# Morton School District #214
# REGULAR BOARD MEETING
# December 21, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, board members present are Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mr. Warren Dunlap, Mrs. Betty Hutchison and Mr. Chase Buffington. We do have a quorum.

Mr. Josh Austin will arrive late, and is excused.

The flag salute was given.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

When Mr. Josh Austin arrives, we will move item 9.5 to current, we will need an executive session, and lastly we need to update Ms. Caitlin Arnold as a Classified Substitute, and we will add item 9.1 as Mrs. Marissa Austin , paraprofessional. Mr. Warren Dunlap made motion to adopt the agenda with the noted changes, Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 16, 2015 and the Special School Board Meeting held on December 10, 2015. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Jordan Royle: The topic of Morton Up Coalition. Mrs. Royle is here to invite the board to leadership seminars. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked who would be teaching the classes. Mrs. Royle stated there are multiple people. Mrs. Betty Hutchison wanted to inform the board that the date of the 20th might be changing.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of December and payroll vouchers for the month of November. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know what the pay date of the payroll vouchers for the month of December. Mrs. April Kaech stated we pay at the last business day of the month. A discussion followed regarding

different reasons why districts pay earlier and on the last working day. The vote carried 4-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** Mr. John Hannah reported the Graduation Cohort last year. Mr. Hannah explained of the 20 in the cohort, 16 graduated, 2 are continuing, 1 moved out of the area and the other in a vocational program on the east side. We now have a new person playing the role to track these students. Mr. Hannah stated our graduation rate is 80 percent. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked how long we track these students. Mr. Hannah said we try to track through the 5th year. Another topic of business is the day we missed from the flood. Mr. Hannah stated we are hoping to apply for the waiver to not make up the day as it was declared a state of emergency, and without making up the day, we would still meet and far exceed the minimum hourly requirement. Mr. Chase Buffington asked if this was in preparation for making up snow days. Mr. Hannah stated yes. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what this will do to teacher salaries. Mr. Hannah stated this will not affect the teacher's salaries, only the classified salaries. Mr. Hannah stated he has discussed this with the principals and he will be making up the lost time during our early release Wednesdays. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if the board was in favor of this waiver. The board stated to be on board with the waiver. Mr. Warren Dunlap, stated this will be a money saver in the long run. Ms. Pat Saldaña is concerned about the hours of instructional time our students will be getting. Mr. Hannah ensured her we will be far over the required time of instruction. Mr. Hannah provided the board with history regarding charter schools and why the Supreme Court has deemed charter schools as unconstitutional.

**Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report.** Mrs. April Kaech went over the expenditures, revenue, and balances of the District's report. She explained revenues look smaller this month as the apportionment by the state is dropped to approximately 5% from 9% as the State assumes Districts receive levy dollars during the month of November. Mrs. April Kaech went over enrollment figures and we are doing well. Mrs. April Kaech wanted to let the board know how great the ASB is doing this year. Ms. Pat Saldaña wanted to reflect that as well.

**Mr. John Hannah, Jr/Sr. High Principal.** Mr. John Hannah went over enrollment for the building, the Jr/Sr. High is up 11 students. Mr. Hannah wanted to discuss the math curriculum that Mrs. Michelle Frahm has brought to the District from her previous District in California, the students are doing really well. Mr. John Hannah informed the board that the staff are working coming up with what student to student discourse looks like to all

of them. With curriculum, the students are working with Mrs. Royle to do practice testing for Math and English. This not only allows the students to practice, but lets the students see the computer program. Ms. Christy Powell was staff member of the month. Mr. Hannah stated like a good secretary she keeps the building going.

**SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS:** Mr. Josh Austin, Mr. Chase Buffington, and Ms. Pat Saldaña were sworn into the board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve Mrs. Marissa Austin, Paraeducator**
Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve Mrs. Marissa Austin, Paraeducator. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Josh Austin obstained from the vote, due to a conflict of interest. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked what grade level she will be working in. Mr. John Hannah stated she will be working in the special education room at the Elementary. The vote carried 4-0 and 1 obstention.

**Approve Resignation of Mr. Keith Coleman, MWP Baseball Coach**
Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Keith Coleman, MWP Baseball Coach. Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to tell the board Mr. Keith Coleman has had medical issues with his wrists which is causing him to resign. Mr. Josh Austin asked with baseball being right around the corner, is there someone in mind? Mr. Hannah stated Mr. Coleman had to take a leave of absence from the season last year, there is a thought that the person who replaced him last year will show interest in the position. The vote carried 5-0.

**Approve Ms. Caitlin Arnold, Classified Substitute**
Mr. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve Ms, Caitlin Arnold, Classified Substitute. Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if there was any background on this person. Mr. Hannah stated not a lot, but we are finding that we have been hiring off our substitute list recently. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked how the subbing worked, is it just from a list. Mr Hannah stated the building secretaries contact people as needed from an approved list. The vote carried 5-0.

**Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/05, Cancel Lost Payroll Check**
Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve resolution No. 2015-16/05. Seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if this has been reissued. Mrs. April Kaech stated this will be once the check is cancelled. The vote carried 5-0.

**Approve Overnight Stay for Boys Basketball Team December 28th-30th in Yakima**

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve the overnight stay for the boys basketball team. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked why we are approving a span. Mr. Warren DunalpThe vote carried 5-0.

**Vote for Board Positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative Chair, WIAA Representative)**

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion for Ms. Pat Saldaña continues to be Chair for the board. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the vote carried with all in favor.

Ms. Pat Saldna made a motion for Mr. Warren Dunlap to be the Vice Chair. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion for Mr. Chase Buffington to be the Legislative Representative. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in foavor.

Mr. Warren Dunlap gave an overview of his duties as the WIAA Representatives. Mr. Josh Austin stated his interest. Ms. Pat Saldaña stated she also likes to hear sometimes in the board report what is going on. Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve Mr. Josh Austin as our WIAA representative. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Mr. John Hannah and Ms. Pat Saldaña presented Mr. Warren Dunlap with a certificate of 10 years of service with the Morton School District Board of Directors. Mr. Hannah stated his appreciation for Mr. Warren Dunlap. Ms. Pat Saldaña wanted to thank Mr. Dunlap for his service.

Monday January 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 is the boards working session. Mrs. Betty Hutchison, Mr. Warren Dunlap and Ms. Pat Saldaña would like printed copies.

Mr. Warren Dunlap stated it looks like there is no issues getting over the pass. Our boy's basketball team is currently ranked number 2 in the state, and we will be playing the 1st ranked team in the tournament at Yakima. If we win that game, we will have the second longest consecutive winning streak.

Ms. Pat Saldaña stated the board will go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation at 6:48pm for approximately 20 minutes. Where no decisions will be made.

The board returned from executive session at 7:03 where no decisions were made.

**ADJORNMENT:** Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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