

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at District Office at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: President Ron Blunck, Vice President Gaylene Adams, Kelly Preece, Adam Toone, Lars Birkeland, Student School Board Member Brooke Grow.

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

Other Staff and Patrons: Heidi Andreasen, Andy Jensen, Renn Hoopes, Crae Wilson, Tyrel Mikesell, Scott McMillan, John Cox, Courtney Bergman, KyLee Rock, Destiny Field, Jim Wiscombe, Kovi Christiansen, Wendy Mikesell.

Welcome: President Ron Blunck opened the meeting.

Pledge/Prayer: Kelly Preece

Oath of Office:

D'Lynn Poll administered the oath of office to Lars Birkeland to fulfill the vacancy in Precinct #2.

Election of Board President and Vice President:

President Blunck reported that it is necessary to hold elections for Board President and Vice President.

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved that Ron Blunck continue as Board President.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion and no other nominations.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: President Ron Blunck moved that Gaylene Adams continue as Board Vice President.

SECOND: Kelly Preece

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion and no other nominations.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

President Blunck reported that the following item needs to be added to the agenda: Board Meeting Dates as an action item.

MOTION: Gaylene Adams moved to add the Board Meeting Dates to the agenda as an action item.

SECOND: President Blunck

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

President Blunck reported that if there are no objections, the consent agenda is approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report:

Employees Spotlight – Morgan High School

1. Jim Wiscombe – Morgan High School Counselor
2. Wendy Mikesell – Morgan High School Media Aide

MHS Comprehensive Guidance Report

Jim Wiscombe, Destiny Field, and KyLee Rock presented a video that explains the changes and updated focus of the school counseling program. Mrs. Field reported that the state is putting more emphasis on college and career readiness. Adam Toone inquired about how the counselors encourage students to seek college vs. the trades. Mr. Wiscombe reported that they try to expose the students to different options via Career Fairs, Options Night, Reality Town, etc. Mrs. Field added that they have the students take an interest inventory before they meet with them and they try to guide them toward careers that match their personalities. The counselors reported that the Davis Technology College offers the district a great program for trade careers. The number of students taking advantage of this program continues to grow. The Board members thanked the counselors for their hard work and dedication to the students at Morgan High School.

Superintendent Jacobs added that students everywhere are experiencing more and more mental health issues. Therefore, one of the Board's possible priorities would be to fund additional counselors in the future.

Construction Update

John Cox from Hogan Construction updated the Board members on the progress of the MHS addition and MGMS projects. He showed current photos of both projects and compared them to those of several months ago. He reported that they are currently working on the roof and drywall at MGMS. The concrete for the stadium seats in the commons will be poured in the next few weeks.

John reported that the veneer and pre-casts at MHS are nearly complete. The 1st floor is finished with drywall and paint. The ceiling tiles will be going in this week. The cabinetry will be installed next week. On the 2nd floor, the drywall is nearly complete and painting will then

begin. The Board members again thanked John for the extra attention that he gives to these building projects.

Business Administrator's Report:

D'Lynn Poll updated the Board members on the capital projects that are occurring in the district. She noted that CenterPoint is now working on the locker rooms at MMS. She then updated the Board members on the road to MGMS. She will submit the application to the county tomorrow and she is hoping that the County Council will discuss this at their next meeting in 2 weeks.

D'Lynn then followed up on the Board's request for information regarding schools reviewing their accounts mid-year. She reported that the high school is currently using an accounting system (TES) that will automatically post to the transparency website. She is waiting for information from TES regarding costs for all schools to transition to this system. She will forward that information to the Board members as soon as she receives it.

Discussion Items:

Yearly Board Meeting Dates

Superintendent Jacobs presented the Board meeting dates for 2019.

MHS Trip Requests

Gaylene Adams reported that she has concerns with this request because there were 15 parents that responded to the survey and 6 of those made comments with concerns about cost. Superintendent Jacobs reported that the state is discussing possible legislation dealing with fundraising/fee waivers, etc. It would require the School Board to pay for all students who are on fee waivers. Principal Wilson also added his concerns with the cost of this trip. However, he noted that there are several parents that are willing to raise the funds for all the students to go. President Blunck reported that his biggest concern is the cost. Adam Toone added his concerns with the students performing on Sunday. Superintendent Jacobs recommended that the high school poll the parents again to see if there are more that would be willing to comment. This matter will then be placed on the next agenda as an action item.

Policy GCF – Animals on School Premises

President Blunck reported that the Policy Committee reviewed this policy today and recommended no changes. Gaylene Adams noted that she feels the form that the administrators will be required to fill out is beneficial.

Policy GK – Authority of Separated Parents

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the Policy Committee also reviewed this policy. The question was raised regarding who is responsible for making sure that the schools have the most updated court documents. Superintendent reported that it is the parents' responsibility to make sure the schools have the correct court documents.

