MINUTES
MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the District Office at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: President Ron Blunck, Vice President Gaylene Adams, Kelly Preece, Adam Toone, Lars Birkeland.

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


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. He reported that if there are no objections, the consent agenda is adopted.

Public Comments:

The following individuals were in attendance to address the Board regarding their concerns:

Lilia Allen - critical race theory
Beth Belinski - critical race theory
Heather Kelly - masks, vaccinations
Mindy Savage - critical race theory, masks, vaccines
Heather Peterson - mental health, masks
Brigham Spens - mask
Kevin Hall - civics, proper role of government
Ayrion Myers - markxism
Katie Tilby – masks
Pam Smith - board responsibilities
Kelly Preece thanked the parents and asked them to call their legislators and their voices be heard on that level.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

**Community Council Spotlights**

1. MHS - Diana Windley  
2. MMS - Bonnee Weaver  
3. MGMS - Cheyla Mills  
4. MES - Megan Wilkinson  
5. MGES - Jessica Kilgore

The Board members thanked them for their service and encouraged all parents to get involved with their school Community Councils.

**CTE Annual Report**

Robert Kilmer reported that all the CTE classes have set up displays in the hallway with student projects that have been completed this year. He encouraged those in attendance to explore those displays. He noted that the Talent Ready Utah Grant was extended this year due to Covid, which helped the CTE Department have a very successful year. He stated that because of that, the number of students enrolled in CTE courses has increased considerably and continues to increase.

**Employee Negotiation Update**

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the first Negotiations Committee meeting was held last Thursday. Scott McMillan discussed the funding for next year and what was proposed to the committee. Superintendent Jacobs stated that the next meeting will be held this Thursday at which time he feels the committee will be able to ratified the FY22 proposal.

**COVID-19 Update**

Superintendent Jacobs reported that he has spoken with other districts regarding what they are doing with COVID precautions to finish the school year. He noted that they all are continuing to do what they are currently doing throughout the remainder of the year. Gaylene Adams stated that it has been the Board’s goal this year to keep the students in class. She noted that she feels there is a loophole in the current health order that would allow the district to accept parent exemptions. Superintendent Jacobs reminded the Board that this would be an excessive amount of work for the district employees. He noted that it would be possible to change the wording that the district recommends the wearing of masks. President Blunck asked the Board members for their feelings regarding this matter. Lars Birkeland, Adam Toone, and Gaylene Adams all expressed their desire to change the wording. Kelly Preece and President Blunck expressed that they would like the wording to remain in place throughout the remainder of the school year. President Blunck instructed Superintendent Jacobs to inform the staff and parents that the Morgan School Board is recommending wear masks for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. All students and staff may have the choice to wear a mask or not.
**Business Administrator Report:**

Capital Improvements, Budget, CARES

Scott McMillan presented the Budget Report and the Capital Outlay Report for the month of April. He then discussed the capital projects that are currently underway.

**Discussion Items:**

**Board Goals**

The Board members discussed their goals in the work session. There was no further discussion regarding the goals.

**School Bell Schedules for 2021-22**

President Blunck presented the school bell schedule for next year. He noted that we will be back to the normal start and end times.

**Action Items:**

**Home School Application**

**MOTION:** President Blunck moved to approve the Home School Application.  
**SECOND:** Adam Toone  
**DISCUSSION:** There was no further discussion.  
**APPROVAL:** The motion passed unanimously.

**School Trust Land/TSSA Plans**

**MOTION:** Gaylene Adams moved to approve the School Trust Land/TSSA Plans.  
**SECOND:** Lars Birkeland  
**DISCUSSION:** There was no further discussion.  
**APPROVAL:** The motion passed unanimously.

**Curriculum Policy AZC**

**MOTION:** Gaylene Adams moved to approve the Curriculum Policy AZC.  
**SECOND:** President Blunck  
**DISCUSSION:** Adam Toone inquired as to who could appeal curriculum? Superintendent Jacobs reported that anyone can appeal any curriculum. Adam asked that the Board revisit their vision statement in the future. Lars Birkeland inquired about the possibility of curriculum being “snuck in”. Superintendent Jacobs reported that this cannot happen. For example, the Sexual Education Curriculum Committee reviews the curriculum annual. It is presented by the teachers themselves. There is parental as well as administrative and board input. The School Board then has the final review and approval.  
**APPROVAL:** The motion passed unanimously.
New Property Purchase

**MOTION:** Kelly Preece moved to approve the new property purchase of 51.8 acres at $38,500 per acre for a total of $2,000,000.

**SECOND:** Gaylene Adams

**DISCUSSION:** Lars Birkeland inquired about when the closing would occur. Scott McMillan noted that it would close within 60 days. He also noted that the district is in a good place with the water rights on the property. President Blunck informed those listening School Board hired a realtor 6 months ago to find viable land. Scott McMillan noted that the Board has set aside funds for several years to be a good place financially for the purchase of land. Superintendent Jacobs noted that the current buildings should be adequate for the next 10 years.

**APPROVAL:** The motion passed unanimously.

Board Goals

**MOTION:** Lars Birkeland moved to approve the Board goals.

**SECOND:** President Blunck

**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 next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. with a Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Adam Toone will be accepting the graduates for the Board at graduation this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Business Administrator, Scott McMillan