Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, board members present are Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mr. Don Powell, Mr. Warren Dunlap, Mrs. Betty Hutchison and Mr. Chase Buffington. Ms. Pat Saldana noted a quorum is present.

The flag salute was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 19, 2015. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mrs. Betty Hutchison noted that in the minutes there is an area that states she made a motion and seconded this. Mrs. Carlie Womack will make the correction. The vote carried 5-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Don Powell made motion to adopt the agenda, Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Jennifer Kinsman: Mrs. Jennifer Kinsman presented a proposal for a book club that coincides with the battle of the books. Part of her duties as a Washington Reading Corps member is to instill literacy in the school. The club would meet once a week on Wednesdays to prepare for the Battle of the Books Competition. What we would be doing is going over chapter summaries and story summaries. The club would be in a seminar setting allowing the students to discuss their books. Each week they would be required to read a chapter in the book, and discuss the chapter at the club during the week. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if she had worked with Mr. Brooks with this plan? Mrs. Kinsman said yes, he as well as Mr. Berkompas have seen her proposal, Mrs. Janet Holmes has also offered up the library. Mr. John Hannah stated that Mr. Josh Brooks and himself need to look over and discuss the proposal. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what the Washington Reading Corps is? Mrs. Kinsman stated this is part of the Washington Service Corp. Her duty is to establish 2 community programs, one of which is story time at the Bean Tree. Mr. Brooks stated that one of the reasons she is here is to gain more experience for the Washington Reading Corps. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if she had any education experience, or if she is working toward this? Mrs. Kinsman stated she is working toward her BA in Education, has organized and ran groups with the Roxy Theater.

Mr. Derrek Berkompas: Mr. Derrek Berkompas came to the board tonight to thank them for their time and service. He noted how wonderful it is to see a bag of lunch delivered to the Elementary every Friday. His theme for tonight to discuss with the board is poverty. He completed 2 home visits during conference week and discovered a family living in 400 square feet in extreme poverty. He explained that the unemployment rate is at 5% in Washington State, and as a teacher, they have a lot of responsibility other than just teaching. We need to keep the students as the priority, not the parents as they didn't chose the situation. He also wanted to note that his heart and thoughts are with those in France.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of November and payroll vouchers for the month of October. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent. Mr. John Hannah went over items coming up at the next legislative conference. Mr. Hannah shared information regarding the SBAC testing and how Washington state did compared to the rest of the country. Washington State was ranked number 1 in many areas. Randy Dorn has announced he will not be returning. Mr. Hannah went over some names of people to keep an eye out for who will be running for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Hannah wanted to share about the MWP learning walks. The High School was the focus last week, Mr. Hannah stated there was some great feedback regarding the next steps to achieve goals in this building. Ms. Pat Saldana asked why there are 2 rows in the SBAC scores. Mr. Hannah explained that one is the percentage and the other is the ranking.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. Mrs. April Kaech went over the year-end financial report for the 2014-15 school year. Average enrollment was 306.73 FTE, which is up quite a bit from the previous years. This year is budgeted off of 289 FTE. Staffing has stayed pretty consistent for the last couple years. Mrs. April Kaech went over beginning and ending balances as well as revenues and expenditures of the fund balance. Overall we had a good year for our fund balance. We have continued to work our way up. Mr. Don Powell asked what was going on during the time when our fund balance was lowering. Mrs. April Kaech stated she isn't sure as she was not the business manager during those years, but is glad to see that the fund balance is increasing. Mr. Don Powell stated hopefully things will level out

