

# MINUTES

## MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017, District Office 5:00 p.m.**

### **Present:**

**Board Members:** Vice President Ron Blunck, Ted Taylor, Kelly Preece, Gaylene Adams, Adam Toone, Student Abigail Collings

**District Staff:** Superintendent Doug Jacobs, Business Administrator D'Lynn Poll, Secretary Jana Brown

**Other Staff and Patrons:** Heidi Andreasen, Renn Hoopes, Gina Stuart, Andy Jensen, Crae Wilson, Jeremy Floyd, Ron Litchfield, Bryan Weir, Rozann Petersen, Dale Christensen, Linda Christensen, Jeff Lucas, Vernon Calder, Kellee Calder, Shealee Calder, Kyle Weaver, Bonnee Weaver, Jackson Weaver, Kynlee Weaver, Aynslee Weaver, Karlee Adams, Les Adams, Karl Reeder, Pamela Reeder, Greg Dippold, Michelle Dippold, Varsity Cross Country Students, Fall Academic All State Recipients.

### **Welcome/Pledge/Prayer:**

Vice President Ron Blunck welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign the attendance roll. Ted Taylor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer.

### **Oath of Office:**

D'Lynn Poll administered the oaths of office to Gaylene Adams to fulfill the office vacated by Ken Durrant and Adam Toone to fulfill the office vacated by Neil Carrigan.

### **Election of Board President and Vice President:**

MOTION: Ted Taylor made a motion to nominate Ron Blunck as president.

SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: Ted Taylor, Kelly Preece, Gaylene, Adams, and Adam Toone voted for and Ron Blunck abstained. The motion passed.

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to nominate Gaylene Adams as vice president.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: Ron Blunck, Ted Taylor, Kelly Preece, and Adam Toone voted for and Gaylene Adams abstained. The motion passed.

**Consent Agenda:**

MOTION: Gaylene Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes, personnel updates, budget report, treasurer’s report, claims, and school reconciliation reports.

SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The MHS Trip Request needs to be added to the agenda for approval.

MOTION: Gaylene Adams made a motion to amend the previous motion to include the approval of MHS Trip Request to the agenda.

SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Employees of the Month

Transportation Supervisor Ron Litchfield honored Karl Reeder and Michelle Dippold, bus drivers, as employees of the month.

Special Recognition – MHS Varsity Cross Country, MHS Fall Academic All State Recipients

Superintendent Jacobs congratulated the Fall Academic All State recipients as well as the Varsity Cross Country team members. The board presented them with a certificate of accomplishment and congratulated them on their achievements.

Growth Survey Results

Superintendent Jacobs reported that he sent the results and comments of the growth survey to all staff members and parents. The results were very favorable for the bond.

Architectural Design Committee Update

Superintendent Jacobs stated that the design committee for the new Mt. Green Middle School visited 2 different schools (Clayton Middle School and Hillcrest Junior High) with the architects, and they got some great ideas for the new building. The committee for the high school addition will visit Bountiful and Olympus High Schools on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent noted that he is working on talking points for the board members to visit the faculties at each school in February. The committees will meet again in February to review design plans.

## Board Book

Superintendent Jacobs reported that a MSD handbook has been created for each board member containing informational items. He presented the books to the board members and reported that we will update them periodically throughout the year.

## School Art

Superintendent Jacobs stated that he asked the schools for some artwork to decorate the board room. He noted that he has received art from MHS and MES so far and it is on display.

## Report of USBA Conference

The USBA Conference was held this past weekend, January 5 – 7, 2017. Superintendent Jacobs stated that he felt the conference was very beneficial. Ted Taylor noted that he felt that the USBA is very helpful to school boards. He feels that we should use their expertise more as different situations arise. Gaylene Adams reported that she was impressed with the key note speaker that gave a presentation on leadership. She learned that the best leaders inspire and empower. Ron Blunck stated that he attended a breakout session with the superintendent from Park City. She spoke about the 2 students in their district that recently overdosed. Ron also noted that he enjoyed meeting the new state school board members. He feels that this board really does have the best interests of the students in mind. Kelly Preece reported that he has attended numerous conferences for his work and this was one of the best he has attended.

Superintendent Jacobs reported that he was able to speak with a former leader from Davis School District regarding online school. He stated that Davis has developed their own curriculum and are willing to share it with us at no cost. We will need to have a certified teacher to oversee this type of program. He noted that we will be working on this and offer it to parents as an option.

## **Business Administrator's Report:**

D'Lynn Poll reported she and Alan are meeting with the engineers regarding the MMS boilers. The replacement of these boilers will begin in June. She also reported that she will put out the RFP this month for a construction manager and a general contractor for the new middle school and high school addition projects. This is being done so that they can be involved earlier in the process because their experience and input is invaluable.

D'Lynn also reported that Alan is walking the schools once a week with Wasatch Controls to troubleshoot control problems. He is now able to control the heat for all schools from his I-pad at home. Alan and his department are also working to get the snow and ice cleared at all the schools. Superintendent Jacobs reported that we have had several employees fall on the ice this year.

D'Lynn then updated the board members on the MHS gym floor. D'Lynn reported that as stated last month, we have had a restoration company and an engineer look at the floor. They cut a hole in the floor to see if there was any kind of water or moisture underneath it. There was no evidence of water under the floor. She stated that the civil engineer could find no evidence that the issue was caused by ground water. D'Lynn noted that the company that installed the floor is coming to test the cement under the floor to see if there is moisture in the cement but in order to do this test, they have to drill several holes in the floor. Therefore, we will wait until after basketball season is over to do this.

