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

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the school board meeting at 6:00 pm, all board members present with the exception of Mrs. Krishna Eveland. Ms. Pat Saldaña read her resignation letter to the board. Ms. Pat Saldaña explained we will have a vacancy until December when elections will be ran again. Mr. Hannah explained that we will post a vacancy in the journal to fill the vacant spot. Mr. Hannah is asking the board for a timeline they would like to keep the position posted. The board can interview up to 5 candidates. Questions would be based on the policy and the candidates biography/resume. After interviews, the candidate would be chosen based on a roll call vote. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked how long the board would like to keep the position posted in the paper. Mr. Don Powell stated 90 days. Mr. Don Powell stated 90 days would get us beyond the 90 day election, and it would be a lot of effort to appoint someone when we would be replacing them. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if the person who is running would be able to apply for the position like everyone else. Mrs. Betty Hutchison requested 2 weeks for the posting to allow interested parties. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know when in November this job would be ending. Mr. Hannah stated when the elections open. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if we could post it for a week to get the person in prior to the September 21st meeting. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked what Don's position is, Mr. Don Powell will be here until November and has someone running for his position. Mr. Hannah explained the interview could be at a special meeting, it doesn't have to be at the regular meeting. Ms. Pat Saldaña stated she would like to have someone sworn in by the 21st of September. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked for clarification about the special board meeting and if this could take place directly prior to the regular meeting. Mr. Hannah stated yes. Mr. Don Powell asked if that were to happen if this person could participate in the regular meeting. The board has determined 2 weeks.

The flag salute was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and Budget hearing held on July 20, 2015, and the Working Session held on August 12, 2015. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hannah explained the additions made to the agenda. Mr. Don Powell made motion to adopt the agenda, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of August and payroll vouchers for the month of July. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Paulette Reddick wanted to thank the school board and the district for allowing the all class reunion to use the gym and set up the chairs and tables. Mrs. Reddick stated there were 101 lunches sold. Mr. Don Powell asked what the youngest attending was, Mrs. Reddick stated in the 1980's. Mrs. Reddick stated they are working on getting in touch with the younger crowd.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** Mr. Hannah explained this is an excerpt from TWIO from Dan Steele. The legislature has its own task force to support the McCleary ruling. The state was supposed to have 3.3 billion set away for McCleary at this time, they only have 1.3 billion. The federal government is going to be fining the legislature $100,000.00 per day until they meet to discuss the lack of funding for basic education. Mr. Hannah stated he is not expecting them to meet any time soon based on social media accounts. If they don't meet, the federal government may hold the legislature in contempt with more fines. Mr. Hannah went over the small classroom initiative also. There is a need for over 5000 new teachers and classrooms, there is only enough funding for 2000 teachers, and no classrooms. Mr. Don Powell asked Mr. Hannah how he feels this is going to work out in 2018 with levys, as we are about to run a new M&O levy, and if there is still local funds to be collected by the schools. Mr. Hannah stated this issue has been thrown around, and talk has been toward a levy swap, which would mean the levy dollars would be collected by the legislature and redistributed. This is a really complex process and idea as the levy dollars are so different, when you take a levy from Seattle and one from Morton, the funds are not equivalent. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked who will be paying this fine. Mr. Hannah stated the fines are supposed to be putting them into an account for funding of schools. Mr. Don Powell stated, basically the tax payers are paying for this. Mr. Don Powell stated he doesn't agree with the levy swap idea. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated he can see the locals passing a levy and the state snagging it will decrease voting in a levy at the local level. Mr. Hannah stated he doesn't believe the levy swap will go into effect.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. Mrs. April Kaech went through all of the fund balances, expenditures and revenues for the different accounts for the month of July. Ms. Saldaña asked if ASB was just this building or both. Mrs. April Kaech stated this is both. Ms. Saldaña asked where the expenditures are coming from. Mrs. Kaech stated most of this was end of year expenses. Mr. Don Powell asked if Mrs. Kaech was ready to close out

her books for the year. Mrs. Kaech stated yes, she will be closing out in October.

