**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**11 October 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** **–** **absent,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 Baty, second by Hanes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve the September 20, 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 Hanes, second by Baty, to approve payment of all other bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – Sherra Hall $100; Combined Systems Technology $604.30; Napa Auto Parts $688.18; Alliant Energy $6,254.88; Willard Armstrong $46.82; Chira McKee $48.28; Lise Nelson $67.45; Jewell Rockhold $4.04; Melissa Thomas $3.39; Albia Newspaper $562.90. **Activity Fund** – All-American Timing $706; Darcie Whitlow $97.09. **Nutrition Fund** – Anderson-Erickson Dairy $2,292.33; Sherra Hall $1.32. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve payroll wages totaling $240,551.20 and board benefits paid to IPERS $21,860.25; Medicare $3,405.67; Social Security $14,562.13; Principal Dental $656.18; Principal Life AD&D $147.79; United Healthcare $36,285.40 for September 2023 payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

Board financials for the month ending 9/30/23 were received.

Board President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Heather Whitney thanked the board and administration for continuing to support the Moravia Fall Festival. The food booths, cake walks, and other events sponsored by school organizations are great fundraisers.

**Board Items**

* The board recognized football, volleyball, and band on a great season.
* It was suggested that band create some type of perpetual plaque or banner that identifies the history of awards received at Pancake Day, Trenton competition, Oktoberfest, and any other important recognitions. Mr. Cochran also suggested adding this information to a digital trophy case, if the district purchases the system.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson discussed preliminary student count data; overall down 11 resident students, with 93 students open enrolled in and 56 open enrolled out.
* Mr. Swenson discussed HF604 – Threats of Violence policy set forth by the state. The district is waiting on further guidance from the state.
* All teachers will need new computers to work with the Smartboards.
* Mr. Cochran reports all teachers attended a professional development training in Des Moines on October 6; training on PowerSchool continues; setting up Power Messenger to broadcast emergencies, safe arrivals, and giving coaches the ability to contact students through the program, rather than using personal cell phones or social media.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** Amanda Reynolds updated the board about 1st grade activities; Nicole Beaty discussed how the 4-day week is going so far; Lavada McDanel thanked the board for purchasing the new health curriculum, as well as 4th-6th grade students will be attending an Iowa Wild hockey game again this year at no cost.

**APPROVE ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance of $26,658.90 at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Spencer-aye; Hanes-aye; Robison-aye; Baty-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**SCIAC Update**: n/a

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

The board discussed creating a 5-year project plan to include softball dugouts and HVAC in the high school wing. Mr. Swenson will obtain HVAC bids in order prioritize with upcoming projects. Bids for the softball dugouts were reviewed but tabled at this time. Mr. Swenson will pursue additional bids, as well as other means of constructing the dugouts.

**Resignations**: HS Girls’ Basketball Assistant Coach; PE Instructor

Motion by Robison, second by Baty, to approve the resignation of Megan Pregon as assistant HS girls’ basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve the resignation of Dale Woods as PE instructor effective 10/30/23. Motion carried 4-0.

**Contract recommendations:** Associate; Asst JH Girls’ Basketball Coach; Asst HS Girls’ Basketball Coach; Head HS Girls’ Wrestling Coach; Volunteer Coach

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve Amber Nicholson as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve Maddi McCarty as volunteer assistant dance sponsor. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Baty, to approve Richard Ewing as head HS girls’ wrestling coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve Megan Pregon as assistant JH girls’ basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve Jordan Horstick as assistant HS girls’ basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

End of 1st Quarter – October 19; PreK-5th Grade Family Lunch Day – October 24; Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 24 & October 26; Elementary Reading Night – October 30; Reorganizational Board Meeting – December 13.

*Items for next board meeting: Softball dugouts*

**Next Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 8 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by Robison, second by Baty, to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.