

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, District Office 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: President Ken Durrant, Vice President Ron Blunck, Neil Carrigan, Ted Taylor, Kelly Preece, 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, Valerie Wilson, Kovi Christiansen, Mauricio Melendez, Jeremy Floyd, Tucker Skinner, Jennie Earl, Academic Olympiad Winners.

Welcome/Pledge/Prayer:

President Ken Durrant welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign the attendance roll. President Durrant led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes, personnel updates, budget report, treasurer's report, and claims.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report:

Special Recognition – MHS Volleyball State Champions, MHS Academic Olympiad Winners, MHS Football

Superintendent Jacobs congratulated the Academic Olympiad team members as well as their advisor, Jeremy Floyd, on their 1st place win in their recent competition. Mr. Floyd stated that Morgan has never placed in that competition prior to this year. The board presented them with a certificate of accomplishment and congratulated them on their win.

The board also presented certificates of accomplishment to Coaches Liz Wiscombe and Julia Fisher and congratulated them on their state volleyball championship this year. Kovi Christiansen, head football coach, was also recognized and congratulated on a great football season.

Employees of the Month

Morgan High School Principal Crae Wilson honored Destiny Field, counselor at MHS, and Patty Romero, attendance secretary at MHS, as employees of the month.

New Building/Bond Update – Architectural Committees

Superintendent Jacobs reported that he and D'Lynn Poll met with the architects to start the process of the building designs. The MHS and MMS design committees will begin meeting on December 14, 2016. He noted that he sent out a survey last week to all parents and staff members to gather information as to whether the bond will be supported. He presented the survey results and stated that there are approximately 500 individuals who have taken the survey so far and the results are very encouraging with 53.20% responding that they are definitely in favor of the bond. This survey will be open until December 31, 2016.

Child Abuse Curriculum Training Implementation

Superintendent Jacobs stated that the child abuse curriculum training has been sent to all teachers, administrators, and community council members. This item will be on the agenda for discussion in January and approval in February.

Business Administrator's Report:

D'Lynn Poll reported that all 4 boilers at MHS are running. There are still a few issues with the controls, and Alan Bune is working through those issues with Wasatch Controls. D'Lynn stated that the weight room did not have heat but that problem has been addressed and it is now functioning. She reported that Alan can now access the controls for all the schools on his IPAD from home. Ted Taylor asked if the bid included changing all the valves to automatic valves. D'Lynn stated that the bid did not include that and that there are still a few valves in the MHS gym and other rooms that still have to be turned on manually. Alan is currently working with Wasatch Controls on these valves and the possibility of updating them to automatic valves.

D'Lynn also reported that the demo and replacement of the MMS boilers will begin June 1, 2017. She noted that the engineers are working on the plans right now, and it is looking like there will be 3 new boilers with the possibility of adding a 4th at a later date. Ken Durrant asked D'Lynn to assure that the bid for replacing the MMS boilers includes changing all the valves to automatic valves.

D'Lynn informed the board that soil tests were done on the FB practice field. There is a very high level of magnesium in the soil, which makes the ground spongy when wet and extremely hard when dry. She noted that Alan Bune and Kovi Christiansen are working

with the vendor to determine which treatment is best for the field. It is likely that there will be several treatments needed before we start seeing a difference. Neil Carrigan suggested that they aerate the field several times a year as well as the chemical treatments.

The board then inquired about the warping of the MHS gym floor. D'Lynn reported that 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. She stated that we are hoping they will have a solution to correct the problem.

Discussion Items:

Legislative and State School Board Guests

Superintendent Jacobs reported that Senators Allen Christensen and Ann Milner both had other commitments and are not able to attend. Representative Mel Brown was invited but declined. Representative Logan Wilde indicated that he would be in attendance but has not arrived yet. Terry Warner is ill and will not be able to attend. Superintendent Jacobs stated that the state is possibly increasing income tax. This would be beneficial for our district because it would increase our WPU money by \$2.9 million.

MHS Trips

The boys' soccer team is requesting a trip to St. George for a tournament in March, 2017. The softball team is also requesting a trip to St. George for a tournament in March, 2017. The board noted that the applications are filled out completely and these are worthwhile activities.

Policy FAB Transgender Students, FGAD Student Rights and Responsibilities

Superintendent Jacobs reported that both the FAB and FGAD policies are USBA policies and have been reviewed by the policy committee. They will be placed on the January agenda for approval.