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. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked regarding absence policy and regarding what is considered an excused absence, Mr. Dunlap stated he didn't see anything about family vacations. Mr. Hannah stated the principal would work with the families to put this into the category. Mr. Hannah stated we do excuse family vacations. The vote 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Mrs. Becky Layman, Elementary Title 1 Paraecuator, Mrs. Carmel Burke and Mr. Lee Metcalf, Certificated Substitutes

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve Mrs. Becky Layman, Elementary Title 1 Paraeducator, Mrs. Carmel Burke and Mr. Lee Metcalf, Certificated Substitutes, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Approve coaching hires, Mr. Kevin Dunlap, Assistant High School Girls Basketball, Mr. Zach O'Neill, Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, Mr. Brandon Higdon, Assistant High School Football Coach and Mr. Jeremy Smathers, Assistant Jr. High Football Coach, and a 1 year leave of absence for Mrs. Shaleesa Wetover, Assistant Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach.

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve Mr. Kevin Dunlap, Assistant High School Girls basektball coach, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor with one vote obstained from Mr. Warren Dunlap, the vote of 3-0.

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve coaching hires, Mr. Zach O'Neill, Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach Mr. Brandon Higdon, Assistant High School Football Coach and Mr. Jeremy Smathers, Assistant Jr. High Football Coach, and a 1 year leave of absence for Mrs. Shaleesa Wetover, Assistant Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Approve Volunteer Coaches

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve the following volunteer coaching hires, Mrs. Charlotte Schmidt, Jr. High Volleyball, Mr. Steve Hanson, Jr High/High School Volleyball, Mr. Terry Fagin, High School Volleyball, Mr. John Hannah, High School Football, Mr. Kevin Moore, Jr. High Football, and Mr. Elee Fairhart, Volunteer Athletic Trainer. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

First Reading of the New or Revised WSSDA Policies and Procedures

The board completed the first reading of the following policies:

3205	Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
3205P	Procedure-Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
3220	Freedom of Expression
3246	Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
3246P	Procedure-Restraint, Isolation, and Other Use of Reasonable Force
5011	Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
5011P	Procedure-Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
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Approve Milk and Bread Bids

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the milk bid from Dairy Fresh Farms and the bread bid from Morton Country Market. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0. Mrs. Betty Hutchison obstained from the vote. The board delayed to wait for the bread and milk bids. Ms. Pat Saldaña read the milk bid from Dairy Fresh Farms. Mr. Hannah read the bread bid from Morton Country Market.

Approve Resolution No. 2014-15/17, Cancel Outstanding Warrants

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-15/17, Cancel Outstanding Warrants. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Don Powell wanted an explaination to why these are being canceled. Mrs. April Kaech stated this is just a clean up process to cancel checks that have not been cashed. The vote carried 4-0.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: Ms. Pat Saldaña told the board there is a regional meeting on Oct. 15 at Napavine High School, this is $20.00, please let Carlie know and she will get you registered. Ms. Saldaña went over what was on the agenda for this regional meeting. Ms. Saldaña stated we are looking at having an October working session to discuss policy governance. Carlie will be getting dates out. Ms. Saldaña stated WSSDA puts out an application for being a Board of Distinction. She feels the board fulfills these duties, and would like two members to fill out the application. She feels any positive news would be helpful for the school. Mr. Don Powell stated he supports this, as well as Mr. Warren Dunlap. Mr. Don Powell is reflecting back on the policy governance, and if we waited a year to apply for the board of distinction until the policy governance is in place. Mr. Hannah agrees that Mr. Powell may have a great point that Policy Governance would be helpful. Mrs. Betty Hutchison stated she would love to be on the committee. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if any of our local schools have been involved in this, Mr. Don Powell stated he believes White Pass did. Mr. Don Powell reflected back on policy governance, and wanted to know if we have selected a date for this meeting. Mr. Don Powell would like to have a date that we need to implement this by. We need to set the goal in order to get start this. Ms.

Saldaña asked if January was too late/too early? Mr. John Hannah stated he didn't think this would be too late, this would be good to for the timing of the new board members. Ms. Saldaña stated the December 21st meeting would be a good time frame.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Pat Saldaña stated we are going to have a closed executive session to discuss the collective bargaining agreement. This meeting will last approximately 25 minutes at 7:00 pm. No decisions will be made.

The board returned from executive session at 7:24 pm, where no decisions were made.

ADJORNMENT: Mr. Don Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

Board Member

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