**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**20 December 2023**

6:00 p.m.

Moravia High School Library

Minutes

Board President Chris Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call; **Jean McDanel** **–** **present,John Baty-present, Chris Spencer-present, 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 was absent.

Motion by McDanel, second by Baty, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve the November 8, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Hanes, to approve the November 13, 2023, special board meeting minutes.Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve the November 21, 2023, special board meeting minutes.Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Hanes, to approve payment of Activity Fund bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Hanes, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by McDanel, second by Baty, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – Win Win Again $12,500; UMB Bank $300. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve payroll wages totaling $272,435.19 and board benefits paid to IPERS $25,294.64; Medicare $3,866.64; Social Security $16,533.05; Principal Dental $656.18; Principal Life AD&D $146.63; United Healthcare $36,939.37 for November 2023 payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

Board financials for the month ending 11/30/23 were received.

Board President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Denise Ewing presented $437.38 for the Haunted House fundraiser; split as directed $117 to the sophomore class and $320.38 to the junior class.

Early Graduation Requests: Seniors Keelie Anderson and Aiden Golston were present to request board approval to graduate at semester.

Motion by Baty, second by McDanel, to approve the early graduation request from Keelie Anderson. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve the early graduation request from Aiden Golston. Motion approved 4-0.

The board acknowledged the results from the November 7, 2023, school board election and revenue purpose statement vote. The board members thanked John Baty for his 12 years of service.

Motion by McDanel, second by Baty, to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

**REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

Superintendent Swenson called the new board to order at 5:48 p.m. Roll call; DJ McDanel-present, Chris Spencer-present, Jamie Hanes-present, Jean McDanel-present, Jerry Robison-absent. Also, present were Superintendent Sam Swenson, High School Principal Kevin Cochran, and interested members of the public. *Christina Bickel was absent.*

Board members DJ McDanel, Jean McDanel, and Jamie Hanes were sworn in by Superintendent Swenson.

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to nominate Chris Spencer as President. Motion carried 3-0. *(Spencer abstained).*

Motion by Spencer, second by J McDanel, to nominate Jamie Hanes as Vice President. Nomination accepted. Motion carried 3-0. *(Hanes abstained).*

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to establish the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. to be the day and time for future regular board meetings. Motion carried 4-0.

**Board Items**

* Hanes inquired about secondary test scores. Mr. Cochran had a meeting with the AEA and Mr. Swenson reached out to schools with high test scores in math.
* Spencer voiced his concern about the sound during the elementary winter concert and would also like to refer to it as a Christmas concert rather than a winter concert. Hanes inquired why a large tarp is used to cover the gym floor instead of the carpet squares.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson and the daycare committee looked at a nearby house but determined it was not worth the cost; approved to have a daycare for staff requirements.
* Mr. Swenson is trying to get the lighted LED sign on the main corner fixed.
* Mr. Swenson met with the Iowa School Board Association and they informed him that we are the only school in the state not paying member dues.
* Mr. Swenson also discussed hiring a new 3rd grade teacher, 2 night custodians, and leasing 2 new buses.
* Mr. Cochran discussed semester tests, split JH basketball and wrestling season, and great Christmas concert, homeroom after 3rd period, safe arrival, and new teacher computers.
* Mr. Mayer secured a $10,000 grant from RPP to purchase a vertical mill for Industrial Arts.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** n/a

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

Discussed updates to Moravia board policies 700 series. Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve updated policy 713, and add policy 713.1R1 and 713.1R2. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed proposed Moravia bus policy. Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve the Moravia Community School Transportation Policies and Procedures. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed Model Policies for Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence. Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve Model Policies for Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed updates to handbooks:

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve changes to the Moravia High School handbook on discipline. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve changes to the Moravia Elementary handbook: after 10 unexcused absences are reached, all absences will be reported to the county attorney; once student reaches 16 unexcused absences in a semester, it will be considered a second offense of truancy and will be reported to the county attorney as such. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve changes to the Non-Certified handbook: all non-certified staff hired after January 1, 2024, will have to wait 90 days before receiving sick leave days. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve the purchase of curriculum from Character Strong in the amount of $6,698.10. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve the purchase of curriculum from Board Works in the amount of $10,705. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve the purchase of K-5th grade curriculum from West Music in the amount of $3,910. Motion carried 4-0.

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve the purchase of a SkyLift Jack from Win Win Again, LLC, in the amount of $12,500. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve the purchase of 40 computers for teachers from AVI in the amount of $56,876.60. Motion carried 4-0.

**Resignations**: Associate; HS Assistant Baseball Coach

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve the resignation of Marti Daggs as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve the resignation of Ryan VanBogaert as HS assistant baseball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

**Contract recommendations:** Associates; Instructor; Custodian; HS Assistant Baseball Coach; Volunteer Coach

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve Kylie Davis as elementary instructor. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve Sammy Ellison as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve Sierra Bulechek as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve Jodi Smith as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve Landon Claussen as custodian. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by J McDanel, to approve DJ McDanel as HS assistant baseball coach *(pending renewing certification)*. Motion carried 3-0. *(DJ McDanel abstained.)*

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to approve Ryan VanBogaert as volunteer HS assistant baseball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

Christmas No School – December 22-January 1; School Resumes – January 2.

*Items for next board meeting: Approve At-Risk/Dropout Prevention*

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

Motion by J McDanel, second by Hanes, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.