Policy FDACC – Student Allergies

The Policy Committee discussed this policy. School Nurse, Kim Titus, reported that she is in the process of obtaining a prescription for each school to have at least one epi pen on hand. She stated that she is working on different options because the pens are very expensive. She also reported that she is working on getting Nar can at all the schools as well. Sheriff Breshears reported that his department would be able to help them obtain the Nar can from the county EMS program. There were no recommendations on changes to the policy.

Follow-up on UTREX Student Data Collection

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the reportable data automatically downloads from Aspire to UTREX and that information is retained indefinitely. In order for someone to obtain such information, it would require a court subpoena. He presented a list of possible behavior offenses that could be entered into Aspire. Superintendent Jacobs reported that he feels that there will be upcoming legislation on this matter also.

Board Goals and Committee Assignments

President Blunck reported that the Board needs to decide on goals for the year. Gaylene Adams suggested using the data from the state report cards to decide on a goal for each specific school. She also recommended that the Board continue the goal of staying on budget with the construction projects. Superintendent Jacobs asked the principals to let him know if they have specific goals that they would like the Board to focus on. President Blunck asked the Board members to email Superintendent Jacobs with their goal ideas as well. President Blunck then recommended that Lars Birkeland be assigned to the Transportation Committee and Recreation Board. Kelly Preece will serve on the Recreation Board instead of Gaylene Adams.

Replacement of MHS Football Stadium Bleachers

President Blunck reported that the district has outgrown the bleachers at MHS Trojan field. He noted that the announcer's box is also very old and unsafe. Adam Toone expressed that he has reservations regarding putting a large amount of money into something that gets used approximately 8 times a year. Gaylene Adams and Kelly Preece both reported that they have had several comments from community members regarding the condition of the bleachers and that a large number of people don't come to the games because there is no seating. Kovi Christiansen reported that the current bleachers and announcer's box are very unsafe and unaccommodating to a large number of people that have health issues. He feels that the stadium would be used more if there was more seating. He recommended that the Board consider replacing the bleachers as well as adding a couple of locker rooms underneath the bleachers. President Blunck reported that this matter needs to be discussed further when the budgets have been completed. He asked administration to gather information regarding cost for these proposals to present at future meetings. Adam Toone also suggested that they gather information regarding replacing playground equipment at the elementary schools. This item of discussion will remain on the agenda for next month.

Demolition of old District Office/Preschool

Superintendent Jacobs reported that in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and improve school safety, he is recommending to the Board that the old District Office/Preschool be demolished to provide a safer drop off/pickup area at MES as well as provide additional parking. He stated that the old District Office could either be sold or donated to charity. He presented a map for the proposed new parking/bus loading/unloading area. He noted that the engineer will be coming next week to review the plan and area. D'Lynn Poll reported that she has contacted the company that has moved the district portables for a bid and timeline. Gaylene Adams added that this plan improves school safety; therefore, she inquired about receiving state funding for a project like this. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as an action item.

Action Items:

Policy F Identification of Students at Risk

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve Policy F – Identification of Students at Risk.

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: Adam Toone

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MHS Comprehensive Guidance Report

MOTION: President Blunck moved to approve the MHS Comprehensive Guidance Report.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Dates

MOTION: Adam Toone moved to approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2019.

SECOND: Gaylene Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

Brooke Grow reported that this week is HOPE Week at MHS to raise suicide awareness as well as mental health issues. She stated that the HOPE Squad has done a great job organizing fun

activities to get all the students involved. She noted that the school is warm and there haven't been many parking issues.

President Blunck reported that he attended the Policy Committee meeting. He stated that he visited MMS, Principal Hoopes, and Vice Principal Stuart. They educated him on what student information is reportable and forwarded to UTREX. He reported that the faculty and staff at MMS feel supported by administration.

Gaylene Adams reported that she attended the Safety meeting and discussed different ways to improve school safety. She stated that she visited MES in December. She was able to hear the students Christmas caroling. She also visited with Principal Jensen, and he discussed his ideas on moving the school around next year when the 5th grade moves to the middle school.

Kelly Preece reported that the COG did not meet in December. He stated that he was able to visit MES yesterday. He visited the Special Ed. Department, and he thanked those staff members for the loving care and help that they give to those students. He also visited with the Food Services staff, and they showed him their plans for a minor remodel of the kitchen this summer.

Adam Toone reported that the Technology Committee met today. He stated that they reported that to date, 319 Technology Service Tickets have been completed, with approximately 33 tickets still open. The new phone system at MES and the District Office is in the final stages. He noted that the Technology Department gave the committee a demonstration on the TV interface system that will turn the TV's into touch screens. They also gave a demonstration on the new camera system. It is much more user friendly and more visible. Adam also reported that the DTC is gearing up for the upcoming legislative session. Superintendent Jacobs reported that the new DTC President, Darin Brush, is coming to the district on January 16th to introduce himself. He invited the Board members to attend if they desire.

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

USBA Convention in SLC – January 10-11, 2019

Next Board Meeting – February 12, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Business Administrator, D'Lynn Poll