**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**13 September 2023**

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,John Baty-present, Chris Spencer-present, Jamie Hanes-present, Jerry Robison-present.** Also present were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Sam Swenson, Secondary Principal Kevin Cochran, CFO/SBO Christina Bickel, and interested members of the public.

Motion by Robison, second by Baty, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve the August 14, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – CodeHS $3,685; Ewell Educational Svcs $335; Heather Whitney $88; Alliant Energy $9,818.78; Missouri Days Marching Band $75; Unplugged Wireless $500; M&W Welding $340; AirKing Filtration $6,022; TeamMates $500. **Activity Fund** – Fareway $177.63; Mike Beaty $140; Petty Cash $965; Country Roads Meat Locker $224.15; Sunshine Travel Co $13,830; Impressive Design $40.50; RCIS $526; Gingerich Greenhouse $675; Paige Adams $180; Marcia Benjamin $47.78. **Nutrition Fund** – Anderson-Erickson Dairy $1,285.11. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Hanes, to approve payroll wages totaling $206,983.10 and board benefits paid to IPERS $19,419.47; Medicare $2,927.60; Social Security $12,517.86; Principal Dental $587.43; Principal Life AD&D $141.17; United Healthcare $32,152.87 for August 2023 payroll. Motion carried 5-0.

Board financials for the month ending 8/31/23 were received.

Board President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Jill Whisler, IHCC College and Career Transition Counselor, introduced herself to the board. Jill will be at the district on Monday’s. Her role is to support college transition and career exploration through targeted connections with students and families and to ensure students are supported in their career exploration whether it is apprenticeships, military opportunities, two- and four-year colleges, and the world of work.

**Board Items**

* Mr. Spencer commented on teachers being mindful of major events in history, such as 9/11 and Pearl Harbor, and to allow students to ask questions or discuss the event on the day of remembrance, even if it is not part of the lesson plan.
* Mr. Hanes mentioned the possible need for another girls JH coach for basketball as the incoming numbers look to be higher than normal this year.
* Discussion was held regarding a split JH boys and girls wrestling and basketball schedule this year. Due to the unusually low number of boys in the 7th and 8th grade classes, a split season is necessary. Wrestling will be held before Christmas and basketball will be held after Christmas break.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson would like to call a Special Board Meeting for Wednesday, September 20, at 5:00, to discuss passing a resolution to put the Revenue Purpose Statement on the November ballot.
* Mr. Swenson recognized Isabel Hanes for the work she is doing to clean up the website and keeping up with social media.
* Mr. Swenson attempted to offer a Day Camp on the Friday’s when school is not in session. However, he found out the district would have to be certified by DHS, which takes up to 2 ½ months. The county attorney was consulted and if we do not charge a fee, we can have a recreational day camp, but no children under the age of 5 would be allowed to attend.
* Mr. Cochran recognized the marching band for their great performance at the Moulton Jamboree; staff is still getting familiar with PowerSchool and Schoology; the district changed its online learning company to Edmentum.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** Student Council sponsor, Nicole Beaty, provided a Homecoming week update. On Friday, September 22, students will enjoy coronation and Hometown Heroes presentation in the morning, followed by iron man volleyball, powderpuff football, and a pep assembly.

**SCIAC Update**: n/a

Discussion was held regarding paying for athletic officials from the General Fund. It is deemed appropriate to pay for officials/referees from the General Fund, while keeping the revenue receipts from gate admissions in the Activity Fund. In order to build the Athletics activity fund, which pays for athletic uniforms, the board considered the change for the FY24 school year. Motion by Robison, second by Baty, to approve paying for athletic officials from the General Fund for the FY24 school year, providing on-demand payments, and re-evaluating the fund each year. Motion carried 5-0.

A change to associate contracts is necessary for the FY24 school year. An additional .25 hours must be added to reflect the start time of 7:30, rather than 7:45, due to breakfast and other duties. The time difference was not considered in the Spring when contracts were approved. Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve an additional .25 hours added to associate contracts. Motion carried 5-0.

**BUILDING NEEDS:** The board members will do a walk-through to assess the following areas for potential future projects: softball dugout with attached equipment shed, as well as visitor dugout improvements; new gym lobby flooring; ceiling tiles in the JH wing; and improving old gym boys’ and girls’ locker rooms.

Motion by Robison, second by Baty, to approve the purchase of 75 Chromebooks for the elementary in the amount of $22,752.75, which includes licensing and protective cases. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Swenson presented a slideshow prepared by preschool teacher, Heather Whitney. The preschool playground equipment is wearing out and needs to be replaced. A quote was provided for the board to consider. Motion by McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve the purchase of preschool playground equipment, including a swing set, for $14,977 from WillyGoat. Motion carried 5-0.

**Resignations**: Football Cheer Sponsor; HS Head Baseball Coach

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve the resignation of Andrea Scott as football cheer sponsor at the end of the season. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve the resignation of Bill Huisman as HS head baseball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

**Contract recommendations:** Associates; FCCLA Sponsor

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve Ronnie Cormeny as associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve Abby VanDeventer as associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve Joy Croteau as associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve Denise Edwards as associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve Jessica Hansen as associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve Amy Marshall as FCCLA sponsor. Motion carried 5-0.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

Homecoming – September 22; Teacher In-Service – September 29.

*Items for next board meeting: Building projects*

**Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 20 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 11 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.