Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

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

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Chase Buffington made motion to adopt the agenda, Mr. Josh Austin seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Amanda West thanked the board for their service. She wanted to address attendance. As we are nearing the end of the first quarter teachers are noticing perpetual absences. Attendance is one of the most crucial factors in learning. Specifically with the Jr/Sr. High's block scheduling. Ms. West pointed out the effort and support the administration has given and the encouragement the students have from the administration. Attendance is important, it is hard to teach and empty chair and hard to get everyone on the same page. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if there was an idea when these students were absences, such as excused. Ms. West's impression is that if they are not excused in the beginning, they are excused after the fact. Mr. Hannah stated an excused absence has a very broad definition and most absences are excused. Children who are chronically absent don't do as well. Washington and Florida are 2 of the most chronically absent states (13 or more days). Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if the Becca Bill was still in place. Mr. Hannah stated yes, this is the first year we can file Becca on excused absences at the Elementary level at this time. Still we are restricted to only unexcused at the Jr/Sr. High Level. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated he remembered going to court for Becca Hearings when he was teaching, it seemed to scare the parents a little more. Mr. Hannah stated yes, however at this point we usually are notified by winter that we are usually notified that the docket is full for the remainder of the year. Mr. Josh Austin asked if we noticed a difference with using the automated phone calls and emails for absences. Mr. Hannah stated it does definitely help. Ms. Pat Saldaña thanked Ms. West for the topic tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor Mr. Warren Dunlap asked about the meeting minutes on page 2, 3 and 4 should be a vote of 4-0. There is one at the beginning that states 5-0 and should be updated to 4-0 as Mr. Josh Austin was absent. Ms. Pat Saldaña also stated that there were 1,002 bags delivered in the back pack snack program for the 2015 school year. Mrs. Carlie Womack will updated this. Mr. John Hannah went over the updated logo, we contracted with the ESD to get this new logo updated. It is the Shield across from the District Office. Mr. Chase Buffington asked what was on the shield, Mr.

Hannah stated there is a fishing pole and gun to represent the outdoor sports in the area, a torch for academics and Olympic rings for athletics, also the 5 points of the shield represent the 5 hills surrounding us. Ms. Saldaña asked about the payment to Mossyrock for food service? Mrs. April Kaech explained Mossyrock is making our small purchases through FSA as they will not deliver unless we order 40 cases. Ms. Saldaña asked about the Elevator repairs? Mr. Hannah explained this was for the Elementary lift. Ms. Saldaña asked if staff had access to the key and were trained to use the lift. Mr. Hannah stated yes. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked about what the fresh flowers were purchased for, Mr. Hannah explained these are for the Floriculture Class. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked what the Microsoft Agreement was for. Mrs. April Kaech stated this is our OSPI agreement for all of the computers, we give numbers to OSPI for how many students and computers we have and we pay them for our Microsoft Office Products every year. Ms. Saldaña noted we are using the P-Cards now. She asked about the charge to Strange Auto, Mrs. Carlie Womack stated that was the transmission. Mr. Hannah elaborated this was for the maintenance van. Ms. Saldaña asked about the overnight stay for the prevention team and if Mr. Keihn is an employee of the District. Mr. Hannah explained he is the Drug and Alcohol Counselor we contract through the ESD with. She asked how many students were going. Mr. Hannah stated he believed 7. Ms. Saldaña asked how many chaperones were attending. Mr. Hannah state 2, Mr. Keihn and Mrs. Casey Peters from the Morton Up Coalition. Ms. Saldaña asked where they were staying and how they were getting transported. Mr. Hannah wasn't sure where they were staying at this time, and they will be using school vehicles. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if we had a policy about employees using their own car or a school vehicle to trainings and school business. Mr. Hannah stated, yes, sometimes there is not a school vehicle available, or staff choses to use their own vehicle. We use the state reimbursement rate of .54 per mile. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if the staff signs a document releasing the school from liability if they drive their own vehicle. Mr. Hannah stated we had a draft document made up and when we switched attorneys, that was left on the table and hasn't been completed, he will work on picking that back up. The vote carried 4-0.

LINKAGE:

Invited—Josh Stoney, Secondary RTI: The Jr/Sr. High students presented to the board regarding their projects and growth in their ELA and Math RTI courses.

MONITORING OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Executive Limitations: EL8—Ethical Leadership—Acting with Integrity, Fairness, and Courage in Upholding High Ethical Standards: Mr. Chase Buffington motion to approve EL8, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote: 4-0.

