

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING (PENDING APPROVAL)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 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: Tyrel Mikesell, Renn Hoopes, Michelle Morrell, Andy Jensen, Heidi Andreasen, Crae Wilson, Ron Wolff, Terry Allen, Gwen Romero, Derek Chalmers, Cheryle Allen.

Welcome: President Ron Blunck opened the meeting.

Pledge/Prayer: Scott McMillan

Consent Agenda:

President Blunck asked if there are any changes to the consent agenda. Adam Toone requested that the MMS August Reconciliation Report be added to the consent agenda. He reported that if there are no objections, the consent agenda is adopted.

Public Comments

President Blunck indicated that Lance Palmer had requested to speak during public comment but he is not in attendance; therefore, the public comment section will be delayed to allow Mr. Palmer time to arrive.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Jacobs reported that with the wind storm today, there were a few minor inconveniences. The skylights at MGES blew off but have since been repaired. The power was off for the day but all the schools were still able to hold classes. He stated that we will have school as normal tomorrow if the power is still on. He noted that there were a few trees that blew down and need to be removed but overall the district facilities fared very well.

Superintendent Jacobs extended condolences for the passing of former MGMS Vice Principal Gina Stuart. He noted that her funeral will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Field Street Church. She will be missed!

Stronger Together – Covid 19 Response Update

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the district has had 6 adults with Covid 19 so far. He noted that we have been able to mitigate the risk to others by the wearing of masks as well as social distancing. He presented the Covid 19 manual from the state and asked the Board members to review it.

Superintendent Jacobs then reported that he has been working on the mental health grant. He noted that it is no longer a match grant where the state pays half and the district pays half. He stated that it is now fully funded by the state. He reported that this is beneficial for our district as it has helped fund the LCSW, an additional school counselor, and an additional school nurse. Adam Toone suggested putting the RSO in the data element column of the grant. Superintendent Jacobs will make that change.

Superintendent Jacobs presented the district Crisis Response Plan. He noted that the counselors have been meeting monthly to review and update this plan. He then presented Utah's Personalized Competency-Based Learning manual from the state Board of Education. He stated that he will make a copy for each Board member.

School Trust Land Plans

Principals Andreasen, Jensen, Hoopes, Mikesell, and Wilson each presented their individual School Trust Land plans for the 2020-21 school year. They discussed their goals and how these funds will be utilized.

Public Comment:

President Blunck indicated that Lance Palmer did not attend; therefore, there were no public comments.

Business Administrator Report:

Capital Improvements

Scott McMillan discussed the capital projects that are currently underway. He noted that the MHS bleachers are finished with the exception of the storage area beneath the bleachers. He informed the Board members that True Value recently donated 40 gallons of paint to the district that allowed some major projects to be completed.

Transportation

Scott reported that there have been a few challenges this year but things have gone smoothly considering. He stated that there are approximately 35 ineligible students currently riding the bus because there is not a safe route for walkers to MGMS. He noted that the county is considering upgrading the walking path on Cottonwood Road to a sidewalk for these students to walk to school. He reported that the bus repair budget went down considerably due to the purchase of the new buses. Scott also reported that the Transportation Department purchased an extended stop arm for a Mountain Green bus. He indicated that there were 2 stop arm violators on the first day of school.

Budget, CARES Update

Scott McMillan presented the Budget Report and Capital Outlay Report for the month of August. He discussed each and answered the questions that were raised. He reported that the outside auditors were here a couple of weeks ago. They indicated that for the bus lease, the entire amount will show for the first year and will then roll off for the years following.

Scott presented information regarding what was purchased with the CARES funds. He noted that the county has been great to work with and they approved sharing their CARES funds with the district.

Young Street Land Exchange

Scott McMillan presented the proposal of the Young Street Land Exchange to Morgan City for the Young Street Bridge project. He noted that the district attorney developed the resolution with 3 additional easements.

