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

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, board members present are Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mr. Warren Dunlap, and Mrs. Betty Hutchison. Mr. Don Powell, was absent and excused. Ms. Pat Saldana noted a quorum is present.

The flag salute was given.

The board interviewed candidate Chase Buffington for the open school board position from 5:30 pm to 5:40 pm.

A roll call vote was completed: Mrs. Betty Hutchison, yes, Mr. Warren Dunlap, yes, Ms. Pat Saldana, yes.

The Mr. John Hannah swore in Chase Buffington as the temporary board member until the November election.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hannah explained the additions made to the agenda. Mr. Warren Dunlap made motion to adopt the agenda, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

Mr. Don Powell arrived at 5:59 pm. The board returned at 6:00 pm to start the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Derrek Berkompas addressed the board as president of the MEA. He thanked the board for their time. He noted a wonderful start to the school year, the new teachers have a lot of energy. Derrek Berkompas quoted Mr. Josh Brooks and Ms. Amanda West about the great year. Mr. Berkompas talked about the needs of the new teachers, and the barriers they are coming into the district with. He quoted stats regarding new young teachers in the United States for the barriers. Mr. Berkompas discussed the mentoring and leadership our administration has put in place to assist the new teachers. He ended his comment with a question or what do our teachers need to make it passed the 5 year mark?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on August 17, 2015 and the Special School Board Meeting held on August 27, 2015. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Pat Saldana noted at the beginning and end the minutes had not been finished. Mrs. Carlie Womack will complete these minutes. The special school board meeting, needs to have that Mr. Don Powell was not present. The vote carried 5-0.

Mrs. Betty Hutchison wanted to note on the regular school board meeting that the lunches served at the reunion were 101, not 201. Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to make the change. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know how Mr. Chase Buffington could vote for the minutes. Mr. Hannah explained that the members do not lose their rights to vote. The vote carried 5-0 for the changes noted by Mrs. Betty Hutchison.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of September and payroll vouchers for the month of August. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent. Mr. Hannah discussed the first MAC meeting took place. Five members involved are present at the board meeting. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what MAC stands for. Mr. Hannah explained this is the Morton Advisory Committee, composed of certificated and classified staff, a parent and student representative. The first meeting of the year, the group read an article regarding differentiation and had a round table discussion. Mr. Hannah gave the board a guide regarding differentiation. Gov. Jay Enslee is holding the legislature in contempt at $100,000 per day. All 4 caucuses are scheduled to meet with the Governor to try to resolve the issue as soon as possible. Mr. Hannah stated this is really positive as there was talk that at least one of the groups were not willing to meet until after the winter break. Charter schools will not be discussed at the meeting regarding McCleary. Mr. Don Powell stated $100,000 a day sounds like a lot of money, but this is chicken feed compared to their working budgets for the year. Mr. Hannah stated that if they meet within a certain time that the $100,000 could be waived. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked who pays for this. Mr. Hannah explained this comes out of the state budget and is to go into an account to fund public education. So basically taking it out of one pot and putting it in another. Mr. Don Powell stated it would seem that the state would work to fund education first.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. The preliminary reports are in from August, there is still a lot of work before reporting to the State, but should be fairly close. Mrs. Kaech went through revenues, expenditures and balances for the different accounts. Mrs. Kaech did note that we received an additional $61,000.00 in the general fund that we were not expecting to receive. We received the yearly payment for the transportation vehicle fund as well. Mr. Don Powell asked about the capital projects fund, if that

includes the money that we money we voted not to go below. Mrs. April Kaech stated yes, that money is included.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Elementary Principal. Enrollment was 174 PK-6, which is about exactly where we started last year. We are hoping to get up a little more. The biggest change was the incoming Kindergartners were less than the outgoing 6th grade. In curriculum, we need to order some new math interventions. We didn't take into account that we are starting first semester, not just second semester like last year. RTI groups are underway. We will have our new STAR 360 K-6th grade. We are going to be using STAR 360 for our data wall instead of Dibles. Staff chose the staff member of the month this year. The staff member of the month for September was Mrs. Olivia Wilbur. This Friday is the annual Jog-A-Thon. Mr. Brooks brought up something from SMU football, telling high school students to beware of what they posted on twitter, the recruiters are looking at how student athletes respond to things on Twitter. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked what the money was being collected from just last week it was for Jog-A-Thon. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated she was doing quite well. Mr. Brooks stated the students were told not to go door to door. Ms. Saldana asked if there is enough money raised for all of the field trips. Ms. Saldana asked when the fundraisers are due. Mr. Brooks stated the Thursday after.

