Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The flag salute was given.

The board members present Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mrs. Krishna Eveland, Mr. Don Powell, Mr. Warren Dunlap and Mrs. Betty Huchison. Ms. Pat Saldana verified a quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Pat Saldaña noted a few changes that need to be addressed in the minutes, first on the Superintendent Contract Amendment, the vote should reflect 4-0 instead of 3-0 as Mrs. Betty Huchison arrived for this action, also the meeting adjournment should have been reflected as PM, not AM. Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Held on January 20, 2015 with the noted adjustments. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0 for the amended motion.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. John Hannah added on item 9.1 there is an addition of a resignation of Mrs. Robin Alcorn, and after New Business there will be a meeting where the public is dismissed. Mr. Don Powell made motion to adopt the agenda with the changes, Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of February and payroll vouchers for the month of January. Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

Mr. John Hannah asked if the board would like items 5.1 and 5.2 together, Mrs. Krishna Eveland stated she would like them kept separate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** Mr. Hannah stated we planned on having a budget meeting, but we have no information from the state at this time. Hopefully we will have this meeting next month. The first week of March is classified employee week, we are moving that back one week as the week this falls on is a short week and we would like to have a full 5 days of appreciation. Mr. Hannah explained the Consolidated Program Review and who is responsible for each section. Mr. Hannah stated he is working on chapter 16 and this has taken a lot of time. Mr. Hannah also shared some bills that are pending and could have an impact. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked about how WSSDA feels about getting rid of the at-large positions? Mr. Hannah stated WSSDA is opposed to this bill. They are looking a lot at the Seattle School District and possibly splitting this in half. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked that the board be included in classified appreciation week as they board also appreciates the classified employees.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. Revenue increased quite a bit as we have received back pay based on our actual enrollment numbers, not on what was budgeted. Mrs. April Kaech went over the revenues, expenditures and balances of the different accounts in the district. The State Auditors office will be doing a 2 week audit in March. From March 9th through the 20th.

Mr. John Hannah, Principal Report. Enrollment is at 142 in this building, 2 students down from where we were. Curriculum wise, we are looking at our RTI program. Staff have spent a couple Wednesdays looking at how to improve these programs. Our students are getting about 90 minutes in math and ELA at this time. We would like to change that to 90 minutes in math and 90 minutes in ELA. Doug Kernut came last week and we walked every classroom in the district and stated things are so much better. We spend about 10-15 minutes in each classroom. Mrs. Teresa Fagin was staff member of the month. Mr. Hannah stated she has been awesome to work with, and her classes are very energetic. Next week Mr. John Hannah will be taking the High School ASB to the chamber of commerce meeting.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Principal Report. Mr. Josh Brooks is ill and excused from the meeting.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Vice Principal Report. Mr. Stoney started with discipline, 2013-13 we had 4.05, down to 2.37 the next year and 1.87 this year. The teachers are doing more classroom interventions. Mr. Josh Stoney went over the tier levels. There is no movement being reflected in the tier levels. Mr. Stoney stated positive referrals went down this month, we need to focus and set a goal to get these referrals back up. We incorporated 7 mindsets this year, the students took a survey, overall there was a positive result. Mr. Stoney went over the results of the specific questions of the survey. Caden Trigg and Emily Urban were high school student of the month representatives, Sydney Brooks and Noah Garrison were the Jr. High student of the month representatives. Mr. Stoney explained the coin drive that is going on right now. Mr. Stoney's wife was able to come down and have a positive conversation and goal setting with the ASB. Mrs. Krishna Eveland asked what the cause of the lower positive referrals? Mr. Stoney stated research shows that right after December is the low point of the year for discipline.

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Reading of the New or Revised Policies and Procedures
Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to approve the New or Revised Policies and Procedures. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations: (Miss Elise Van Dam, Secondary English Teacher and Mr. Dan Hansen, Secondary Math Teacher)
Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to accept the resignations. Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked when we knew these people were resigning? Mr. John Hannah stated Ms. Van Dam brought this up in December and is moving to Spokane, Mrs. Alcorn was recently married and is traveling back and forth from Enumclaw, she let us know this month. Mr. Hansen also informed us recently.

Approve Jessica Martin, Substitute Teacher
Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion, Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

Coaching Hires
Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the coaching hires listed on the agenda. Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if these had been approved at White Pass's board meeting? Mr. Hannah stated yes.

Approve Changes to Procedure 2190P, Highly Capable Program

Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion, Mr. Don Powell seconded. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know what the changes are? Mr. John Hannah stated the changes are due to the CPR. Mr. Warren Dunlap clarified that this is a change for the district, not something that WSSDA is making us change. Mr. Hannah stated yes. The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2014-15/05, Unpaid Holidays for Reason of Faith or Conscience

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-15/05, Unpaid Holidays for Reason of Faith or Conscience, Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Don Powell clarified that the district can't question if someone wants any day off for any religious purpose. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if there was a number of days that the district could require to know this ahead of time, Mr. Hannah stated yes, he would have to check on the policy for the number that is required.

Approve Resolution No. 2014-15/04, No Suitable Space at Adjacent School Districts

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-15/04, No Suitable Space at Adjacent School Districts Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked for clarification. Mr. John Hannah stated this is part of the School Facility Survey we are doing to ensure there is no other location our students can go. The vote carried 5-0.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Mrs. Krishna Eveland would like to give an advanced thank you for all of those involved in the CPR. She knows that stress levels will run high.

Mr. Warren Dunlap received a phone call regarding the slash burning in Mineral. Mr. John Hannah stated he is currently trying to contact the contractor in charge of this.

Ms. Pat Saldaña stated there will be an exempt meeting, the public will be excused for this meeting.

ADJORNMENT:

Mrs. Betty Huchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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