**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**10 January 2024**

5:00 p.m.

Moravia High School Library

Minutes

Board President Chris Spencer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call; **Jean McDanel** **–** **present,DJ McDanel-present, Chris Spencer-present, Jamie Hanes-present, Jerry Robison-present.** Also, present were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Sam Swenson, CFO/SBO Christina Bickel, and interested members of the public. Secondary Principal Kevin Cochran was absent.

Motion by Hanes, second by J. McDanel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Board member Jerry Robison was sworn in by Superintendent Swenson.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve the December 20, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by DJ McDanel, to approve payment of Activity Fund bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by DJ McDanel, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by Robison, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – Moravia City Water $626.02; Carter-Miller Services $2,100; Seymour CSD $16,001.74; IASB $350; EBF CSD $14,737.84; Alliant Energy $4,917.78; ISFIS $168; Power Insurance $779; Albia Newspaper $301. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by DJ McDanel, to approve payroll wages totaling $239,908.63 and board benefits paid to IPERS $22,233.02; Medicare $3,397.47; Social Security $14,526.92; Principal Dental $642.43; Principal Life AD&D $140.01; United Healthcare $35,306.18 for December 2023 payroll. Motion carried 5-0.

Board financials for the month ending 12/31/23 were received.

Board President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

**Board Items**

* DJ McDanel inquired about moving administration discussion before board discussion to eliminate duplicating a topic.
* DJ McDanel inquired about the teacher and administrator evaluation process.
* Robison suggested splitting the superintendent/elementary principal position.
* Spencer asked that security cameras are renamed to better identify where the cameras are located via the app.

At 5:30, a Zoom meeting with four members of Iowa Association of School Boards was held. IASB provided the Moravia board members with advantages of becoming an IASB member, which includes information and education, consultation, board policy primers, school board elections, advocacy for Iowa public education, and affiliated programs. Annual member dues are $1,792, plus $775 for annual policy service subscription. The IASB will prorate the dues if we join to allow for a 50% discount to cover the remainder of the school year.

**Administration Items**

* For future meetings, Mr. Swenson will move the School of Choice topic to second to last item and end with Board Discussion.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by Robison, to table becoming IASB members. Motion carried 5-0.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** n/a

**SCIAC Update**: Meeting held December 4, 2023

**MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL – At-Risk/Dropout Prevention**

Motion by Hanes, second by J. McDanel, to approve Allowable Growth for At-Risk & Drop Out Prevention in the amount of $119,679. Roll call vote: Spencer-aye; DJ McDanel-aye; J. McDanel-aye; Robison-aye; Hanes-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussed the second reading of Moravia board policies 700 series. Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the second reading of policy 713, and 713.1R1 and 713.1R2. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussed updates to the school safety plan. Motion by Robison, second by J. McDanel, to approve the adding the “I Love You” school violence plan to Moravia’s plan. Motion carried 5-0.

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

Mr. Swenson has someone coming to see what is causing the leaking of water on the gym floor.

Due to the heavy snow, the roofs should be looked at for bowing.

The scoreboard in the new gym cannot be repaired. Mr. Swenson will seek bids for a new scoreboard.

**Resignations**: n/a

**Contract recommendations:** n/a

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

Teacher In-Service – January 26; Snowcoming (school in session) – February 2.

*Items for next board meeting: IASB membership*

**Next Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 14 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.