher
2. Jennie Durrant – MGMS Teacher
3. Delwin Carter – MGMS Head Custodian

MHS Student Recognition – Cheer/Dance State Champions

Superintendent Jacobs congratulated the MHS Cheer/Dance team on their recent Region and State Championship wins. He asked Principal Wilson to distribute the certificates to them and congratulate them on behalf of the School Board.

Covid-19 Response Update

Superintendent Jacobs reported that because the district has been testing MHS student athletes and coaches, the student have been able to participate in a full winter sports season. He noted that the high school administration is now discussing the option of testing for Prom and other activities as well as options for graduation.

Superintendent Jacobs also reported that all district employees who wanted to be vaccinated have now received their 1st dose. The 2nd dose vaccinations will begin next Wednesday.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the Legislative session is underway. He noted that all meetings are being held through Zoom.

Special Education Report

Steve Wood reported that there are 395 students currently on IEPs in the Morgan School District. He discussed the great things happening in the Special Education Department as well as what the department is currently working on. He indicated that it would be helpful to increase the hours of the school psychologist as well as more teachers and aides to ease the caseloads.

Business Administrator Report:

Capital Improvements, Budget, CARES

Scott McMillan presented the Budget Report and the Capital Outlay Report for the month of January. He also presented the estimated enrollment numbers for the next 10 years. Scott then informed the Board members that the district realtor, Jerry Pierce, has contacted several property owners regarding the possibility of purchasing land. To date, there has only been one owner who has expressed any interest in selling.

Discussion Items:

Policies FI Fees; GF Fundraising

President Blunck reported that the Policy Committee reviewed both of these policies and did not recommend any changes. He asked the Board members to review these and be prepared to approve them at the next meeting. Superintendent Jacobs added that the fee schedules will be on the March agenda.

Scott McMillan reported that by 2023, all textbooks will be funded by the district. He noted that there will be upcoming discussions on how these should be funded.

COVID-19 Review

Lars Birkeland inquired about the current COVID-19 numbers. Superintendent Jacobs indicated that there is only one student in the district that is positive. There are a few students that are under quarantine but the district numbers are currently very low.

Action Items:

Home School Applications

There were no home school applications this month.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

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

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Business Administrator, Scott McMillan