**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**13 March 2024**

5:00 p.m.

Moravia High School Library

Minutes

Board Vice President Jamie Hanes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call; **Jean McDanel** **–** **present,DJ McDanel-present, Chris Spencer-absent, Jamie Hanes-present, Jerry Robison-absent.** Also, present were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Sam Swenson, Secondary Principal Kevin Cochran, and interested members of the public. *Christina Bickel entered the meeting at 5:58 p.m.*

Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to approve the February 14, 2024, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve payment of Activity Fund bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – Mick’s Furniture $1,975; Wm Penn University $5,838.23; Alliant Energy $4,676.62. **Activity Fund** – The Garden Gate $43. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to approve payroll wages totaling $251,783.67 and board benefits paid to IPERS $23,408.20; Medicare $3,569.67; Social Security $15,263.23; Principal Dental $642.43; Principal Life AD&D $143.32; United Healthcare $35,306.18 for February 2024 payroll. Motion carried 3-0.

Board financials for the month ending 2/29/24 were received.

Board Vice President Hanes welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Class of 2024 students presented the senior class trip itinerary to Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 3-8. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the senior class trip to Colorado as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Jerry Power was present to discuss property insurance increases. Rates are expected to increase 15-20%, in addition, a 1% deductible will be added to the policy. For Moravia CSD, the deductible would be $237,255.01.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson reports health insurance increased 11% for next school year; School Safety Grant was approved - monitors will be installed in the halls and every classroom to display date, time, video, messages, breakfast and lunch menu, and are operating as the bell system.
* The budget meeting has been published even though the state has not yet set SSA; during negotiations last year, the teachers signed a 2-year contract agreeing to receive a .5% raise above the SSA set for this year; the state legislation has not yet decided on starting salaries for teachers next year, but the impact could be quite costly for the district.
* The state is considering going to 2 count dates and then average out the information collected.
* Some buses are in need of repairs; J. McDanel asked for an FY24 expenditure report to help determine if leasing another bus is an option.
* Mr. Swenson met with custodians to review daily and monthly cleaning standards for all classrooms.
* Mr. Cochran congratulated the jazz band for the invite to the Iowa Jazz Band Championships; Interview Day is tomorrow with 32 vendors interviewing high school students; reviewed a program called Hall Pass; BGC Honor Band will be held at Moravia on March 18; utilizing a 7-period class schedule is being looked into for next year.

Activities Director, Ryan VanBogaert, stated there will be a seniors’ awards banquet; plans are underway to hold a mock signing day at the end of the year for the seniors who are going to college or trade school.

Discussed the first reading of Moravia board policies 400 series. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the first reading of policy 400 series. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussed the first reading of Moravia board policies 500 series. Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to approve the first reading of policy 500 series. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussed the first reading of Moravia board policies 600 series. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the first reading of policy 600 series. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussed continuing a 28E agreement with Iowa Local Government Risk Pool for natural gas. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to enter a 28E agreement with Iowa Local Government Risk Pool for natural gas for FY25, in the amount of $34,987.52. Motion carried 3-0.

*Christina Bickel entered the meeting at 5:58 p.m.*

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** n/a

**SCIAC Update**: n/a

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

Mr. Swenson presented bids to split the high school library into 2 classrooms. The board would like to do a walk through the building before making this decision. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to table the item. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Swenson presented bids for fencing, concrete pads, and roofing for the softball dug outs. The board raised concerns about the cost of fencing, as well as not having enough bids. Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to table the item. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Swenson presented bids for tin replacement in the front of the high school and in the courtyard due to removing air conditioners from the windows. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the bid from Soap Creek Improvements in the amount of $10,458.49. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Swenson presented bids for sliding barn doors in the elementary. Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the purchase and installation of up to 3 barn doors from Ellison Building Repair up to $2,500 for each door. Motion carried 3-0.

**Resignations**: SPED Instructor, Ag Instructor/FFA Sponsor, Basketball Cheer Sponsor

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to approve the resignation of Linda Aziz, SPED instructor, effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the resignation of Paige Adams, Ag Instructor, effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by J. McDanel, to approve the resignation of Paige Adams, FFA sponsor, effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the resignation of Kristy Robison, basketball cheer sponsor. Motion carried 3-0.

**Contract recommendations:** n/a

**Board Items**

* DJ McDanel inquired about serving on committees as he would like to be more involved; also recommended that board members be a part of the Iowa Board Performance Profile committee.
* DJ McDanel would like the district to conduct exit interviews.
* The board asked to have policies 400, 500, and 600 be printed and distributed at the March 26 meeting.
* Hanes thanked the Moravia Athletic Boosters for running the Seniors Conference Basketball event.
* J. McDanel commended Mrs. Nelson and the jazz band on their bid to participate at state.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

Parent-Teacher Conferences – March 19 & 21; First Budget Hearing @ 5:00 p.m. – March 26; Spring Break – March 22-29; School Carnival – April 12; Graduation – May 12.

*Items for next board meeting: Total repairs on buses/vehicles in FY24; set a date for a board workshop*

**First FY25 Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 26 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 10 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Second FY25 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 24 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by J. McDanel, second by DJ McDanel, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.