REVIEW OF POLICY:

Mr. John Hannah, Mr. Josh Stoney and Mr. Josh Brooks presented on E3—Strategic Goals:

Mr. John Hannah gave a presentation to the board regarding policy governance. He went over the ENDS 3. Mr. Hannah went over the strategic goals that were adopted for reading and math at all levels at the elementary. Strategic Goal #1 for reading is that all students in each grade from second through sixth grade that have been continuously enrolled in our district for a minimum of two years will meet the benchmark level for his or her academic level as measured by the DIBELS composite score by the year 2021.

Strategic Goal #2 for reading is having at least eighty percent of all students in each grade group that have been enrolled in our district for less than two years will meet the reading benchmarks level for his or her academic level as measured by the DIBELS composite score by the year 2021.

Strategic Goal #1 for math is having all students in each grade group that have been continuously enrolled in our district for a minimum of two years will meet the math benchmark level for his or her academic level as measured by the STAR 360 math assessment by the year 2021.

Strategic Goal #2 for math is that at least eighty percent of all students in each grade from kindergarten through sixth grade that have been enrolled in our district for less than two years will meet the math benchmark level for his or her academic level as measured by the STAR 360 math assessment by the year 2021.

Mr. John Hannah said they will presented three times on ENDS 3. This presentation is to present the preliminary data of screening the down at each school. In February they will present on progress and in June they will present the ending data for the year.

Mr. Josh Stoney and Mr. Josh Brooks presented the current percentage data to the board. They also went over different interventions that are currently being used or being put into place to help the district reach their strategic goals. Students are tested every 4-5 weeks using STAR 360 for math and ELA at the Jr/Sr High and START 360 for math and STARS and DIBELS for reading. Staff then meets in their PLC groups to move students to the correct RTI class according to their test results.

BSR2 and BSR3: Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve BSR3 and BSR3, Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote: 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXEMPT SESSION:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. John Hannah wanted to remind the board that there will be meeting Wednesday at 9:00 am in the lecture hall.

November 10th WSSDA has a meeting at 8:30 in Seattle about Racial Equality Policy and Adoption.

February 12th -13th is the Legislative conference at South Sound Community College, this is something we have attended every year.

Ms. Pat Saldaña wanted information regarding McCleary. Mr. Hannah stated the Supreme Court reviewed McCleary again, but took no action. They did keep the $100,000.00 a day fine. Mr. Hannah stated he watched the video and said it was somewhat like getting a lecture from your parents. They don't have to implement McCleary until next year, but this legislative session has to adopt it in this year's budget as it is a biennial budget. Mr. Hannah discussed what was said by the legislatures at the WSSDA meeting. Mr. Hannah stated the legislatures were pretty much anti-McCleary, Ms. Pat Saldaña stated their words were pro McCleary, however their voting demonstrated differently. Mr. Hannah stated they did discuss the difficult time they are having coming up with the money. Mr. Hannah stated the Districts are in a position where they are taking over a lot of the teacher's salaries such as tri-days, etc. out of Levy funds which is not legal. Mr. Hannah stated he had a discussion with Mrs. April Kaech that he is concerned that if they address compensation, but not Tri and Levies, for our District, as well as many other Districts, we will be in financial trouble. Mr. Hannah stated he also worries about them doing nothing. He made the comparison of a teacher's salary working in Morton vs. Everett. Mr. Chase Buffington mentioned the difference is only rural and urban areas. Mr. Case Buffington asked if Mr. Hannah was our representative for this. Mr. Hannah stated he is on the board for ERNN. There was discussion regarding Mr. Randy Dorn and the new Superintendent. Mr. Chase Buffington asked if there is anyone who has a plan for McCleary. Mr. Hannah stated yes, there is a person, Gene Sharrot, who the Governor just hired as a consultant to work with work groups for a plan. Mr. Hannah discussed the money in the budget that would be able to be moved from programs to cover McCleary, which are higher education, mental health funding and prisons, and he doesn't see that happening. Also, the Governor is up for re-election at this time and is most likely not going to announce he is going to raise taxes. Mr. Hannah stated he thinks Gene Sharrot is a step in the correct direction. Mr. Hannah provided some of Gene's background. Mr. Doug Kernutt who was one of our RAD coaches was hired last year as a consultant. The Governor's Task Force is coming up with a plan, but he doesn't believe it will be addressed until the election is over. Mr. Chase Buffington stated it is nice to hear that there is some sort of plan going in to place. Mr. Hannah reminded the board the McCleary issue is based on the McCleary Family, not the school, their student has already graduated.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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