**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**24 April 2024**

5:10 p.m.

Moravia High School Library

Minutes

Board President Chris Spencer called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Roll call; **Jean McDanel** **–** **absent,DJ McDanel-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 Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by Robison, to approve the March 13, 2024, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the March 26, 2024, Public Hearing #1 board meeting minutes.Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve the April 8, 2024, special board meeting minutes to approve bills.Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – Kevin Frost $175; Rich Choponis $175; Chira McKee $76.84; Paul Peterson $225; M&W Welding $1,135; Hoffman Auto $3,128.11; Xerox $813.21; Albia Newspaper $646.83; Pitney Bowes $180; Clark’s Sewer & Rooter $ 175; Alliant Energy $4,750.62. **Activity Fund** –Paige Adams $418.50; Sharon Bluffs State Park $160; Moravia Music Boosters $880; Moravia CSD-Kitchen $208.05; Nicole Beaty $172.39; Murray CSD $19.25; Joel Oswald $175; The Fundraiser Shop $328; Tara Trimble $170.91; Nelson Pioneer Farm $60; Spencer Grocery $90; Spencer Grocery $160. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by DJ McDanel, to approve payroll wages totaling $246,096.45 and board benefits paid to IPERS $23,132.01; Medicare $3,487.17; Social Security $14,910.64; Principal Dental $642.43; Principal Life AD&D $143.32; United Healthcare $35,306.18 for March 2024 payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

Board financials for the month ending 3/31/24 were received.

Board President Spencer welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Andrea Scott presented details for After Prom 2024. Prom will be held Saturday, April 27. Promenade will begin at 5:00 p.m. The dance is scheduled from 9-midnight. Students attending the After Prom activities will not be allowed to leave the building. After Prom activities include inflatables, 9 square, PS5 room, bags tournament, laser tag, hypnotist, caricature artist, prizes, and the students will enjoy breakfast at the conclusion of the event.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson told the board it will cost $1,500 to get the sign company to look at the LED sign on the corner, plus whatever it will take to fix it. He will continue to work on adding a larger LED sign on the highway.
* Asset Services has been in the school this week to tag and record fixed assets for compliancy.
* Mr. Swenson has asked the school nurse to ensure each classroom has a kit available in the event of an emergency. The buckets will include items such as flashlights and first aid supplies.
* Mr. Swenson discussed the recent approval of conceal and carry in school districts by approved and trained staff members. However, EMC Insurance is not providing insurance coverage and districts would need to find a company to insure proper coverage. Mr. Swenson will keep the board informed about this issue.
* Mr. Cochran congratulated Mrs. Nelson and the jazz band on their recent state championship win and Mrs. Whitney for organizing a birthday celebration for Khinley Jo Selix’ birthday by having students wear orange shirts and gather for a group photo and birthday song.
* Mr. Cochran reports testing is wrapping up in the secondary and preliminary results indicate proficiency in 4 out of 5 areas.

Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the FY25 Master Calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

A resolution to refund 100% of the media/technology and education services funds to the Great Prairie AEA for FY25 was discussed. Due to the changes in the law, the district will now receive the funding for $25,673; however, due to the late notice for area AEA’s, school boards are asked to pass a resolution refunding all, or a portion of, the funds for the FY25 school year. Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to pass a resolution refunding 100% of the media/technology and education services funds to the GPAEA for FY25. Roll call vote: Spencer-aye; Robison-aye; Hanes-nay; DJ McDanel-aye. Motion carried 3-1.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by Robison, to approve the 31 seniors graduating the Class of 2024, contingent upon meeting all graduation requirements. Motion carried 4-0.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** Nicole Beaty hopes to have data for testing at the next meeting and would like to focus on the Character Strong program with help from the community. Lavada McDanel discussed plans for the upcoming fun day and track and field day for elementary students.

**SCIAC Update**: n/a

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve the bid from M&W Welding, in the amount of $16,600, for two 10x40 steel softball dugouts. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by Robison, to approve the bid from PNS Construction, LLC, in the amount of $5,900, for removal and new concrete installation for softball dugouts. Motion carried 4-0.

**Resignations**: Head HS Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant HS Football Coach, Assistant HS Volleyball Coach; Associate; Instructor

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the resignation of Alyssa Harders, PE instructor and assistant HS volleyball coach, effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the resignation of Jodi Smith as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the resignation of Brian Bickel as head HS boys’ basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to approve the resignation of Tyrel Welch as assistant HS football coach. Motion carried 4-0.

**Contract recommendations:** Volunteer Coaches; Drivers Education

Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to approve Colton Beals as volunteer high school softball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve Kevin Fritz as volunteer high school softball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve an increase for Kim Mitchell for summer driver’s education from $25/hour to $30/hour. Motion carried 4-0.

**Board Items**

* DJ McDanel inquired about utilizing an Exit Interview process in the future.
* Robison inquired about purchasing a separate trailer to haul band equipment or add shelving and straps to the existing trailer.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Robison, second by DJ McDanel, to enter closed session at 7:04 p.m. under section 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code which states that the Board can hold a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual request a closed session. Roll call vote: Spencer-aye; Robison-aye; Hanes-aye; DJ McDanel-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Returned to open session 8:58 p.m.

**MOTION FOR EXEMPT SESSION**

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to enter exempt session at 8:58 p.m. under Iowa Code 20.17(3) for Negotiations and Strategies. Roll call vote: Spencer-aye; Robison-aye; Hanes-aye; DJ McDanel-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Returned to open session at 9:39 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

Spring Concert – April 25; Prom – April 27; Baccalaureate Ceremony – April 28; BGC Academic Banquet – May 1; Senior Awards Night – May 2; Graduation – May 12.

*Items for next board meeting: obtain 2 lease bus bids; set a date for a board workshop in June*

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

Motion by DJ McDanel, second by Robison, to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.