eventually. Mrs. April Kaech went over other revenues including local income, donations and federal funds. Mr. April Kaech went over the fund balance composition, most of this is carry over from Vocational Programs, In-Tot and Title. Mr. Don Powell asked if the Vocational spending will call for a budget extension. Mrs. April Kaech stated we will be needing to do a budget extension at some point during the year anyway, she would like to wait as long as possible to be able to see where we are to do only one budget extension to get us through the rest of the year. Mrs. April Kaech went over starting and ending balances of the debt service funds. Mr. Don Powell asked if the debt service fund will be expended with the end of the bond. Mrs. April Kaech stated there will be some left over in this fund due to the timber dollars. The district will be able to keep this money. Mrs. April Kaech went over the beginning and ending balances for the transportation vehicle fund and the ASB. Mrs. Kaech stated the High School ASB did a really great job last year with their revenues and expenditures. Ms. Pat Saldana stated she really liked this presentation, the graphs are fabulous and would like to see this is her monthly reports. Mr. Don Powell agreed the presentation was very clean. Mrs. April Kaech went over revenue, expenditures and balances of the different funds for the month of October.

Mr. John Hannah, Jr/Sr. High Principal. Enrollment is at 154, pretty steady, we have had a couple kids come in since the numbers were ran for this report, so we are up a couple. We are focusing on student to student discourse, which is a high level strategy for teaching in the building. It focuses on student communication, asking each other questions…etc. We will be focusing on student to student discourse for the next few months. We have a data wall in the staff lounge with student pictures and test scores. We will do another big assessment in January. Budget is coming up in a few months. We are already working on the schedule for next year to start allowing teachers and students to come up with their needs for the budget. Staff member of the month is Michelle Frahm. She is a great teacher and has helped a lot with our new teachers. She is leading the building RTI math program and math PLC. When we did our learning walk the ESD facilitator who is a former math teacher said she is probably the best math teacher he has ever seen. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if Mr. Hannah had some ideas about what the schedule will look like for next year. Mr. Hannah stated it will be very similar to what we have this year. Our goal is to keep as much of what we have and not start over. A lot of our AG courses this year are beginning level, so next year will be adding some more advanced courses. One big change will be to Algebra I, this is being moved strictly to 8th grade, so we will have to offer Calculus next year. We will be splitting Chemistry and Physics to separate years to allow for another science. Next year we will have two section of Spanish II and a

Spanish III section. Ms. Pat Saldana wanted to comment on IXL, she stated this is a really good program, they use it at the Elementary as well. Mr. Hannah stated yes, every student in our District has a login, they are able to work on standards in reading and math. Ms. Pat Saldana stated it is really need because Aiden (or any kid) can login at home and the teacher can see their progress. Mr. Don Powell asked if it was for lessons. Mr. John Hannah said not really it focuses more on testing their skills in the standard, so the teacher can see their progress in that standard. It also show the teacher how long it took the student to come up with the answer and how many correct answers they had and comes up with how well they have mastered the standard. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if a survey has ever been completed to ask how many of our students have computers at home. Mr. Hannah stated not this year, however it was asked during the RAD process. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if the teacher can see how many students have logged in from home. Mr. Hannah stated yes. Mr. Don Powell asked if we have a lap top for every student. Mr. Hannah stated not at this time, but we are working on increasing our technology. We have Chromebooks and Desktop Chromebooks, as well as laptop carts. We are working on getting another Chromebook cart, however that will be about $10,000.00. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if our Wifi would be able to handle all of those computers if we were to get another cart. Mr. Hannah stated yes.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Elementary Principal. We had 92 percent of our parents attend conferences. Home visits were successful as well. Breakfast and books is Wednesday. We currently have 140 signed up. Enrollment is at 179 for November, which is where we were last year. December and January is when we had the influx of students. For curriculum, the ESD just took the first quarter Foss Kits back and will be delivering the second quarter. The teachers are continuing to teach standards from Foss, Reading Street and Engage NY with differentiation being the focus District wise. This is going well. Mrs. Henderson's WAKids assessment had to be completed by the end of October, and is done. The data wall now has Star360, DIBLES and SBAC so we can get a big picture. Mrs. Fagin is staff member of the month for her successful transition. Mr. Don Powell stated he saw we have 15 students in preschool. Mr. Josh Brooks stated he has talked to Mr. Hannah about this a lot, we are seeing the benefits as these students are moving up. The students who started with this program are in 2nd grade, and are doing quite well on their assessments. If you are 4 or going to be 4 in this school year, then you get into preschool. If you are 3, then you need to wait unless you have special needs. We have quite a few out of district parents who would like to join our preschool, but we have a current waiting list right now. Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Layman are doing a great job. The first of December we will be posting the special

