

DISTRICT #101 MORRIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011 6:30 PM

Present: James Allen
Denny Best
John Maddox
Jim Paulson

Absent: Vice President Ralph Wagner
Secretary Deborah Beshoar

Also Present: Superintendent Pat Halloran
Principal Kelly Hussey
Athletic Director/Dean George Dergo
Asst. Principal Jeff Johnson

Due to the resignation of President Hulbert and Vice President Ralph Wagner's absence, per the recommendation of the Illinois Association of School Boards, Dr. Halloran read the following statement from Vice President Wagner : "I, Ralph Wagner designate Mr. Denny Best to conduct the April 18, 2011 Board of Education meeting in my absence."

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:

March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting
March 14, 2011 Executive Session

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Dr. Allen to approve payment of bills for District #101, the financial reports, activity fund report, reimbursement of Imprest for \$4815.71 and the non-contractual payroll On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Dr. Allen to grant the following requests for use of facilities:

1. Morris Ministerial Association - Annual request to hold Baccalaureate May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.
2. Morris Warriors Open House & Registration; Use of practice fields; use of soccer field for games; use of cafeteria and auditorium for annual banquet; stands for photos; fieldhouse for equipment handout; use of practice fields Monday-Friday when MCHS practice and/or events are completed and use of soccer field for games on 8/20, 9/10,9/17 and 10/15/2011.
3. Liberty Days – Auditorium Inclement Weather Location 6/30, 7/1, 7/2/2011.
4. Step by Step Childcare Graduation – Auditorium – May 25, 2011

5. Morris/Joliet Stingray Swim Team – Use of pool – April through July 2011.
6. Morris Athletic Association – Use of softball fields – Spring & Summer
7. U.S. Marines to hold a mini boot camp – 4/28/2011- varsity gym

On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. ABSTAIN: Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOP – FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BILLS

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

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOP – STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox to ratify the employment and resignations, reductions in force, and non-renewals of staff, certified staff and paraprofessionals 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: Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Halloran reported on items in the legislature that are being contemplated including education reform, consolidation of schools, pension reform and school funding. The capital improvement plan was presented with a review of upcoming and considered projects through FY 15.

BUILDING REPORT

Mr. Hussey reviewed the upcoming schedule of events to take place and apprised the board on action resulting from the school improvement plan. The band trip proposal to New York City, New York was presented.

Pause For Applauses include:

- Congratulations to the cast, chorus, orchestra and crews for the three outstanding performances of “Little Shop of Horrors.” The company performed to over 1250 people in attendance.
- Hayleigh Knapp took first place in the high jump at the Sterling Indoor NIB 12 Conference meet with a jump of five feet two inches.
- MCHS hosted the First Annual Northern IL Big 12 Art Festival. 12 schools from the conference took part in the art festival which included six workshops and an art completion. Morris placed third in the conference. First place awards went to Kate Limbach – wheel thrown ceramics and Hannah Hennesy – printmaking.
- Mathletes won several awards at the JJC Invitational. The Exponential Equations Team won first place, and Kyle Jorstad and Katelyn Mantey won first place in the oral category of Finance. Perfect papers were written by Sarah Blanco, Kelly Kolotka and Blake Wilhelmsen.
- Wrestler Ethan Chouinard was named to the IWCOA Academic All-State Wrestling Team.
- Girls Basketball player Laney Miller received an All State Honorable Mention from the Champaign News Gazette and also from the IBCA (Coaches Association.)
- Several MCHS students competed at the FCCLA IL State Proficiency Event in Springfield. There were several gold medal awards won including: Taryn Belak and Katelyn Mantey in the Frosted Cookie category; Sara Belak in the Preschool Lesson Plan category; Taylor Hendricks and Nicole Rickard in the Preschool Storytelling Team category.

