

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, District Office 3:30 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Other Staff and Patrons: Mayor Ray Little, Stephen Lyon, Diana Windley, Jennie Earl, Kevin Eastman, Gwen Romero, Raelene Blocker, Jeffery Richins, Jeremy Floyd, Mandy Webb, Jennifer Lance, Jen Hogg, Edward Ho, Verne Larsen, Gary Crittenden, Renn Hoopes, Roxanne Rich, Jodie Edgington, Liza Telford, Steve Wood, Heidi Andreasen, Ramona Greene, Gina Stuart, Destiny Field, Kovi Christensen, Jim Wiscombe, Phillip Romero, Shana Croft, Jackie Rutherford, Jennifer Jobson, Sandey Johansen.

Work Meeting:

The work meeting was held to discuss the RDA and the SHARP Survey. Mayor Ray Little reported that a construction company has approached the city regarding building a hotel. The existing RDA expires in 2 years, and the city is requesting that the RDA (Regional Development Agreement) be extended for up to 10 years only if the hotel is built. He reported that he feels this hotel would increase the tax base considerably. Mayor Little reported that Morgan City, Morgan County, and Morgan School District are the 3 entities that are involved in the existing RDA and all 3 need to approve the extension. President Blunck requested that this be placed on the agenda as a discussion item at next month's meeting.

President Blunck reported that the SHARP Survey portion of the meeting will consist of 20 minute sessions for those individuals to present information for or against the SHARP Survey, followed by a 20 minute session to discuss the information. Raelene Blocker, MHS Community Council Chairperson, reported the council feels that the SHARP Survey would benefit the students, schools, and community. She noted that the council feels it is important to keep parents informed and involved. Diana Windley reported that the MHS and MMS Community Councils voted unanimously in favor of administering the SHARP Survey. There are many programs such as Prevention Dimension, All Stars, etc. that are offered through Weber Human Services if we participate in the survey. These programs would benefit our community. She noted that this is an "Opt In" survey. This is an opportunity for students to have what is being taught in the home reinforced in the school setting. Gwen Romero, teacher at Morgan High School, reported that she has taught school for 22 years. The things that kids face today are very different from those

of 22 years ago. She stated that 80% of students carry cell phones, most of which are smart phones. They have immediate access to information that is both beneficial and harmful to them. She feels that the SHARP Survey helps the schools, parents, and community fill in the blanks as to what is really happening with our kids. By taking the survey, more resources are available to students, parents, and teachers to help the students stay focused on academics.

Jennie Earl reported that it is important that parents have a choice regarding whether their student takes the survey. She feels that many of these surveys are worded to get people to reveal personal information. She has concerns with privacy and who has access to the information obtained through a survey. Jennie asked the board to consider the following recommendations if they choose to approve the administering of the SHARP Survey:

- No reward for returning parent consent form/No punishment for not taking the survey.
- Parents have access to the survey and the law.
- Explain the uses of the survey and concerns of community members.
- Recommend that parents debrief their students.

Ted Taylor asked what specific programs would be offered if the survey is given. Weber/Morgan Health Department reported that once the SHARP Survey results are in, the community picks the different programs that would be most beneficial to their community. Prevention Dimension and All Stars are just a few of many programs that are offered. Gary Crittenden reported that he has witnessed the impact that the All Stars program has had on every single student at Morgan Middle School. The students have suffered from not having this program in the last few years. He noted that there are many more resources available to the community as a whole by the administration of the SHARP Survey. Ted noted that this has been a great discussion, and he thanked everyone for their comments.

Kelly Preece also thanked everyone for being open minded and involved. He asked them to refrain from posting their comments on social media. President Blunck thanked those in attendance for their comments and discussion. He asked them to feel welcome to bring any comments and/or concerns to the board at any time.

Regular Board Meeting:

Welcome: Ron Blunck

Pledge/Prayer: Adam Toone

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, personnel updates, budget report, treasurer's report, claims, school reconciliation reports, as well as the addition of the MHS Boys' Tennis Trip to the approval items.

SECOND: Ted Taylor

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

1. Gwen Romero: added her support for the administration of the SHARP Survey as a teacher but, more importantly, as a parent. She reported that the school and community will benefit from having more programs and resources available to us.
2. Diana Windley: added the MHS Community Council has done a great deal of research on the SHARP Survey. The council is asking the board to reverse the previous decision and to allow parents to “opt in” their students to take the SHARP Survey.