Gaylene Adams asked the principals about the heat in the buildings. The principals noted that it is 99% better this year. D'Lynn reported that the power was out all night last night at the high school but the new boilers responded well and the building was warm very quickly.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### MHS Math Department Update

Jeremy Floyd informed the board that the MHS Math Department would like to change their curriculum. He reported that back in 2007, the federal government adopted the common core. Utah adopted the integrated pathway and the majority of the country adopted the traditional pathway. The integrated pathway took 4 math courses and weaved them into 3 courses, basically eliminating Geometry all together. At that time, the courses were changed so that there was no mixing of grade levels. There was a regular math class and an honors math class for each grade. The students in the regular math class have really struggled because of this change. To complicate things, there were no textbooks for the pathway. Therefore, the MHS Math Department would like change back to the traditional pathway system where classes will have mixed grade levels. The department will also be using the textbooks that were previously used. He noted that the teachers in the department are very pleased with these changes.

Mr. Floyd also informed the board that the legislature will most likely eliminate the SAGE testing and replace it with Aspire ACT testing. He noted that there are some adjustments that will need to be made to accommodate this form of testing. He noted that he will keep them updated on these changes. The board thanked Mr. Floyd for his hard work and dedication to the students in the Morgan School District.

#### Policy DDAA Child Sexual Abuse Training

Superintendent Jacobs reported that this policy has been presented to the curriculum and policy committees by Prevent Child Abuse Utah. He noted that this is already a part of the curriculum for secondary students. The question has been raised as to whether we make it a part of elementary curriculum as well. It was felt by all that we should not include this for elementary students at this time. The board felt that all staff members should complete the training and that it be made available to all parents. This policy will be placed on the agenda for approval in the February meeting.

### Policy FE Student Records, Policy FED Student Data

Superintendent Jacobs reported that these policies have not yet been reviewed by the policy committee because of the USBA conference last week. The board members felt that these policies should be tabled until the policy committee has had a chance to review them. Therefore the policies will be placed on the February agenda as a discussion item again.

### Board Goals for 2017

Superintendent Jacobs presented some suggestions for this year's board goals. The main goal for the Morgan School Board is student achievement. President Blunck asked the board members to email their goal suggestions to the superintendent. The goals will then be reviewed at the next meeting.

### District Calendar Options

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the 3 calendar options have been sent to all staff members for their input. Option #1 appears to be the favorite at this point. He stated that there have been some suggestions such as a 5-day spring break for the 2018-19 school year. He will take all the suggestions into consideration when creating that calendar. He noted that the school community councils will review the calendar options this month. The board members felt that it is very important to have community council input on the calendar; therefore, the 2017-18 calendar will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

### Meeting Dates for 2017

President Ron Blunck reported that the school board meetings have always been held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. He asked the board members if this is a good time or if there is a better day and time to meet. It was felt that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. is the best time; therefore, the meeting date and time will remain the same. The board reviewed the meeting dates for 2017. Superintendent Jacobs reminded the board members that the June meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month along with the Truth in Taxation meeting. There is no board meeting in July. The December meeting will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Upon approval, these meetings dates will be posted on the website as well as the newspaper.

### **Approval Items:**

### Policy FAB Transgender Students, Policy FGAD Student Rights and Responsibilities

Superintendent Jacobs reported that these policies have been previously reviewed by the policy committee and the board.

MOTION: Kelly Preece made a motion to approve Policy FAB Transgender Students and Policy FGAD Student Rights.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Adam Toone raised a question in Policy FAB Transgender Students whether the school is obligated to notify parents of the reason why their student is being bullied if they are unaware that their student is transgender. Superintendent Jacobs noted that he will look into this matter with the USBA and legal counsel.

APPROVAL: President Blunck, Vice President Adams, Ted Taylor, Kelly Preece, and Adam Toone all voted nay. The motion did not pass. The policies will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### Home School Applications

There were no home school applications to approve this month.

### Meeting Dates for 2017

MOTION: Ted Taylor made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2017.

SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

### MHS Trip Request

MOTION: Gaylene Adams made a motion to approve the MHS Trip Request for the Drama Club to travel to St. George.

SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Gaylene Adams reported that this trip is in 2 days; therefore, we need to have these requests turned in sooner. Ron Blunck reminded Mr. Wilson that the trip request forms must be filled out completely. Adam Toone raised a question regarding whether there are enough chaperones for the number of students going. There are 26 students attending and 3 chaperones. This is in compliance with the 1 adult to 10 students rule. The board discussed the option of approving trip requests every month or keeping it the same as it is with approval 3 times a year. It was felt that it should remain at 3 times a year.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:**

Abigail Collings reported that she doesn't have anything to report. There are no visit reports because there are 2 new board members this month. President Blunck made the following board assignments:

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| Ron Blunck    | - | Policy Committee; Finance & Bond Committee  |
| Gaylene Adams | - | Curriculum Committee; Recreation Board; MEF |
| Ted Taylor    | - | Transportation Committee; Recreation Board  |
| Kelly Preece  | - | Finance & Bond Committee; COG; UHSAA        |
| Adam Toone    | - | Technology Committee; DATC                  |

School visits for February:

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| Ron Blunck    | - | MMS        |
| Gaylene Adams | - | MES        |
| Ted Taylor    | - | Facilities |
| Kelly Preece  | - | MGES       |
| Adam Toone    | - | MHS        |

**Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:**

President Blunck informed the board members that the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: Adam Toone made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Business Administrator, D'Lynn Poll