**MORAVIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

**8 November 2023**

5:00 p.m.

Moravia High School Library

Minutes

Board Vice President John Baty called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call; **Jean McDanel** **–** **present,John Baty-present, Chris Spencer-absent, 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 McDanel, second by Robison, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve the October 11, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.Motion carried 3-0.

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

*Jamie Hanes entered the board meeting at 5:04 p.m.*

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

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve additionalboard bills: **General Fund** – PowerSchool $197; Grant Wood AEA $23,436.77; IHCC $39; Combined Systems Technology $604.30; Napa Auto Parts $674.43; Albia Newspaper $992.12; Alliant Energy $4,818.57. **Activity Fund** – Graphic Edge $99.98; Dannco $759.80. **Nutrition Fund** – Anderson-Erickson Dairy $2,532.47. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve payroll wages totaling $255,413.44 and board benefits paid to IPERS $23,438.94; Medicare $3,619.78; Social Security $15,477.70; Principal Dental $656.18; Principal Life AD&D $146.63; United Healthcare $36,939.37 for October 2023 payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

Board financials for the month ending 10/31/23 were received.

Board Vice President Baty welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Early Graduation Requests: Seniors Destiny Drew, Calvin Walton, and Catherine Jackson were present to request board approval to graduate at semester.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the early graduation request from Catherine Jackson. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve the early graduation request from Calvin Walton. Motion approved 4-0.

**Board Items**

* Jerry Robison inquired as to whether or not the board would be interested in bidding on 40 acres of land to the west of the school grounds. The auction will be held November 14. After some discussion, the board directed Mr. Swenson to contact the attorney to see if it is possible to do consider bidding, as the auction is next Tuesday. Mr. Swenson will get back to the board members to provide information from the attorney and to determine if a closed session board meeting is necessary prior to the auction.

**Administration Items**

* Mr. Swenson thanked the community for passing the Revenue Purpose Statement for the one cent sales tax. We are waiting on the county auditor to complete the canvas of vote process to reorganize.
* Operational sharing has the district at 22 this year; we are allowed up to 21.
* Mr. Swenson is looking to hire an elementary teacher at semester.
* The 2 new leased buses should be here next week.
* Mr. Cochran discussed the Veteran’s Day Assembly to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 9; discipline incidents are down in comparison to last year at this time.

MODIFIED ALLOWABLE GROWTH

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve Allowable Growth for open enrollment “out” in the amount of $113,464. Roll call vote: Baty-aye; McDanel-aye; Hanes-aye; Robison-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE:** Heather Whitney presented results from test scores in the elementary and secondary. Nicole Beaty reviewed results from the 4-day school survey.

**SCIAC Update**: December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**BUILDING NEEDS:**

Mr. Swenson provided several HVAC bids to replace the boiler system. No bids were considered at this time.

The board reviewed a proposal from HUDL. There were several questions raised which resulted in tabling the proposal. Motion by McDanel, second by Robison, to table the HUDL proposal until questions are answered. Motion carried 4-0.

**Resignations**: Custodian/Bus Driver; Associate

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve the resignation of Charlie Rodriguez as custodian/bus driver. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve the resignation of Ronnie Cormeny as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

**Contract recommendations:** Head HS Baseball Coach; JH Baseball Coach; Associate; Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve Phil Helmick as head high school baseball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by McDanel, to approve Adam Havard as JH baseball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve Melissa Summers as associate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by Hanes, to approve Clint Woodward as volunteer high school boys’ basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hanes, second by Robison, to approve Richard Ewing as volunteer high school boys’ wrestling coach. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve Tyrel Welch as volunteer high school boys’ wrestling coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Robison, second by McDanel, to approve David Carter as volunteer high school boys’ wrestling coach. Motion carried 4-0.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

Elementary Christmas Concert – December 11; Reorganizational Board Meeting – December 20; High School Christmas Concert – December 18; Thanksgiving No School – November 22-24; Christmas No School – December 22-January 1.

*Items for next board meeting:*

**Next Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by McDanel, second by Hanes, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.