Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, board members present are Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mrs. Betty Hutchison, Mr. Josh Austin and and Mr. Warren Dunlap. Mr. Chase Buffington is absent and excused.

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hannah explained there is a change to item 9.1, this should include all CTE clubs and courses not just FFA, and this item should also be informational only and to add the language of adding a new position to item 9.2. Mr. Josh Austin made motion to adopt the agenda Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on April 18, 2016. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Derrek Berkompas: Mr. Berkompas talked about the PTA, District and Staff thanking the teachers for teacher appreciation week. Tonight's topic is policy governance. Mr. Berkompas, he stated his predecessor had some concerns, however Mr. Berkompas doesn't feel the MEA or himself have any concerns about this right now, but asks the rhetorical question of how is it going? He just asks of the board that they roll this out to the parents and staff as well and stay consistent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of May and payroll vouchers for the month of April, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the vote carried with all in favor. Mrs. Hutchison asked about the McKinstry payments. She asked where this is coming from, and if this is part of the contract. Mrs. April Kaech stated this is a yearly agreement, however the first 2 years were free, the next years in the contract are on the district. Ms. Saldana asked what this entailed. Mrs. Kaech stated this is to make sure the electrical costs stay down. Mrs. Kaech stated we used to pay a different company to do the same work. Mrs. Hutchison asked what the Personnel File Audits are for? Mr. Hannah

stated we brought in an outside vendor to review our files to make sure we are able to correct and address issues in the way the district would like. Mrs. Hutchison asked about the Dell bill for $26K, Mr. Hannah stated we were able to buy all of our staff new computers instead of the refurbished ones. Mr. Hannah stated we bought 25. Mrs. Hutchison also asked about It-Just-Works, is our IT manager Ryan. Mrs. Hutchison also asked for the reasoning for the $6K for the amazon books, Mrs. Carlie Womack stated this was for student chromebooks. Ms. Saldana asked for an update on the sign, it looks like we paid for the sign? Mr. Hannah stated this should be here next month. Mrs. Hutchison asked how that went from the Chamber, and who will be working the sign. Mr. Hannah stated he also contacted the Mayor about his concerns, he gave him every reassurance. Mrs. Hutchison stated at the Chamber that it was voted on that this was supposed to be The Board recognized Amanda West to address the board, Amanda stated the city will cover the continuing electric. Mr. Hannah stated the agreement was through the school and the city, not the school and the Chamber. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know what the touchscreen cash register was for. Mrs. Kaech stated that was for the FBLA student store. Mr. Austin told the board to swing by and ask Mr. Royle to see the student store, it is now online as well. Mrs. Hutchison stated she will address this with the Chamber. The vote carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** Mr. Hannah discussed with the board the issue of Charter Schools. The State is basically funding private companies for education. In the past, Charter Schools have been illegal because there is language in the law stating that education must be uniform. This has again been deemed unconstitutional, but were given a year waiver because they already had students enrolled. Again it seems like they will be deemed unconstitutional again as they do not bargain with unions, do not follow the same testing, and it sounds like this will be taken to the Supreme Court again. Mr. Randy Dorn stated it sounds like as of September 1, there will be no public Charter Schools. Stanford University did a study that Charter School students do not do as well. Mr. Hannah explained that Charter Schools use a lottery system to enroll and select students that are not fair to everyone. Ms. Saldana asked what the difference is between a Charter School and a Private School. Mr. Hannah stated Charter Schools are funded by the State, where as Private Schools do not receive any tuition. Ms. Saldana asked what would happen to the district if a Charter School were to open up in the area. Mr. Hannah stated we would lose FTE which would decrease funding and effect our programs and staffing. Ms. Saldana asked if the Charter Schools are required to meet the same staffing requirements as Public Schools. Mr. Hannah stated no. Mrs. Hutchison asked if this is working in other states? Mr. Hannah stated in some, Kentucky just banned Charter Schools.

