

DISTRICT #101 MORRIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2011 6:30 PM

Present: President Dennis Best Mr. John Maddox
 Vice President Mr. Jim Paulson Mr. Eric Monson
 Secretary Damon Sloan Mrs. Judie Roth
 Dr. James Allen

Also Present: Superintendent Pat Halloran
 Principal Kelly Hussey
 Assistant Principal Jeff Johnson
 Athletic Director George Dergo

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

APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved and released:

November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting

November 14, 2011 Executive Session

Mr. Sloan made a motion to approve and release the above minutes of the regular, and executive sessions, SECONDED by Mrs. Roth. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Max Campbell reported the blood drive collected 74 pints of blood. Student Council has adopted two We Care families giving each family a \$100 Aldi gift certificate and allocating a total of \$425 for the children. The winter dance theme is "Black & White" and will be held on February 11, 2012.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Sloan to approve payment of bills for District #101, the financial reports, activity fund report, reimbursement of Imprest for \$4191.96 and the non-contractual payroll. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Maddox, Dr. Allen. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL ED COOPERATIVE – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson 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, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL ED COOPERATIVE – STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Halloran discussed new rules created by the Education Reform Act (SB7) including the formation of a Joint Committee and numerous changes to how teachers are hired, evaluated, laid off and terminated. Changes to the district's evaluation process are currently being discussed and implemented.

The Shared Services Committee has defined its purpose as a group and is refining three main areas of focus.

Information related to the issuance of \$3,500,000 working cash fund bonds was shared.

IMRF policies were presented and discussed. One new and one revised policy will prevent the potential for retirement penalties the district may incur due to changes in IMRF regulations.

BUILDING REPORT

Mr. Hussey discussed the Parent School Improvement Panel. A continuity of membership for the panel is key to its success.

Mr. Sloan presented Mr. Hussey with a Pause For Applause recognizing his professionalism and compassion with staff, students and the community with the passing of Kaleb Beck.

Pause For Applauses include:

- Emily Bestow and Selene Gabaldon had ceramic pieces chosen to be included in the 2011 JJC Area High School Art Exhibition. Emily's ceramic sculpture received an "Award of Excellence."
- Alyssa Applebee won the Lockport Sectional in diving, breaking her old school record of 408 with a 461, and setting a new pool record at Lockport. Alyssa advances to State.
- Alyssa Applebee received an 11th place medal at State. Alyssa finished 11th out of 48 divers.
- MCHS Lady Redskins Freshmen basketball team took home 1st place at the Morris Thanksgiving Tournament. Morris went 3-0 in the tournament beating Minooka 29-19.
- Laney Torkelson made the All Tournament Team at the Prairie Central Thanksgiving Tournament.
- Sophomore Boys Basketball team went 3-0 in the Coal City Turkey Tourney taking home a first place trophy.
- Varsity forward Jake Olson was named to the Coal City Turkey Tourney's all-tournament team.
- Congrats to the Freshman Lady Redskin basketball team for going 3-0 this weekend at the Ottawa Basketball Tournament and bringing home the championship trophy.
- The Redskin Speech Team kicked off the 2011-2012 season with a first place team victory - placing first of 19 teams. The Redskins won by almost 100 points and placed in 13 of the 14 categories. Tournament champions were Joe Leasure, Madison Rodgers, Carol Marie Gaska, Nancy Serrano and Kade Bashor - who placed first in 2 events. Congrats to all!
- The Morris Mathletes finished in second place at the Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference Math Contest on December 6th. First place team members included Chloe Castelluccio, Adam Shay, Ricardo Del Toro, Jessi Ding, Ian Bashor, Bridget Gile, Sam Allen, Trevor

Lines, Kelly Kolotka, Alex Cook and Molly Fruland. Perfect papers were written by Joey Leasure, Brian Bernier, Tim Gile, Trevor Lines, Kelly Kolotka, Sam Allen, Ian Bashor and Bridget Gile.

- Congratulations to the place winners at the Ottawa JV Wrestling Tournament over the weekend:
6th: Chris Anders; 4th: Lemar Griffin and Cody Decker; 3rd: Andrew Olsen and Anthony Majcen; 2nd: Andrew Faught
- The Redskin Speech Team took 1st place at the Rochelle Speech Invitational - beating 24 other teams and winning for the 2nd week in a row. The Redskins placed in 11 of 14 events. Special recognition to Jacob O'Marrah who was tournament champion in Informative Speaking. Congrats to the JV team who took 7th at the Seneca Irish Invitational.

DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

The board presented information related to the Joint Conference attended in Chicago in November. Presentations with the following topics were attended: the Open Meetings Act, paperless board meetings, technology in the classroom, and others. The board agreed it was a worthwhile event.

APPROVAL OF 2011 TAX LEVY

Mr. Best read the Tax Levy Resolution. A motion was made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox to approve the 2011 tax levy payable in 2012/2013. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISIONS – SECOND READING

The second reading of the following new and revised school board policies was approved for inclusion in the policy manual on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Sloan. On roll call vote those voting AYE: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED. School Boards: 2:250- Access to District Public Records, 2:250-AP1- Administrative Procedure-Access to and Copying of District Public Records, 2:250-E3-Exhibit-Recurrent Requester Notification; Administration: 3:60-Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal; Operations: 4:80-Accounting and Audits, 4:140-E3-Exhibit- Resolution to Increase Driver Education Fees; Personnel: 5:90- Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:100-Staff Development Program, 5:200-Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, 5:240- Suspension, 5:240-AP-Administrative Procedure-Suspension; Instruction: 6:60-Curriculum Content, 6:150-Home and Hospital Instruction, 6:300-Graduation Requirements, 6:320-High School Credit for Proficiency; Students: 7:300-E1-Exhibit-Agreement to Participate, NEW 7:305-Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries, NEW 7:305-AP-Administrative Procedure-Program for Managing Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries.

IMRF POLICY APPROVAL

On a motion made by Mr. Sloan and SECONDED by Mrs. Roth a new IMRF policy 5:340 was approved for inclusion in the board policy manual, as was the revision to policy 5:290. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Monson, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE \$3,500,00 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

The Resolution of Intent to Issue \$3,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds was approved on a motion made by Mr. Monson and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The School Improvement Plan is moving from the school level to the district level as part of Rising Star. On a motion made by Mrs. Roth and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson the submitted recommendation for the Morris Community High School District #101 District School Improvement Plan was approved. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Dr. Allen. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTION

The Board authorized the seeking of bids for the construction of the elevator addition on a motion made by Mr. Monson and SECONDED by Dr. Allen. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BASEBALL TEAM TRIP APPROVAL

The varsity baseball team's request to attend the Baseball Jamboree in March 2012 at Jacksonville, Illinois was approved on a motion made by Mr. Monson and SECONDED by Dr. Allen. On roll call vote those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Monson, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Executive session began at 7:30 p.m.

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

Regular session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Monson to adjourn the meeting.

On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President

Secretary