MINUTES
MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 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: Gaylene Adams

Consent Agenda:

President Blunck asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. Gaylene Adams asked that the appointment of the new MES principal be added to the agenda as an action item. President Blunck noted that if there are no other corrections, the consent agenda, including the following, is adopted:

a. Public Notice
b. Minutes of the March 8, 2022, meeting
c. Personnel Updates
d. Budget Report
e. Payment of Claims for March in the amount of $2,046,658.41
f. March School Reconciliation Reports
Public Comment:

Angie Trease

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. Superintendent Jacobs reported that this is the 2nd public hearing on school fees.

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

Superintendent’s Report:

Adult Education GED’s – Jim Wiscombe

- McKay Cox
- Nathan Palkki

Morgan Online Diploma – Katie Stokes

- Tyson Witte

Employee Spotlights – Food Services

- Vanessa Levy – MGES Kitchen Manager
- Trina Pentz – MHS Cook

MHS Recognition – Boys’ & Girls’ Basketball, Girls’ Wrestling

The Board recognized the MHS Boys’ & Girls’ Basketball and Girls’ Wrestling teams for another great season.
Superintendent Jacobs reported that he and a few administrators recently attended training on a new program from the state entitled Utah Portrait of a Graduate that outlines 13 indicators that all graduates should possess. He noted that MHS is already doing this through their Morgan Made program. Principals Wilson and Mikesell explained that this program recognizes those students that are caught making a difference every day. They stated that they would like to expand the program to include parents and staff members.

School Trustland/TSSA Plans by Principals

The principals presented their individual School Trust Land and TSSA plans and answered the questions that were raised by the Board members.

Superintendent Jacobs presented information on the Kind Fund program sponsored by the Young Automotive Group. This program allows administrators, teachers, and staff members to nominate students who are in need. The Young Automotive group will provide the needed supplies up to $150 per student.

Business Administrator Report:

Scott McMillan presented the Budget Report for the month of March. He noted that he just received the numbers on the legislative funding. The WPU increased by 6%. He stated that he is working on the FY23 budget that will be reviewed in the next 2 meetings. He stated that the district will have approximately 1.2 million available of which the Salary and Benefits Committee will determine how to spend it. Scott also reported that the Young RDA will be complete this year. He presented a proposal from the city for increased participation on the Commercial Street RDA. He presented the appraisal for the property on the Commercial Street realignment in preparation for the Young Street Bridge.

Discussion Items:

FDE Wellness Policy, Curriculum Selection Process, Parental Complaint Process

Superintendent Jacobs presented these policies and reported that they have been reviewed by the Curriculum, Policy, and Wellness committees. He noted that these will be placed on next month’s agenda as an action item.

MHS Trip Requests

President Blunck reported that these trip requests exceed the allotted day requirement. MHS Vice Principal Kade Morrell informed the Board that the 1st day is a travel day, and the teams will be leaving after school so that the students don’t miss the school day. President Blunck reported that the Board will approve these requests as long as the teams leave after school on the 1st day. They will be added to the agenda in May as an action item.
District Calendar and School Bell Schedules for 2022-23

Superintendent Jacobs presented the proposed calendar for next school year. He indicated that we are required to have 176 student days. He noted that this will be placed on next month’s agenda as a discussion item.

Action Items:

Home School Applications

There were no home school applications this month.

School Fees for 2022-23

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve the School Fees for 2022-23.
SECOND: Kelly Preece
DISCUSSION: President Blunck stated that we are ahead of the other districts in the state on fee schedules.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Policy AT – Movies in the Classroom

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve Policy AT – Movies in the Classroom.
SECOND: Lars Birkeland
DISCUSSION: Adam Toone inquired about the word scaffolding. Superintendent Jacobs indicated that scaffolding means support. He also reported that the principals have full discretion on what movies will be shown in the classroom.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of new MMS and MES Principals

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve the appointment of Michelle Morrell as the principal of Morgan Middle School and Destiny Field as the principal of Morgan Elementary School.
SECOND: President Blunck
DISCUSSION: Adam Toone inquired about why the process was different for each principal. Superintendent Jacobs indicated that stakeholder input is very important. MMS has gone through that process 2 years ago where stakeholder input was given. Therefore, Principal Morrell is being appointed. Stakeholder input was needed at MES. Therefore, the interview process was used to determine the principal. Adam also recommended that the original motion be amended to include that these positions begin July 1, 2022.

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to amend the original motion to include the principalship will begin July 1, 2022.
SECOND: Adam Toone
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.
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Morgan City Property Acquisition

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the Business Administrator, Scott McMillan, to act in behalf of the School Board in regards to the Morgan City Property Acquisition.
SECOND: Gaylene Adams 
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Change date of November Board Meeting from November 8th (Election Day) to November 1st or 15th

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve changing the November Board meeting from November 8th to November 15th.
SECOND: Adam Toone
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

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

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

The District Financial Audit Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Business Administrator, Scott McMillan