Mr. Hannah also brought up that the NCLB act has changed to the EESA. It doesn't take much away from the NCLB, but it makes the decision making on the State, not so much Washington DC. Currently we have a 16 committee workforce trying to make these decisions. HQT is no longer going to in practice next year, the state endorsement will be what we use. We used to have to take 20% of certain funds set aside for SES tutoring skills. We are now able to keep those funds and use them in the classroom. In our District, this is difficult because our students would have to drive out to Olympia for tutoring. We have had to set 10% aside for professional development, and that continues. Ms. Saldana asked if we could utilize SES in our district. Mr. Hannah stated, the SES provider has to be on the list. Mrs. Hutchison asked what about the students who need that? Mr. Hannah stated we do one-on-ones, RTI courses, whatever we need to do. Mr. Hannah stated we can re apply for the funds halfway through the year. Mrs. Hutchison asked what about the students who need special assistance. Mr. Hannah stated, such as special education students? These are thorugh different funding. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked what the 20% draws from? Mr. Hannah stated Title 1, which is about $150,000.00. Mr. Austin asked what we could use these funds for at this point, Mr. Hannah stated staffing, supplies, etc. Mrs. Hutchison asked if this could be used for stipend positions? Mr. Hannah stated no, we would use this for salaries.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. Mrs. Kaech went over revenue, expenditures, and balances for the general fund, ASB fund, TVF fund, Capital Projects, and Debt Services. Mrs. Kaech stated the budget is coming along and we should do the first reading at the next meeting.

John Hannah, Principal: Mr. Hannah discussed the staff member of the Month is Mrs. Chris Merriman, she works very closely with Mrs. Royle with testing right now and doing a great job. For curriculum, we are working on getting some computer based Physics and Spanish courses. In our School Improvement Plan, we asked for staff input for changes to our SIP.

Vice Principal Report: Mr. Josh Stoney discussed utilizing more social media to reach out to the students, parents and community. Mr. Stoney went over the Jr. High ASB elections. We are working on doing an internal leadership camp with the different ASB Groups. The referrals went up to .5 referrals per day, which is up from .35 per day. Most of these have come from the 7th grade, Mr. Stoney stated he is working with those students. With restorative justice, the students are learning more social-emotional skills and illuminate 70% of out of school suspensions. Mr. Stoney discussed the students of the month and will get the photo on Facebook for the board to see.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. John Hannah. The staff member of the month at the Elementary is Miss Hannah Clevenger who is doing a great job as a Special Education Para Educator. Mr. Hannah shared a story about Hannah. Mr. Hannah discussed that the staff are still working with Cindy Neace and Math Training. The Elementary received their School of Distinction Award.

OLD BUSINESS:

Removal of the Listed Policies

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the removal of the listed policies and procedures. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Final Reading of Procedure 1420 and 2161

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the listed policies and procedures. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the policy governance procedure. Ms. Saldana asked why we are approving a policy governance policy in the WSSDA policies. Mr. Hannah stated this is actually a district policy that is required by the state, but is decided upon by the district.The vote carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

CTE Linkage

The CTE programs (Ag Shop, FFA, Robotics and FBLA) presented to the board. The board said only wonderful things about the students presentations. Ms. Saldana stated she really enjoyed that and it gave the board dan opportunity to see what is happening in the schools and being connected to the board. Mr. Hannah stated we will look the RTI groups, Mrs. Royle is going to do a testing and a mental health presentation as well as sports. Ms. Saldana stated possibly next time we could have longer times, or no time lines. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if Mr. Hannah could explain what was in the Chronicle the other day about test scores. Mr. Hannah stated that is the State Acheivement Scores. It is based off longevity with many different things such as attendance, test scores, class offerings, etc.

Approve the Listed Staff Renewals for the 2016-17 School Year

Ms. Saldana asked if anyone had any relations, Mr. Warren Dunlap is related to Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Hutchison is realted to Mrs. Hutchison, and Mr. Austin is related to Mr. Royle and Mrs. Royle. Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the listed staff renewals for the 2016-17 school year minus the 4 staff members listed. Mrs. Hutchison asked if the Principal position was posted? Mr. Hannah stated we do not have to for

administrative positions. Mr. Hannah explaine dthe classifications, Certificated, Classified and in the contract, the Principal does not pertain to the Certificated, this is an exempt positions. Mr. Hannah stated we checked with out contract and attorney and are not in violation. It is a District decision to post or not to post exempt positions. Mrs. Hutchison asked why a District would post a position. Mr. Hannah stated mainly because the District would be searching for other candidates. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.
Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve Mrs. Jackie Dunlap, Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.The vote carried 3-0. Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve Ms. Diane Hutchison, 7-12 Special Education Teacher, Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0. Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve Jack Royle, CTE Business Teacher and Jordan Royle, Director of Student Services, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Vote 3-0.

