**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**10 July 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 Baty, second by McDanel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve the June 12, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Motion by Baty, second by McDanel, to approve **additional FY23** board bills: **General Fund** – Menards $829.46; Xerox $813.21; Albia Newspaper $281.23; M&W Welding $85; Jostens $131.55. **Nutrition Fund** – Anderson Erickson Dairy $467.37. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve **additional FY24** board bills: **General Fund** – Mid-America Admin & Retirement $50,000; Reserve $600; School Admin of Iowa $816; Pitney Bowes $180; Follett School Solutions $1,0531.61; HUDL $1,099; RSAI $750; ISFIS $1,048.62; Great Prairie AEA $345.50; IA HS Music Assn $25; IA Local Gov’t Risk Pool $32,874.49; NASSP $480; Power School $2,250; Carter-Miller $1,740; IASBO $250; Power Insurance $133,453.47; M&W Welding $1,020; Mapping Strategies $3,261.65. **Activity Fund** – Iowa State Fair $102; Kristin Gansz $810. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve payroll wages totaling $289,186.67 and board benefits paid to IPERS $26,713.55; Medicare $4,108.95; Social Security $17,569.10; Principal Dental $662.03; Principal Life AD&D $164.34; Wellmark BCBS $39,190.54 for June 2023 payroll. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Manager/Treasurer Financial Report and Activity Report for month ending 6/30/23 were received.

Board President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Class of 2023 president, Layla Ewing, was present to discuss plans for using the excess class funds. The class will purchase from M&W Welding, four 5’x5’ steel “M” logo signs to display in the new gym, football, baseball, and softball fields. The remaining funds might possibly be used to purchase equipment for the concession stands. The board members approve the use of the class funds.

A concerned parent addressed issues within the athletic programs including bullying, discipline, and lack of administrative involvement. The parent requested the board investigate these concerns.

**Board Discussion**

* The board congratulated both baseball and softball on a great season.
* The scrap pile behind the backstop on the baseball field needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Swenson will contact the DNR to see how to properly dispose of some of the items.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson discussed sharing opportunities with surrounding school districts. Due to a change in the law, Moravia will not be sharing a librarian with Albia for FY24. There is a possibility of sharing a special education director, science teacher, and mental health counselor.
* The district is still in need of a preschool and secondary math instructor.
* Mr. Swenson would like to recommend the CTE computers position to Angela Wubben. He also wants this position to develop a work study program.
* Mr. Swenson has been unable to fill the IEP teacher position for summer school.
* Mr. Cochran reports that himself, Mr. Finley, and Mr. VanBogaert have been going through the long process of training meetings to transition to PowerSchool for the upcoming school year.

Blake Waldrop with RMA Armament, Inc. presented information on installing a protective panel on doors for added security. There are federal funds available to pay for the panels and installation. The board agreed to proceed with applying for funding.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** n/a

**SCIAC Update**: n/a

**Open Enrollments:** n/a

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

Mr. Swenson reviewed potential items to replace or repair over the next 5 years, including softball dugouts, HVAC, repairing exterior wall from central office down to the high school lobby, updating locker room in the old gym, updating playground equipment, new roof over the multi-purpose room, updating old gym bathrooms, epoxy floors in the new gym lobby area, tuck pointing in the old gym, daycare facility, bus barn, and all-weather track.

The board reviewed a quote from George-Wilcox Publisher for health curriculum. Motion by Baty, second by Hanes, to approve the quote in the amount of $18,400.81 from George-Wilcox Publisher. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by McDanel, to approve the coach and sponsor handbook. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the pre-k through 5th grade handbook. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McDanel, second by Robison, to approve FY24 student fees: $65 book/technology fee, $175 family cap, and $300 for driver’s education for students in district and $450 for students out of district. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve increasing substitute wages to $125 per day, and $150 per day for long-term. Motion carried 5-0.

**Resignations**: JH SB Coach, HS Golf Coach, HS Asst FB Coach, JH Baseball Coach

Motion by Hanes, second by Robinson, to approve the resignation of Alicia Grunig as JH softball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robinson, to approve the resignation of Darin Fisher as HS golf coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McDanel, second by Baty, to approve the resignation of Phil Helmick as JH baseball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by McDanel, to approve the resignation of Brian Bickel as HS assistant football coach. Motion carried 5-0.

**Contract recommendations:** Instructor, Bus Driver, Custodian, Asst HS FB Coach, Asst HS VB Coach, Dance Team Sponsor extension, HS Activities Director

Motion by Baty, second by McDanel, to approve Alyssa Harders as K-5 math intervention instructor. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Baty, to approve Alyssa Harders as assistant HS volleyball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve Charlie Rodriguez as bus driver. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve Charlie Rodriguez as

custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baty, second by Robison, to approve Tyrel Welch as assistant HS football coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McDanel, second by Robison, to approve Alesha Cox extended dance team sponsor to 3 seasons contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve Ryan VanBogaert as HS activities director. Motion carried 5-0.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

First day of school – August 23.

*Items for next board meeting: 6-12 Handbook*

**Next Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 14 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.