Superintendent’s Report:

Special Recognition – MHS Girls’ Basketball, MHS Boys’ Basketball, MHS Wrestlers

Superintendent Jacobs congratulated the MHS Girls’ Basketball team on their 3rd place win in the state tournament. He also congratulated the wrestlers that took state as well as the boys’ basketball team for a great season. The board presented them with a certificate of accomplishment and congratulated them on their achievements.

Employees of the Month

1. Susan Rock, Cook at Morgan High School.
2. Mitzi Ralphs, Cook at Morgan Elementary.

Department Report – Special Education

Steve Wood reported that there are currently 337 students in the Morgan School District Special Ed. Department as well as 11.5 Full-time Teachers, 1 Full-time Speech Pathologist, and 35 Part-time Support Staff. He reported that the department receives 2 types of funding – federal and state and is based on numbers. As a result, he is hoping to add another full-time teacher to his staff for next school year. He noted that the department also contracts with a physical therapist and an occupational therapist.

Steve reported that the department is working on a transition fair for the post high students as well as more training on co-teaching.

Architectural Process/Bond Update; Legislative Session

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the bond committee has finished all the school meetings to review the plans for the new middle school and high school addition. He reported that he sent the plans to all district employees and is receiving positive feedback. He stated that the architects are working on a brochure for the bond and the bond webpage will be online in March or April. He noted that he and D’Lynn met with the developer of Rollins Ranch regarding the water tank that will also feed the new middle

school. They are projecting 1,200 new homes in that subdivision. The architects and construction manager/general contractor will be invited to the board work meeting in April.

Superintendent Jacobs reported that it was a successful legislative session. There will be a 4% increase next year in the WPU plus growth.

Business Administrator's Report:

D'Lynn Poll reviewed the budget report. She also updated the board on the capital improvements in the district.

Discussion Items:

Annual Comprehensive Guidance Report

Gary Crittenden presented the annual Comprehensive Guidance report for Morgan Middle School. He noted that they focus a great deal on work based learning. He reported that the counselors both at MMS and MHS have their Comp Guidance Review next year. This review is similar to the accreditation review that the high school must complete. He also reported that next year he will share his time between the high school and middle school as the 8th Grade/9th Grade Counselor to help the students with the major transition from middle school and high school.

Jim Wiscombe and Destiny Field presented the Comprehensive Guidance report for Morgan High School. They discussed the 4 areas involved in counseling:

- *College and Career Readiness
- *Guidance Curriculum
- *Responsive Services
- *System Support

Destiny Field reported that the Career Fair was held last week where 37 different professionals were present to discuss their different careers. Jim Wiscombe reported that the most successful group they have is the grief group. He stated that sometimes they have guest speakers and other times the students just talk about their experiences. Jim then invited a few grief group students to tell the board about their experiences in the group and how helpful it has been to meet with students who are experiencing the same things they are. These reports will be placed on the April agenda for approval.

Regional Development Authority Renewal

Kelly Preece reported that the COG met and would like the district to participate in extending the RDA for up to 10 years only if the hotel is built. Kelly posed the question as to whether the growth outweighs the costs. He reported that this will be discussed further at the COG meeting next Monday. D'Lynn Poll stated that she will prepare a list with numbers of how it will benefit the district as well as what it will cost the district. This item will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the April meeting.

Policy GA Public Information

President Blunck reported that the Policy GA Public Information was reviewed by the policy committee. They felt that there were no necessary changes. This policy will be on the April agenda for approval.

Increase in Tuition for Foreign Exchange Students

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the district is anticipating 7-8 foreign exchange students for next school year. He asked the board whether they feel the tuition should be adjusted. The current tuition is \$4,000 and it costs the district \$5,800 to educate each student. The board felt that the tuition should at least match the district's costs. President Blunck asked that a \$6,000 tuition fee for foreign exchange students be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Approval Items:

MHS School Community Council Request to Administer SHARP Survey

MOTION: Ted Taylor moved to approve the administration of the SHARP Survey.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: Ted Taylor stated that he would like to see an effort to make parents aware and to debrief with their students after.

Gaylene Adams reported that we have elected parents who serve on the community councils at each school. They represent the parents for their individual schools. She noted that when the councils come to the board with requests such as this, the board should seriously consider them. She reported that she feels the SHARP Survey is a tool to give us trends of what our students are doing. It is an "opt in" program that provides parents with the option to choose what is best for their child.

President Blunck reported that he has done a lot of research on the survey and Code 53. He noted that the Community Council has never come to the board with a request during his tenure. Therefore, he feels the board should carefully consider their request.

