

## MINUTES

### MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at the District Office at 5:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

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

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

**Other Staff and Patrons:** Crae Wilson, Heidi Andreasen, Tyrel Mikesell, William Long, Gwen Romero, Katie Tilby, Angie Trease, Megan Nelson.

**Welcome:** President Ron Blunck opened the meeting.

**Prayer/Pledge:** Kelly Preece

**Consent Agenda:**

President Blunck asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. Adam Toone indicated that a change is needed on the Personnel Update. President Blunck reported that if there are no additional objections, the consent agenda is adopted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

USBE Jenny Earl – Update on R277-328 Education Equity in Schools

Jenny Earl will be delayed due to a special USBE meeting. She will give her report when she arrives.

Student Achievements – Track, Golf, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Tennis

Superintendent Jacobs recognized the MHS spring sports teams for their great seasons. He noted that the certificates will now be sent to the students electronically and they will be able to print them if they desire. The team captains will still be invited to attend Board meeting.

10-Year District Capital Building Plane

Superintendent Jacobs presented the updated 10-year Capital Building plan. He noted that these cost estimates are likely to change due to inflation. Adam Toone suggested that the Board look into having some of the MHS trade students build some of the projects.

### District Human Sexuality Committee Membership

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the Human Sexuality curriculum is reviewed every year by the Curriculum Committee and the Board is required to approve the committee membership. He noted that there have not been any changes to the curriculum to date. He also informed the Board members that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade maturation presentation is now online.

### **Business Administrator Report:**

#### Summer Building Capital Projects

Scott McMillan discussed the various summer projects that are underway as well as those that are anticipated this summer.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### Employee Salary and Benefits Proposal for 2021-2022

Superintendent Jacobs presented the salary and benefits proposal for the next school year. Scott McMillan discussed the funding that the district will receive from the legislature. He also reported that the Transportation Department is in need of bus drivers; therefore, they are currently advertising for a full-time relief bus driver to help fill in when the drivers are ill.

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to pause the meeting and reconvene the meeting when Jenny Earl arrives or at 7:00 p.m. for the Budget Hearing.

SECOND: Adam Toone

DISCUSSION: Kelly Preece recommended that the Board go on with the rest of the meeting that does not pertain to the budget. The Board members agreed and Gaylene Adams rescinded her motion.

### **Action Items:**

#### School Bell Schedules for 2021-2022 School Year

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the School Bell Schedules for the 2021-2022 School Year.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: Adam Toone clarified that the bell schedules will go back to the regular school day schedules to allow for more time for SPED students and core classes. Superintendent Jacobs reported that the shortened schedules hurt the elementary schools. He also noted that the shortened schedule put some limitations on the bus schedules as well. Principals Wilson, Mikesell, and Andreasen all reported that the shortened schedules also affected the lunch schedules. They stated that they all met with their staff and it was unanimous that the teachers wanted to go back to the regular schedule next year. Adam Toone then inquired as to whether it is possible to measure if the start and end times have affected the students' performances. Adam Toone suggested a more skill-based method of measuring student progress and he recommended that it become a Board goal to create a skill-based method of measuring student performance.

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, August 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. with a possible Truth in Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Jacobs reported that Jenny Earl is still in her meeting and will be unable to attend. She will give her presentation at the August meeting. She noted that the Board members could email her their questions and/or concerns prior that meeting.

The Board took a break before reconvening in the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:**

Scott McMillan presented the final 2020-2021 budget as well as the proposed 2021-2022 budget. He informed the Board members that Morgan School District is still in last place in the state for per pupil spending. Gaylene Adams added that it is still hurting the district that we do not have a voted levy. Scott also presented the tax rates scenarios and discussed whether it would be beneficial to hold a Truth in Taxation meeting.

### **Public Comment:**

Angie Trease was in attendance to comment regarding her concerns with socialism, Marxism, mask wearing, injections, and COVID funds.

President Blunck asked if there were any public comments regarding the budget. There were no comments regarding the budget.

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

SECOND: Kelly Preece

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Action Items:**

#### 2020-2021 Final Budget

MOTION: President Blunck moved to approve the 2020-2021 Final Budget.

SECOND: Kelly Preece

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

## 2021-2022 Budget, Truth in Taxation ?

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the 2021-2022 Budget and to hold a Truth in Taxation meeting.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: Gaylene Adams inquired about whether the rate must be set tonight or if it can be changed prior to the Truth in Taxation meeting. Scott McMillan noted that the Board must set a rate tonight so that it may be advertised. Adam Toone reported that he likes the Board's approach but he is conflicted with funding growth in the county. Kelly Preece noted that he appreciates the Board's effort to be proactive with holding the tax rate. He stated that several other districts let their tax rate float down in the past couple of years and they are now increasing it considerably to catch up. He expressed his desire to hold the rate to stay ahead of the game. Gaylene then reported that she likes being in a position to fund some capital projects rather than borrowing funds for every project. President Blunck expressed his desire to leave the district in a better place than he found it and holding the rate would accomplish this.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to hold the tax rate at 0.007730

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: Adams Toone inquired as to whether we can change the rate prior to August. Scott McMillan noted that the Board may change the rate if they desire.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Preece informed the Board that he has had several districts inquire of him how the Morgan School Board has been able to accomplish what they have. He stated that the Morgan Board of Education is becoming a positive icon in the state.

The Board then discussed the Wasatch Peaks development. President Blunck reported that the district won't see any benefits from the development this year as they are not expecting occupancies until 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Business Administrator, Scott McMillan