

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WORK MEETING AND BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, District Office 5:00 P.M.

Present:

Board Members: Vice President Mark Farmer, Neil Carrigan, Jody Hipwell, Ted Taylor

Excused: President Ken Durrant, Student Board Members Chandler Hipwell, Dietrich Streuber

District Staff: Superintendent Doug Jacobs, Business Administrator D'Lynn Poll, Secretary Denise Rich

Other Staff and Patrons: Tim Wolff, Heidi Andreasen, Lydia Nuttall, Jennie Earl, Jared Barlow, Chase Trussell, Kip Trussell, Brady Trussell, Antonio Nava, Carlos Nava, Shanna Croft, Tammy Bullock, Kade Morrell, Dustin Rock, Shelby Prochnow, Shayli Kilmer, Paige Malan

5:00 P.M. Work Meeting:

Welcome

Vice President Mark Farmer welcomed everyone to the work session meeting. He excused President Durrant who is recovering from surgery.

Board Review of Utah Core Math Standards for Grade 7

Jody Hipwell has been out of state and asked to postpone the review until the next meeting.

Vice President Farmer would like teachers to present a summary of math core standards at board meetings.

Handicapped Accessibility at MHS Football Stadium

Superintendent Jacobs said there is handicapped accessibility bleachers located on the visitor side of the football stadium but not on the home side.

Options discussed were:

1. Modify bleachers with handicapped accessibility
2. Purchase bleachers with handicapped accessibility and extra seating
3. Renovate the entire stadium

Superintendent Jacobs talked to CTE Director Robert Kilmer about the welding class making handicapped modifications to the existing bleachers but there could be Risk Management guidelines.

D'Lynn Poll said it would cost approximately \$49,000 for a new set of bleachers with handicapped accessibility and also provide approximately 230 more seats in the stadium. Capital fund money could be used to pay for them. Bleachers have a 30 year life span and could be moved to a different location if needed.

Superintendent Jacobs recommends purchasing a set of bleachers and suggested booster clubs could help fund this project.

Mark Farmer asked if the price of gate receipts could be increased to help offset the cost.

Principal Murdock said ticket prices are set by the region and can't be changed but reserved prices could be increased.

Jody Hipwell suggested increasing the cost of reserved seating and offer more reserved seating because there is such a demand.

Superintendent Jacobs will put together some scenarios for funding.

Jody Hipwell recommends adding a new set of bleachers with handicapped accessibility and extra seating. She also would like to see more reserved seating in the middle of the stadium.

D'Lynn Poll said more reserved seating would generate a little more money. If the decision is made to purchase a set of bleachers they need to be ordered soon so they will be ready for the football season this fall. She will check on the timeframe.

Superintendent Jacobs said another option would be to remodel the entire stadium and combine that project with other building projects. He asked board members if they want to discuss it in April and approve it in May.

Mark Farmer said if enough information is provided, a decision could be made at the April 14 meeting.

Legislative Update

Senator Ann Millner and Representative Mel Brown were very accessible during the legislative session. Superintendent Jacobs said there could be an increase of 4% to the WPU. Funding on growth and increasing the WPU would benefit the district the most.

D'Lynn Poll said if the bill passes giving a percentage of property tax money to charter schools for students that live in Morgan County but are enrolled in charter schools; it would financially hurt the district. Charter schools do not have any accountability to taxpayers how they spend their money but public schools do.

Other Items Discussed

Jody Hipwell will be the speaker at graduation.

Student board members will recognize the Honoring Excellence recipients at the May 12 board meeting.

Neil Carrigan said there was not enough room in the auditorium for all of the juniors who participated in the promenade.

Jody Hipwell suggested allowing juniors only two guest tickets to help eliminate the number of people that attend or hold the promenade at the Davis Conference Center.

Principal Murdock said there are concerns with split families, etc. when issuing a certain number of tickets to each junior.

The work meeting ended at 5:40 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting:

Welcome/Pledge/Prayer

Vice President Mark Farmer welcomed everyone

Neil Carrigan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the prayer.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Jody Hipwell made a motion to approve the agenda, minutes of the February 10, 2015 board meeting, personnel changes and accept the budget report, the treasurer's report, payment of claims in the amount of \$774,213.39 and the reconciliation reports of the schools. Ted Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No body signed up to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Employees of the Month

Principal Wade Murdock honored Cheerleading Coach and Alternative School Aide Tammy Bullock and MHS Math Teacher Jeremy Floyd as employees of the month.

