

DISTRICT #101 MORRIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2011 6:30 PM

Present: President Julie Hulbert  
Mr. Denny Best  
Mr. John Maddox  
Mr. Jim Paulson

Absent: Vice President Ralph Wagner  
Secretary Deborah Beshoar  
Dr. James Allen

Also Present: Superintendent Patrick Halloran  
Principal Kelly Hussey  
Athletic Director George Dergo

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved and released:

December 13, 2010 Truth in Taxation Hearing  
December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2010 Executive Session  
December 21, 2010 Special Meeting  
December 21, 2010 Executive Session

Mr. Paulson made a motion to approve and release the above minutes of the Truth in Taxation Hearing, Regular Meeting, Special Meeting and regular and executive sessions SECONDED by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Best to approve payment of bills for District #101, the financial reports, activity fund report, reimbursement of Imprest for \$11,244.14 and the non-contractual payroll. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Paulson. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL ED COOPERATIVE – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Best to ratify the financial statements and bills of the Grundy County Special Education Cooperative as submitted and approved by the Grundy County Special Education Board at its meeting. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL ED COOPERATIVE – STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox to ratify the employment and resignations of staff, certified staff and program assistants of the Grundy County Special Education staff, as submitted and approved by the Grundy County Special Education Board at its

meeting. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

### DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Halloran touched on areas presented by State Supt. Koch in his last update including new Common Core State Standards in English and math, the new student assessment system currently being created, tenure for teachers and the fact that Illinois was No. 1 of the eight states that test at least 90 percent of their students using the ACT and attaining a composite ACT score of 20.7.

Request For Proposals are being prepared for the renewal of the athletic training service agreement.

Topics and actions as a result of the schedule transition changes were presented. Targeted areas include: handbook/policy changes, department needs, administrative duties, summer school, study hall, scheduling, equality, PowerSchool/PowerScheduler, and other miscellaneous items.

Rock Island Clean Line Energy is considering the possibility of developing a site to transmit wind energy from the west to the east coast based in our area. Other sites outside of the area are also being considered for this venture.

Also presented was a score card indicating the status of objectives and activities as related to the themes and goals of the 2010-2011 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Wagner entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

### BUILDING REPORT

Mr. Hussey discussed the school improvement plan and areas that are being addressed, including the assessment of collected data and the development of action plans utilizing that data.

Pause for Applauses included the following:

- FCCLA raised \$500 for We Care by selling frosted sugar cookies for \$1 and delivering them. Executive board members of “Cookies For A Cause” include: Leslie Claire, Caroline Riccolo, Taryn Belak, Hayley Corrigan, Kelsey Fieden, Katy Houlne, Paige Wilson, Katlyn Mantey and Carson Shannon.
- Morris Speech team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 21 schools at the Rochelle Invitational. Finalists included: Jayme Cole, Jake O’Marrah, Jessie Eastman, Amber Hunnewell, Joe Leasure, Taylor Wolfer and Melanie Ruettiger.
- The JV Speech team competed at the Seneca Irish Invitational and placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Medals were earned by Rhett Higgins, Josh Hoseh, Grace Kumor, Jerry Peterson, Danielle Howard, Brooke Smith, Carol Marie Gaska and Alyssa Rogers.
- The Morris Speech team took 6<sup>th</sup> place at the Coal City Winter Break Invitational. Advancing to finals were Sam Bennett, Jorie Struck, Sam Courter, Kade Bashor, Taylor Wolfer, Jerry Leasure, Blake Wilhelmsen, and Skylia Regalado.

### SOCCKER UNIFORM DONATION APPROVED

The donation of boys and girls varsity and junior varsity uniforms and warm ups by the Soccer Booster Club in the approximate amount of \$1700.00 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Best. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Wagner, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

### SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES – SECOND READING AND APPROVAL

On a motion made by Mr. Wagner and SECONDED by Mr. Best the second reading of the following new and revised school board policies was approved for inclusion in the policy manual. FOOD ALLERGY: 7:285- Food Allergy Management Program(NEW), 7:285-AP-Implementing a Food Allergy Management Program(NEW); SCHOOL BOARDS: 2:20-Powers and Duties of the School Board, 2:80-Board Member Oath and Conduct, 2:100-Board Member Conflict of Interest, 2:110-Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; OPERATIONS: 4:50-Payment Procedures, 4:110-Transportation, 4:110-AP2-Bus Driver Communication Devices; Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Inspection; and Bus Driving Comments(renamed); ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL: 3:40-Superintendent, 5:100-Staff Development Program, 5:190-Teacher Qualifications, 5:280-Educational Support Personnel-Duties and Qualifications, 5:290-Educational Support Personnel-Employment Termination and Suspensions; INSTRUCTION: 6:20-School Year Calendar and Day, 6:60-Curriculum Content, 6:60-AP- Comprehensive Health Education Program, 6:320-High School Credit for Proficiency; STUDENTS: 7:20-Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:180-Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, 7:190-Student Discipline, 7:190-AP5-Electronic Devices, 7:190-AP6-Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations(NEW), 7:190-AP6-E1-Letter to Parents/Guardians About Preventing and Reducing Incidences of Sexting(NEW), 7:190-E2-Student Handbook Checklist, 7:200-Suspension Procedures; COMMUNITY RELATIONS: 8:30-Visitors to and Conduct on School Property; LEGAL CITATION CHANGES: 4:60-AP1-Purchases, 4:160-Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds, 6:50-School Wellness, 7:240-Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities, 7:300-Extracurricular Athletics. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

### APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER FOR REMAINING 2010/2011

Tim Ciesielski was approved as Industrial Arts teacher for the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year based on the MA Step 5 pro-rated base salary of \$42,648, and benefits on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Best. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mr. Best and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox to enter executive session for the purpose of evaluating personnel for appointment, employment, dismissal; litigation; contractual discussion. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive session began at 7:12 p.m.

Open session resumed at 7:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Wagner. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

### MIGUEL BERMUDEZ APPROVED AS VOLUNTEER BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Miguel Bermudez was approved as volunteer boys basketball coach on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GREG LARSEN AS ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH APPROVED

On a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox, Greg Larsen was approved as assistant baseball coach. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Wagner, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF LORI DITE AS FULL-TIME CLASS OF 2013 ADVISOR

Lori Dite was approved as full-time Class of 2013 advisor on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Best. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best, Mr. Wagner. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF JANE MONTERO AS MAINTENANCE SECRETARY

On a motion made by Mr. Best and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson, Jane Montero was approved as part-time maintenance secretary at an hourly salary amount of \$12.38. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. Best, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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President

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Secretary