

DISTRICT #101 MORRIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2011 6:30 PM

Present: President Dennis Best Mr. John Maddox  
Vice President Jim Paulson Mr. Eric Monson  
Secretary Damon Sloan (via audio) Mrs. Judie Roth

Absent: Dr. James Allen

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. 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 on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson:

September 12, 2011 – Budget Hearing

September 12, 2011 - Regular Session

September 12, 2011 – Executive Session

On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Monson.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Best, Mr. Sloan. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Katie Lincoln informed the board of the Homecoming “Welcome to the Jungle” activities including a dodgeball tournament, a donut eating contest sponsored by Morris Bakery and the Powder Puff girl’s football game. Thanks to the bakery and the Morris Fire District for assistance with the bonfire were extended. 750 students attended the homecoming dance. The blood drive scheduled for 11/8/2011 may have to be changed due to a student leadership conference.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox to approve payment of bills for District #101, the financial reports, activity fund report, reimbursement of Imprest for \$8684.24 and the non-contractual payroll. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

FACILITY USE REQUEST(S)

On a motion made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox the following facility use requests were approved:

- Boy Scouts Chemistry Troop Meetings – 11/8 & 15/2011 – Room 201
- Special Olympics Basketball Tournament – Rec Center – 01/15/2012
- Country Line Dancing- Rec Center Field house – November thru April
- Youth Baseball Practice – Field house - January through March 2012
- MCHS Promfest meetings – Cafeteria – monthly throughout the school year

- Girl Scout Group Fun Night – Jan. 21, 2012 – 4 – 7 p.m. – Rec Center
- Little Redskins Wrestling Club – Wrestling & Main Gyms – Intermittent Dates

On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL ED COOPERATIVE – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Monson 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: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL ED COOPERATIVE –STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mrs. Roth to ratify the employment of the following 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, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Halloran discussed data reported in the FY11 School Report Card including basically unchanged student demographics, a consistent attendance rate and the mobility rate being down. The ACT assessment is above the state average in the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE).

Dr. Halloran reported on the contract proposals received from Coca-Cola and Pepsi to be the school district's beverage provider. Pepsi will include an annual \$5000 sponsorship in addition to commissions.

A shared services board level committee between school districts is being established due in large part to consolidation discussion begun by the governor. This committee will explore possible cost saving measures and participants will include: Morris Community High School District 101, Morris Elementary District 54, Saratoga District 60c and Nettle Creek District 24c.

MCHS decentralized from the Grundy County Special Education Cooperative last month and will employ Special Education learning disabled teachers beginning in FY13.

Senate Bill 7 addresses education reform, including RIF procedures and the evaluation process for teachers and principals. Dr. Halloran presented information related to possible and actual changes occurring to the evaluation instrument including the four rating categories to be utilized along with incorporation of student achievement. The role of seniority in employment decisions will be diminished.

The Annual Financial Report was reviewed, Dr. Halloran noted the district is currently in Recognition Status, an indicator the four year financial plan is working.

Green Associates, district architects will conduct a presentation on the elevator project at the November meeting.

## BUILDING REPORT

Mr. Hussey presented information related to the School Improvement Plan and reviewed the K-12 Articulation Notes for the 2011-2012 school year. Common core standards and how they are implemented/addressed between the districts was discussed. The sharing of curriculum and assessment strategies continues.

### Pause For Applause:

- Olivia Kief shot an 88 at the Girls Golf Conference Tournament in Rochelle placing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 30.
- Jeff Burton placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall out of 66 individuals in Conference golfing an 87 over 18 holes on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Whitetail Ridge.
- Mike McPherson golfed a 79 over 18 holes, finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place out of 72 individuals. Mike also earned an All-Conference bid racking up 16 points throughout the season.
- The MCHS boys golf team brought home the first ever Regional Championship. Mike McPherson medaled in 3<sup>rd</sup> with an 82, Paul Kolotka and Quinn Campbell tied for 4<sup>th</sup> with 85's. Zane Hartley, Nick Verchimak and Trevor Lines rounded out the team.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

## DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

The board was apprised of a FOIA request submitted by Steve Nitz of the Morris Daily Herald requesting the names of Stadium Dedication email responders.

The stadium dedication proposal that was presented at the September meeting resulted in two Stadium Dedication Committee sessions on September 26 and October 3. The proposal has been withdrawn. Mr. Best thanked all committee members for the time, effort and energy they expended in this endeavor. Positive feedback on the procedure was received.

The board discussed the means by which the public will communicate with them. The establishment of email accounts through the district was considered along with the posting of phone numbers and other information on the district website.

## FY11 SCHOOL REPORT CARD

The FY11 School Report Card was approved on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and **SECONDED** by Mrs. Roth. On voice vote, those voting **AYE**: All. **NAY**: None. **MOTION CARRIED**.

## FIVE YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH PEPSI APPROVED

The five year contract renewal with Pepsi as the school district's beverage provider was approved on a motion by Mr. Paulson and **SECONDED** by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting **AYE**: Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. **NAY**: None. **MOTION CARRIED**.

## PARTICIPATION IN SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE APPROVED

On a motion made by Mr. Maddox and **SECONDED** by Mr. Monson, the board formally approved the shared services board committee and participation between Morris Community

High School District 101, Saratoga District 60C, Morris Elementary School District 54, and Nettle Creek District 24C. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO POST SPECIAL EDUCATION LD TEACHER POSITIONS

The authorization of the posting of special education learning disabled teacher positions for the 2012-2013 school year was approved on a motion made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Monson. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 1995 GMC SUBURBAN BID /SALE APPROVED

The 1995 GMC Suburban bid submitted by Mark Daggett in the amount of \$625.00 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Monson and SECONDED by Mrs. Roth. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Executive session began at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mrs. Roth to return to regular session. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Regular session resumed at 7:52 p.m.

#### RESIGNATION OF SHEREE NARWICK APPROVED

On a motion made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox, the resignation of Sheree Narwick effective 11/23/2011 was approved. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### RESIGNATION OF STEFANIE KAUFMANN AS ASST GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

On a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Monson the resignation of Stefanie Kaufmann as assistant girls basketball coach was approved. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### DAVID TABLER APPROVED AS ASSISTANT SPEECH COACH

David Tabler was approved as assistant speech coach on a motion made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

JENNIFER BAMONTE APPROVED AS ASSISTANT GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

On a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Monson, Jennifer Bamonte was approved as assistant girls basketball coach. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Monson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:54 p.m.

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President

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Secretary