Discussion Items:

District Human Sexuality Curriculum Annual Review

Superintendent Jacobs presented a list of human sexuality curriculum that is used in the district. Gaylene Adams added that the Human Sexuality Committee met and did a great job discussing this information. She recommended that more parents be invited to participate on that committee next year. President Blunck also recommended that the parent permission slip be updated. Superintendent Jacobs reported that there was RAD representative in attendance to discuss the content of an assembly that will be presented at MHS. He noted that the information is very beneficial to the students. He reminded them that parents need to have an opportunity to review the materials beforehand and the option to opt their student out.

Public Comment Regarding Human Sexuality Curriculum:

Parent, Cheryle Allen, reported that she feels that it is the right of the parent to review all materials that will be taught in their student's class(s) as well as teaching their child this type of curriculum at home. She indicated that she would like to participate on the Human Sexuality Curriculum Committee next year. President Blunck applauded her for being in attendance and sharing her views. He noted that he wished more parents would get involved.

Teacher Evaluation Policy Annual Review

Superintendent Jacobs presented the Teacher Evaluation Policy and noted that no changes have been made. He noted that this policy is in compliance with state requirements.

District Response to Covid 19 Monthly Review

President Blunck reported that he recently visited MHS and he was impressed with how well the students are adapting to the masks. Superintendent Jacobs reported that we not only have students that are compromised but we also have employees that are as well. He noted that by

wearing masks and social distancing, we have been able to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus. He stated that we are doing what is necessary to be in school. Adam Toone expressed his discouragement with the fact that the governor mandated mask wearing rather than letting each district devise their own plan. President Blunck and Gaylene Adams noted that we have done what we need to to meet the state guidelines while getting our students back in school and keeping them safe.

School Trust Land Plans

There was no further discussion on the school trust land plans.

Action Items:

Young Street Land Exchange

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the Young Street Land Exchange.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Policies BBA Board Member Employment, FBD Daily Attendance

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve Policies BBA Board Member Employment, and FBD Daily Attendance.

SECOND: Adam Toone

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Human Sexuality Curriculum

MOTION: President Blunck moved to approve the Human Sexuality Curriculum.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Home School Applications

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve the Home School Applications.

SECOND: Kelly Preece

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

School Trust Land Plans

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the School Trust Land Plans.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

President Blunck reported that he visited the Transportation Department and Supervisor, Doyle Talbot. He indicated that they are shorthanded and are looking for part-time bus drivers. He noted that he also visited MMS where he observed the students complying with the rules and just happy to be back in school. He reported that COG met and discussed the sidewalk on the Young Street Bridge. He reported that this is on the city's project list and City Manager, Ty Bailey, is currently working on a grant for this.

Gaylene Adams expressed her appreciation for the city installing the crosswalk and flashing lights in front of MMS. She reported that she visited MMS and MES as well as riding a bus. She stated that it is great to see administrators and staff members love and teach the children in the district. She also reported that the Morgan Education Foundation had a zoom meeting this week. They are currently working on revising their Bylaws.

Kelly Preece reported that the Recreation Board is still looking for a Recreation Director. They are also working on the new playing fields. He stated that COG met and discussed the growth in the county and city. He also attended the USBA meeting where it was reported that the fall training will be done via a zoom meeting. Superintendent Jacobs noted that we will do the zoom meeting here at the district office with a dinner. Kelly reported that he also attended the JLC meeting where they discussed school voucher bills and Covid 19.

Adam Toone visited MGES and Dr. Andreasen this month. He inquired about how getting out early is affecting the academics of the students. Dr. Andreasen informed him that by getting out early every day is basically just cutting out the p.m. recess. All school subjects are being taught as normal. He stated that he also inquired about how the media center is handling Covid 19. He was informed that the books that are being checked back in are placed in quarantine for 24 hours and sanitized prior to being placed back on the shelf. Adam then reported that the next DTC meeting is on September 28th and the Technology Committee will meet in October.

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

The USBA Fall Regional Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. here at the district office via zoom. Dinner will be served for this meeting. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. with a work meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Business Administrator, Scott McMillan