Approve the Listed Coaching Renewals and Resignation
Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the listed coaching resignation, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Mr. Warren Dunlap is related to Kevin and Casey Dunlap. Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the coaching renewals minus Kevin and Casey Dunlap. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve Kevin Dunlap and Casey Dunlap with Mr. Warren Dunlap obstaining from the vote. Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

Approve Stevens-Clay as District Attorney
Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to approve Stevens-Clay as the District Attorney, Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked when they start. Mr. Hannah stated July 1st, there will be some overlap in services in case work needs to be done. Ms. Saldana asked if the current attorney had been notified. Mr. Hannah stated yes, the ESD contract contact has been notified. The vote carried 4-0.

Approve Inter-Distirct Agreement with New Market Skill Center
Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the Inter-District agreement with New Market Skill Center, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/12, Delegating Authority to WIAA
Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-16/12, Delegating Authority to WIAA, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

Approve WIAA Combined Request Form for the 2016-17 School Year

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the WIAA Combined Request form for the 2016-17 School Year, Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mrs. Hutchison asked what this is for. Mr. Hannah stated this is allowing us to be cooperative with White Pass, the first one allows us to join the Association.The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Detailed Summer Sports Scheduled Including Overnight Stays

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the detailed summer sports schedule including overnight stays, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mrs. Hutchison asked for clarification on this. Mr. Hannah stated we previously approved the actual seasons, this is for insurance purposes to approve the detailed trips and anctivities. Mr. Josh Austin asked if every sport is participating. Mr. Hannah stated every one except Softball and Baseball just because most kids play in select teams. The vote carried 4-0.

BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. Saldana reminded everyone that WSSDA has a board position available, it is open for nominations.

Ms. Saldana gave an overview of the regional meeting the board attended.

Ms. Saldana asked if Mr. Hannah had any leave or conferences this month. Mr. Hannah stated he will be working with the Winlock Superintendent on Friday regarding restorative justice.

Mr. Warren Dunlap gave a review of the Girls Fastpitch District game today. The girls won the first set 12-1. He wasn't sure how the second game turned out.

Mr. Josh Austin stated Track Districts will start on Thursday.

Mrs. Hutchison stated she was able to see the battle of the books today and was very impressed. She gave the board of how this worked, and the fun that was had.

Ms. Saldana wanted to ask the board how they would like to handle discussing qualifications of a candidate. Mr. Hannah stated usually we go into executive session regarding their qualifications, asking questions such as what their qualifications are, how the interview went, etc. Mr. Hannah stated most of the questions that have come up can be discussed in open public meetings. Mr. Hannah stated we tend to go into executive session to discuss coaches, but not necessarily certificated staff qualifications. Mr. Hannah would like to be consistent. One rule we cannot do is going into executive session to discuss personnel, only to go into executive session to discuss qualifications. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know what the difference is. Mr. Hannah stated we cannot discuss personnel, such as a citizen complaint about an employee, or discipline issues. Mrs. Hutchison

made clarification that discussing personnel is people who are already hired, vs. people who are pending hiring. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated he has a simple question to ask tonight, but doesn't feel it would be appropriate to discuss in open session. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if he could ask a question and test it out? Mr. Warren Dunlap asked why because he didn't come back, and he didn't resign. Mr. Hannah stated then he didn't recommend them for renewal. Mr. Hannah stated we would not go into executive session regarding a position that is not filled with a person. Mr. Hannah stated more privacy questions such as GPA etc. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know if he asked how many candidates, and what school they went to? Mr. Hannah stated that is all public meeting. Mrs. Hutchison asked if we could ask questions about degrees and when they are required to be done. Mr. Hannah stated that is public meeting. Mr. Warren Dunlap wanted to know if we could go into executive session about why the Superintendent would choose one candidate over another. Mr. Hannah stated yes, we can go into Executive Session for this. Ms. Saldana stated she would like to be fair and do this for all groups. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated we will just need to ask the question for all classifications. Ms. Saldana would like the board to keep in mind that when qualifications come up, Mr. Hannah will let us know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **None.**

EXEMPT SESSION: **None.**

ADJORNMENT: **Mr. Warren Dunlap** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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