education para position. We have a long term sub who is doing great, but is leaving soon.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Jr/Sr. Vice Principal. Student led conferences went well with 93% attendance. We have rescheduled some students to have their conferences with a caring adult, so Mrs. Royle, Mr. Hannah and Mr. Stoney if their parents are not able to attend, to allow the students to go through the process. Ms. Saldana asked if the students are still doing the conferences. Mr. Stoney said yes, we are doing student led conferences. The Veteran's Day Assembly went well, approximately 30 community members were present, which was more than last year. About a dozen girls in 6th through 8th grade went to the Dare to Dream conference in Mossyrock, topics include anti-bullying, college planning, etc. Discipline looked similar to September. Last year we were at 3.13 referrals per day during this time, this year we are at 1.32 average referrals per day this month. Our biggest issues is tardys, our culture team is working on addressing this. ASB had a successful Red Ribbon Week, the Prevention Club put this on for anti-drug focus. A lot of the teachers did entry and exit tasks for the week. Haunted Hallways was successful, we brought in around 100 lbs of canned food. A lot of people stepped up to help decorate. High school students of the month are James Mast-Boyet and Tatym Smathers, Junior High Students of the month are Lucinda Scogin and Landen Kemp. Ms. Pat Saldana asked for clarification of the number of tardys. Mr. Josh Stoney clarified that percentage is just out of total referrals. The actual number of tardys is different. A few of the students are repeat offenders. The first two tardys are warnings, then after that a referral is given. There are only about 2 or 3 who are repeat offenders. Our peer jury and culture team is working on this. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if our students have enough time in between classes. Mr. Josh Stoney said yes, and we don't have very many transitions now that we are in block scheduling. Mr. Hannah stated that our main referrals a year ago were related to disrespect, defiance, disruption, things that were disrupting learning, now we have students who are a couple minutes late to class as our main referral, this is a huge improvement from where we were even a year ago. Mr. Chase Buffington pointed out the low amount of referrals in the 11th grade class.

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Reading of the New or Revised Policies and Procedures
Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the new or revised policies and procedures, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Resignation Letters from Food Service Supervisor, Mrs. Loriann Grose and Cook, Mrs, Julie Schaffer to End Their Positions with the Current School Year
Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the resignation of Mrs. Loriann Grose and Mrs. Julie Schaffer, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0

Approve Classified Substitute Mrs. Marissa Austin
Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve approve the Classified Substitute, Mrs. Marissa Austin, Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0

First Reading of the New or Revised Policies No. 5240 Evaluation of Staff
The board completed the first reading of Policy No. 5240. Ms. Pat Saldana asked for a little more information regarding this policy, Mr. Hannah stated we are going to the language from WSSDA. Mr. Don Powell asked if this was going to have any challenges with our current contract language. Mr. Hannah stated no, it support it.

Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/04, Cancel Lost Warrants
Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-16/04, Cancel Lost Warrants, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Hannah gave an explanation of the legislative conference coming up, who attended last year and for the board to contact Mrs. Carlie Womack if they would like to attend.

Ms. Pat Saldana stated WSSDA is having their annual conference in Bellevue this year. It is three days. Next year it is going to be in Spokane. Ms. Saldana gave an overview of the conference and the cost. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Ms. Pat Saldana presented a certificate of appreciation and gifts and thanked Mr. Don Powell for his 17 years of wonderful service with the board.

Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to thank Mrs. April Kaech for getting the pile burned in Mineral.

Mrs. Betty Hutchison wanted to mention the tribute to the Veteran's at the Roxy Theater was fabulous, she wanted thank Mr. Brad Nelson.

ADJORNMENT:

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at pm. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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