Kelly Preece thanked the Community Council members for being in attendance. He challenged them, if the administration of the SHARP Survey passes, to help make it a positive experience for students and parents. He asked them to always feel welcome to address the board with requests, questions, and/or concerns.

Adam Toone expressed a concern with protecting students who do not take the survey against bullying. He would like to see the survey on the webpage so that parents may access it before making their decision. Superintendent Jacobs reported that we have very professional, educated administrators that follow the bullying policy in every situation, and we should rely on their expertise to keep every student safe.

Student Board Member Abigail Collings informed the board that, as a student, she has taken the SHARP Survey. She felt it was a very worthwhile activity because it allowed some students an avenue to anonymously voice things they are experiencing.

MOTION: Ted Taylor moved to amend the motion to approve the administration of the SHARP Survey and to make the survey available to parents and to encourage parents to discuss this with their students afterwards.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: Superintendent Jacobs will send a parent update with this information and encouraging parents to discuss the survey with their students.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Policies FE Student Records, FED Student Data, FHAF Safety Interventions

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve Policies FE Student Records, FED Student Data, and FHAF Safety Interventions.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Individual School Calendars for 2017-18

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the MHS, MMS, MES, MGES school calendars for 2017-18.

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: Ted Taylor

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Manager/General Contractor Committee Recommendation

MOTION: Ron Blunck moved to approve Hogan & Associates as the General Contractor/Construction Manager for the two proposed building projects.

SECOND: Ted Taylor

DISCUSSION: Adam Toone reported that the RFP was sent to 13 companies, of which 7 responded. The review committee reviewed all 7 proposals and recommended their top 3 choices to the interview committee. He reviewed the scoring by the interview committee. Adam reported that there was a discussion among the interview committee regarding the fees that were being incurred before the bond is approved. These fees are for proposals and cost analysis that the contractor does before the bond.

APPROVAL: Ron Blunck, Gaylene Adams, Ted Taylor, Kelly Preece voted in favor; Adam Toone voted against. The motion passed.

MHS Boys' Tennis Trip

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the MHS Boys' Tennis Trip to St. George on March 23 – 25, 2017.

SECOND: Adam Toone

DISCUSSION: President Blunck reported that he feels that Superintendent Jacobs could approve a lot of these trips without board approval. However, the out-of-state trips should all be approved by the board. These changes will be made to the extended travel policy when it up for approval again.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

President Blunck reported that he visited Principal Wilson and Vice Principal Mikesell at MHS. He reported that he visited Shasta Breshears' classroom as well as the counseling center. He also reported that he rode Melanie Rose's bus. He noted that we are lucky to have great staff, and he thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

Ted Taylor reported that he rode on Shauna Haslam's bus. He noted that there is a real problem with rock truck traffic on Old Highway Road in Stoddard. He stated that the rock trucks just pull out onto Old Highway Road without checking for traffic. He reported that Shauna does an amazing job at keeping the students on her route safe. Ted also reported that he met with Alan regarding the mechanical systems. He expressed the need to increase his employees in order to take care of the district's needs.

Gaylene Adams reported that she will be visiting MMS later in the month but she attended the MMS choir concert. She was impressed with the work being done with those students. She stated that the Curriculum Committee was canceled this month. She reported that she attended the Recreation Board meeting. A league director was hired this past year and it seemed to be beneficial. The board also purchased football equipment that may be rented for different leagues. Gaylene also reported that the Morgan Education Foundation is having a training meeting for all of their new members this Thursday.

Kelly Preece reported that has not yet had a chance to visit MES. He noted that he attended the COG meeting where they discussed the RDA and the Young Street Bridge. He reported that he attended several meetings at the UHSAA. He stated that the UHSAA Board of Trustees is being reduced from 32 members to 15 members.

Adam Toone reported that he had a great visit with Dr. Andreasen at MGES. He noted that they were having a water issue during his visit. D'Lynn Poll reported that there was water coming in under the threshold of the door. She stated that Alan is addressing this issue. Adam then reported that the Technology Committee discussed problems that MES is having with printing. Terry Allen is purchasing some printing software to address this. Adam also attended the DATC meeting, and he thanked them for their donation of approximately 90 computers to the district.

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

President Blunck reported that the board meeting in April will begin at 3:00 p.m. The architects and contractors will be in attendance to review the plans for the buildings and the bond.

Superintendent Jacobs reported that he and President Blunck are attending the Sterling Scholar Competition on March 28th. The USBA Regional Meeting will be held April 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Weber School District Office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Business Administrator, D'Lynn Poll