MINUTES
MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the District Office at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members:
President Ron Blunck – present
Vice President Gaylene Adams - present
Kelly Preece - present
Adam Toone - present
Lars Birkeland - present
Student School Board Member Jaren Johansen - present

District Staff:
Superintendent Doug Jacobs - present
Business Administrator Scott McMillan - present
Secretary Jana Brown - present


Welcome: President Ron Blunck opened the meeting.

Prayer/Pledge: Ron Blunck

Consent Agenda:

President Blunck asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. If there are no corrections, the consent agenda, including the following, is adopted:

a. Public Notice
b. Minutes of the February 8, 2022, meeting
c. Personnel Updates
d. Budget Report
e. Payment of Claims for February in the amount of $2,046,396.87
f. February School Reconciliation Reports
Public Comment:

Angie Trease
Diana Windley
Cheryle Allen
Mindy Savage

Public Hearing – Fee Schedules for 2022-23

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to go into Public Hearing to discuss the fee schedules for 2022-23
SECOND: Kelly Preece
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

President Blunck asked if there were any community members here to speak on the fee schedules for the next school year. There were no comments by community members. Gaylene Adams thanked the school administrators for their hard work on these fee schedules. Superintendent Jacobs added that the fee schedules are posted on the district webpage and there will be another Public Hearing at the next meeting.

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to go from Public Hearing and reconvene the regular Board meeting.
SECOND: Lars Birkeland
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent’s Report:

Employee Spotlight – Transportation Department

• Hilary Thomson – Bus Driver
• Tiffany Pace – Bus Driver

MHS Recognition – Cheer/Dance, Wrestling, Swimming

The Board recognized the MHS Cheer/Dance, Wrestling, and Swimming teams for another great season.

Business Administrator Report:

Scott McMillan presented the Budget Report for the month of February. He noted that the legislative funding should be finalized by the next meeting. The 2023 budget will then be reviewed by the Board. He reported that it is likely that the federal lunch funding will not be available next year; therefore, parents will again be responsible for paying for lunch. Scott also reported that the city is still working on the Commercial Street property proposal; therefore, this will be discussed at the next meeting.
Discussion Items:

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the district is looking at purchasing a microphone system for the Board Room; however, the cost for a system like this is approximately $20,000 - $25,000. President Blunck asked that this be placed on the next agenda as a discussion item.

COVID-19

Lars Birkeland inquired about whether this item needs to remain on the agenda. The Board felt it should remain on the agenda until the end of the school year.

School Fees

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the legislature is still working on the fees policy.

Curriculum Selection Process, Policy AT – Movies in the Classroom, Process for Parental Complaints

Gaylene Adams reported that the Curriculum Committee met and reviewed the history curriculum from a couple of MHS history teachers. She noted that they will be hearing from more teachers at the next meeting. President Blunck reported that the Policy Committee met and is in the process of reviewing Policy AT – Movies in the Classroom. He also noted that the committee started the review of the Process of Parental Complaints. He asked the Board members to email him if they have any input, specifically on the Board’s responsibilities in this process, that they would like shared with the Policy Committee. President Blunck recommended discussing this matter in the next Board work meeting.

Action Items:

Home School Applications

There were no home school applications this month.

Policy AS Head Injuries

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve Policy AS Head Injuries.
SECOND: Gaylene Adams
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

President Blunck noted that in the interest of time, the board visit reports will be tabled until the next meeting.

Kelly Preece reported that he spoke with the city about a land swap on the land on Commercial Street. He noted that the city does not have any land to swap. He also reported that the
remaining $40,000 from the Clark grant that the county has was specifically to be used on the Rec Plex. The county is transferring those funds to the district to be used for the Rec Plex maintenance.

Gaylene Adams reported that she feels that learning and teaching should be joyful. As she has visited the different schools, she fears that it is no longer joyful. She fears this may cause the teachers to leave.

Superintendent Jacobs announced Andy Jensen as the new district Human Resources Director.

**Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:**

The USBE Spring Regional meeting is this Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Davis School District Office. The next Board meeting and a Public Hearing on School Fees will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Business Administrator, Scott McMillan