Mr. John Hannah, Jr/Sr. High Principal. Enrollment is at 155, and is up about 11 from last year. We have moved to a new curriculum for 7-12 called Odel, which is an online group. This has been rated very high, the administration has been watching the students in action. The only issue we have run into is the level of the curriculum is a little higher than our students are used to, however they are getting there. The staff member of the month at the Jr/Sr. High for the month of September was Mrs. Jordan Royle.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Jr/Sr. Vice Principal. The report at this time doesn't have a lot of data as there are no numbers for the month of September. For community engagement, there is a link for the parents to provide feedback on the website, as well as social media. Ms. Sarah Smith, one of our ASB members, is working with Mr. Chris Johnson to get information out to our students. Mr. Stoney stated we are working again with positive intervention. We are working with restorative justice this year, this will be backed by data as we move forward. We had identified about 12 students who have applied to be the peer jury. These students will be going to Black Hills High School for training. The ASB is getting a spirit wear store

online. We have incorporated ASB time every Wednesday. One Wednesday will be 20 minutes of a whole ASB meeting, the second Wednesday will be class level meetings, the 3rd will be club level meetings, and rotate back through. Ms. Pat Saldana asked who was updating the social media sites, Mr. Stoney stated he is. Ms. Saldana stated the ASB would probably like to post that information on Facebook, etc...this may engage the community more. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what the clubs names are, the report states the acronyms. Mr. Stoney went through the different clubs and which staff members are leading those groups. Ms. Saldana asked if there was a lot of involvement. Mr. Hannah explained the FFA took a group to the Puyallup Fair and did quite well. One student took first place in livestock judging.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the new or revised WSSDA policies and procedures. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve paraprofessionals Mrs. Tawny Storm and Ms. Hannah Clevenger

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve paraprofessionals Mrs. Tawny Storm and Ms. Hannah Clevenger, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0

Approve the following Substitutes, Ms. Carmel Burke and Ms. Kayla Weber Certificated Substitutes; Ms. Erin Johnson, Classified Substitute and Approve Maggie Fuller, Volunteer Cross Country and Track Coach

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve approve the following Substitutes, Ms. Carmel Burke and Ms. Kayla Weber Certificated Substitutes; Ms. Erin Johnson, Classified Substitute and Maggie Fuller, Volunteer Cross Country, Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0

Approve Washington State Perkins Performance Improvement Plan

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the Washington State Perkins Performance Improvement Plan, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded, Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know what this is for. Mr. Hannah explained the Carl Perkins grant is for career and technical education. For this grant the school must address issues established based on statistics such as at risk youth, and gender vs. population involvment. Mr. Hannah stated all 10 lewis county schools were idenitified to have an improvement plan. Ms.

Saldana asked what this is for, Mr. Hannah stated this is for CTE funding. The motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/01, Cancel Payroll Checks from 2012-13

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/01, Cancel Payroll Checks from 2012-13, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded, Mr. Don Powell asked if these were reissued. Mrs. April Kaech stated the funds will be sent to a database for people to claim their funds at a later date. The motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Vote on Vice Chair

Ms. Pat Saldana stated the board needs to vote on a new Vice Chair. Ms. Pat Saldana nominated Mr. Don Powell, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded, mentioning Mr. Don Powell has done a great job and deserves the vice chair position. Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to elect Mr. Don Powell as the Vice Chair. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: Ms. Pat Saldana reminded the board that WSSDA's election information is due this week. There has been a lot of information being sent out to the members regarding the candidates. Mr. Don Powell asked if Mr. Chase Buffington filed his financial statement.

Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to report there was a sighting of a board member Mrs. Betty Hutchison at the football game in Randle. Mrs. Hutchison noted there was an ENTIRE row of teachers and the Timberwolves won. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated there was an article in the WIAA, that although the state would like a 16 team State Basketball Tournament, the WIAA will not be doing this due to the cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board will go into a closed session to discuss collective bargaining for approximately 20 minutes at 6:50 pm.

The board returned from executive session at 7:11 pm where no decisions were made.

ADJORNMENT: Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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