- Environthon Team members Katie Kreig, Anna & Maddy Pfaff, Marissa Smith and Micayla Post garnered a regional win at Seneca and is on to compete in the State competition in Monticello.
- The MCHS Symphonic Band earned a Division I rating from all 3 judges and a Division I rating overall for their performance in the Illinois High School Association Music Organizational Contest held here at MCHS on Saturday, April 16.
- MCHS Choirs received all 1st place, Division I, Superior ratings for choral performance with groups for the 22nd consecutive year at the IHSA Music Organizational contest held at MCHS on Saturday, April 16.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Best presented the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests submitted to the district.

RESOLUTION FOR FY12 TENTATIVE BUDGET PREPARATION

The Board adopted the following resolution for Superintendent Halloran to prepare the FY12 tentative budget:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Morris Community High School District #101, in the Counties of Grundy and Kendall, State of Illinois, that Dr. Patrick M. Halloran, Superintendent of Morris Community High School District #101, is hereby appointed to prepare a tentative budget for Morris Community High School District #101 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, which tentative budget shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board.

on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

FY11 HONORS RECOGNITION NIGHT APPROVAL

On a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Dr. Allen, May 11, 2011 was approved as FY11 Honors Recognition Night with alumni Dr. Mark Ciota as keynote speaker. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

FY11 HONORS NIGHT PROCLAMATION

The FY11 Honors Night Proclamation was approved on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

IHSA ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR 2011/2012

The annual IHSA renewal was approved on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Dr. Allen. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

INTERQUEST CONTRABAND CANINE CONTRACT

On a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Dr. Allen the Interquest agreement for the 2011-2012 school year consisting of a minimum of 10 visits at \$300 per visit was approved. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

AMENDED 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson to approve the amended 2010-2011 school calendar as presented and final for reporting to ISBE, allowing for the use of two emergency days for snow days in February to be taken the end of May. On voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

IL CENTRAL SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT

On a motion made by Dr. Allen and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson the Illinois Central School Bus contract for student transportation was renewed for a 2 year extension based on the consumer price index or 3% whichever is lower. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK VEHICLE BIDS

The board authorized Dr. Halloran to seek bids for a 9 passenger vehicle to replace Sub 2 on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2011-2012 SCHOOL FEES

Dr. Allen moved to maintain the current student fees for the 2011-2012 school year SECONDED by Mr. Maddox due in part to the use of Special Education ARRA federal grant funds to offset textbook costs by approximately twenty-four thousand dollars for the 2011-2012 school year. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. NAY: MOTION CARRIED.

BAND TRIP PROPOSAL

The MCHS band trip proposal to go to New York City, New York in March/April 2012 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

EMPLOYEE ANNUITY REIMBURSEMENT

On the recommendation of legal counsel, Dr. Allen made a motion to approve the one time annuity contribution totaling \$12,142.46 on behalf of impacted employees due to issues with third party administrator, Gatekeeper SECONDED by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Executive session was entered at 7:16 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox the Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

EMPLOYMENT OF KEITH ANDERSON AS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

On a motion made by Dr. Allen and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox Keith Anderson was approved as a social studies teacher for the 2011-2012 school year at BA+36 Step 2. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CAROLYN DOW AND ROB WALLON APPROVED AS SCIENCE CLUB SPONSORS

Carolyn Dow and Rob Wallon were approved as science club sponsors with split stipend on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Dr. Allen. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED

CHRIS HANKINS APPROVED AS DELTA PHI ART CLUB SPONSOR

Chris Hankins was approved as Delta Phi art club sponsor on a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Paulson. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

JODI BRODBECK APPROVED AS VOLUNTEER SOFTBALL COACH

Jodi Brodbeck was approved as volunteer softball coach on a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Paulson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

SAMANTHA VOTA APPROVED AS ASSISTANT CHEERLEADING COACH

On a motion made by Mr. Maddox and SECONDED by Mr. Best, Samantha Vota was approved as assistant cheerleading coach. On roll call vote, those voting AYE: Mr. Maddox, Mr. Best, Dr. Allen, Mr. Paulson. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Paulson and SECONDED by Mr. Maddox the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. By voice vote, those voting AYE: All. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

President

Secretary