Approval Items:

Extended Travel Policy

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to approve the Extended Travel Policy with the following additions: #1 students may not miss more than 2 school days; #2 out of state travel must be every other year – date of last trip; #3 incomplete applications will not be considered; and #4 parents must give written approval of trip by secret ballot – must have 80% parent approval.

SECOND: Neil Carrigan seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Policy FDAC Health Requirements – Medical Treatment

The Policy FDAC Health Requirements – Medical Treatment was discussed at the last meeting. Superintendent Jacobs reported that the school nurse, Kimberly Titus, added Do Not Resuscitate information to the policy that protects the students and staff of the district.

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the Policy FDAC Health Requirements – Medical Treatment with the addition of the DNR information.
SECOND: Ron Blunck seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MHS Trip Requests

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the MHS Trip Requests.
SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Home School Applications

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the home school applications.
SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Utah Consolidated Application

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the State of Utah requires the district to fill out this application in order to receive state funding. He noted that the amounts on this application are the same amounts that are found in our budget.

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to approve the Utah Consolidated Application.
SECOND: Kelly Preece seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.
APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit reports:

Abigail Collings reported that the musical was very successful. Debate is doing well in their tournaments. Basketball season has started and the girls' team has won all of their games so far. Abi noted that she was approached by some Robotics Club members inquiring about how they can get funding for their club. Superintendent Jacobs stated

that they should begin with their advisor and principal. He noted that there may Trust Land funds available next year, and Principal Wilson will be able to facilitate this.

President Durrant stated that he visited MHS and Principal Wilson. He noted that he was able to visit Shana Croft's classroom, where the students were learning about chemical reactions. He then visited Amanda Chaney's classroom, and they were getting the poinsettias ready to sale. His last visit was the Special Ed. Department. He stated that he was impressed with all the staff members and their dedication to the students at Morgan High School.

Kelly Preece reported that he visited MMS this month, where he was able to visit with a few of the 6th grade teachers. He noted that he visited Adam Birt's classroom. Adam is a new teacher this year and is doing a great job. He stated that he visited with Principal Hoopes and Vice Principal Stuart and was able to see a student receive his kindness reward. Kelly also reported that he had a great visit with the Transportation Department. He stated that all the buses are running now. He hopes to ride on one of the buses in the near future.

Neil Carrigan noted that he was able to visit Morgan Elementary. He noted that the 3rd grade students were planting tulips. He also visited the computer labs. He was informed that by the time students leave 3rd grade, they will be able to type a research paper. He stated that the students at MES are gathering food for the Food Bank. Neil also reported that he attended a DATC meeting. DATC now has a 6-station portable welding lab. They will take this to different schools to get students interested in taking welding. He stated that he helped with Reality Town at MHS this morning. This is a great activity for the students to help them realize what adult life is like and how important education is in obtaining a good career. He then informed the board that the UHSAA is proposing a 6 classification realignment for next year. He noted that there is a meeting tomorrow where the public may attend to voice their opinions regarding this realignment.

Ted Taylor reported that there are some safety issues with the mechanical systems that he is addressing with Alan Bune. Ted stated that he also attended the Recreation Board meeting this month. The Rec. Board had some large purchases this year with football equipment. He stated that there was some discussion regarding a volleyball recreation program. He noted that he will look into this further to see if there is a desire for this in the community. Ted reported that there have been several community members who have approached him about whether the Trojan Century Center is available for community members to use. Superintendent Jacobs stated that the community may rent the building through the office at Morgan High School. The Trojan Century Center is also open to the public for walking. The schedule for that should be on the MHS website.

Ron Blunck stated that he was able to visit Mountain Green Elementary and participated in 5th grade job interviews. He reported that the students were very prepared, and he was impressed with the students and the activity. He spoke with several teachers in the school, and they indicated that the morale in the MGES is great. They feel that Dr. Andreasen is doing a great job and "she has their backs."

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the USBA Convention will be January 5 – 7, 2017 in SLC. The board meeting/swearing in of new board members will be January 10, 2017. He invited the board members to attend these meetings.

President Durrant thanked everyone for being in attendance. The board members thanked Ken Durrant and Neil Carrigan for their service on the board and wished them luck in their future endeavors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Business Administrator, D'Lynn Poll