Special Guests

Superintendent Jacobs recognized Morgan High School cheerleaders, wrestlers, and girls' basketball students.

- MHS Cheerleaders placed first in region and first in state.
- Jayden Pentz won the Utah State Wrestling Champion title. Morgan hasn't had an individual state champion since 2010.
- MHS wrestlers placed seventh at state.
- MHS Girls Basketball Team placed second at state.

Certificates were presented to coaches and students.

Student School Board Member Reports

The Sterling Scholar Competition will be March 31st at Roosevelt Junior High School.

Business Administrator's Report

Sale of Bonds

The district has been advanced from a 2A rating to a 1A rating by Moody's, a commercial credit rating company. At this time four companies have expressed interest in purchasing the general obligation bonds. D'Lynn Poll said they are to be sold March 12, 2015. The district will save approximately \$950,000 by selling the bonds at this time.

Vice President Mark Farmer said the board has shown fiscal conservativeness.

Discussion Items

Recommendations of the Growth Task Force Committee

Vice President Farmer said The Growth Task Force Committee was established on February 2014 for the purpose of involving a diverse and inclusive cross-section of the community in evaluating the long-term growth patterns in Morgan County and the associated capital needs of the district.

Vice President Farmer summarized the Morgan County School District Growth Task Force Work Product report. When finalized, a copy will be on the district website.

Superintendent Jacobs said the district has enough room to accommodate growth for next year but after that something will need to be done.

Vice President Farmer said using portables for a few years can be a temporary solution but a plan needs to be developed. It is a high priority that a fire suppression system be installed in the older portion of the high school.

Policies

Discussion on policies ECA Curriculum, ECBA Instruction, and ECBB Driver's Education and the policy on firearms will be discussed at the April 14th board meeting.

Approval Items

Home School Applications

MOTION: Jody Hipwell made a motion to approve the home school applications. Ted Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Policies EAA, EBA, EBB, EBC

EAA – Instructional Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation: Adoption and Purpose

EBA – Term of Instruction: School Year

EBB – Term of Instruction: School Day

EBC – Term of Instruction: Summer School

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the above policies. Jody Hipwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Insurance Benefits Consultant

D'Lynn Poll explained the process of obtaining a broker. The insurance committee members selected three companies to interview. Morton and Company was the unanimous choice of the committee.

Superintendent Jacobs said they provide a package that is hard to compete with. They are proposing just over 6% for this year.

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve Moreton and Company as the district's health insurance benefits consultant. Ted Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Member School Visits and Committee Reports

Ted Taylor visited the transportation department. He was surprised that more of the parking lot was not asphalt. Employees are doing a good job and drivers are very relieved they are not dealing with notes to drop students off at different locations.

He said the recreation board is making corrections to their handbook. They have a clear definition of the recreation director responsibilities. They are arranging for tournaments. They have asked Morgan City to help with the expense of the lighting at the Wilkinson Complex.

Jody Hipwell was unable to attend the DATC meeting. The purpose of the March USBA spring regional meeting is to discuss legislative issues.

Neil Carrigan visited Mountain Green Elementary. They held a read-a-thon and total student reading hours exceeded four thousand!

The Morgan Education Foundation is working on fundraising projects for August. New members have been added to the Foundation.

The technology committee will be supplying each school with 40 Chromebooks.

Vice President Farmer visited the middle school. The old fifth grade building roof needs to be repaired. There is a concern about the science standards that are being proposed. Teachers feel they are being dictated. Mr. Hoopes has done a great job this year as assistant principal.

The finance committee will be meeting the end of March.

At the COG meeting there was a discussion about prioritization of projects to qualify for grants.

Advanced Planning

There is a USBA meeting scheduled for April 21st at the Timbermine Steakhouse.

Closed Session: Personnel

No closed session meeting was held.

MOTION: A motion was made by Neil Carrigan and seconded by Jody Hipwell to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Administrator D'Lynn Poll