Morton School District #214
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm, board members present are Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mr. Warren Dunlap, Mr. Chase Buffington, Mr. Josh Austin and Mrs. Betty Hutchison.

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Pat Saldana asked what Fresh n' Local Foods would be providing the district? Mr. John Hannah explained they would be providing the dietary needs such as menu planning, food prep, etc. required by the Federal Government. They will prepare heat and serve food just like we had in the past. They will provide options for students with special food requirements, such as gluten free and allergies. Frozen food will be delivered weekly, along with fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. They will also provide some training for our staff. We will retain the employees, collection of money, free/reduced applications and monthly claiming. Ms. Pat Saldana asked how long it had been since we increased our lunch prices, Mr. Hannah stated last year. The charge for breakfast is less than lunch. Mr. Hannah gave estimates of how many meals are served during the day. Ms. Saldana asked if the Free and Reduced Breakfast Program covered most of the cost of meals. Mr. Hannah stated some. Mrs. Carlie Womack stated it still doesn't break even with the cost of the food. Mr. Chase Buffington asked about our milk program. Mr. Hannah stated this would be included with the food service management company. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated we go through local companies with bread and dairy products. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if the numbers were calculated to see if we could have the option to not use go with the food service management company for bread and milk as the proposal is negotiable. Mr. Hannah stated we went out for bid twice and only received a proposal from this one company. Mr. Hannah stated this is something we can look at, but if we don't accept their proposal as is, we could possibly not have a food service program next year. Mrs. Hutchison asked how long the

contract is written for. Mr. Hannah stated 5 years. Mr. Hannah explained the reasons why the contract could be terminated. At this point, the other food service management programs do not want to work with schools under 1000 students or out of the way. Fresh n' Local offers a hybrid model which allows us to keep our employees. No other public school in Washington is using this model. Mr. Hannah explained the possibility of a food cooperative with Morton, Mossyrock and White Pass. Mr. Hannah gave an overview of how the day would look for our cook/servers. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if we had enough storage at the Elementary to be able to accommodate all of the food being cooked over there. Mr. Hannah stated yes, and everything is working. Mr. Hannah went over the responsibilities of the Food Service Company and Morton School District for food service audits. Mr. Hannah went over offer vs. serve guidelines. The board discussed what the possibilities would be for the left over foods, such as donating to local food banks, or reserving the food. Mr. Hannah will look into the USDA/OSPI requirements for left-over food. Ms. Pat Saldana asked how much the free/reduced benefits cover our cost. Mr. Hannah explained the food service program had approximately $90,000 the District had to cover the last few years. The contract with the food service program states we will strive to break even. Mr. Josh Austin brought up that we are not replacing the main position for food service which will add savings. Mr. Hannah went over the requirements of replacing Mrs. Loriann Grose, and that she was grandfathered into the program and was not required to meet the requirements. Mr. Hannah explained that Fresh N' Local will be working with our staff with training regarding cooking the meals properly, ordering food and completing production records. Fresh N' Local will also be at our Meet the Teacher night to provide samples to staff, students and parents. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what the district is going to do should one of our cook/servers be absent. Mr. Hannah explained that all of the people interviewed (total of 6) agreed to be substitutes. Mr. Josh Austin stated he is quite impressed with the menu, he has heard complaints in the past about the nutritional value of the food being served, but the meals on this menu are great.

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the Food Service Management Company contract, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 am. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.