Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The flag salute was given.

The board members present Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mrs. Krishna Eveland, and Mr. Don Powell. Ms. Pat Saldaña verified there is a quorum. Mr. Warren Dunlap and Mrs. Betty Huchison were absent from the meeting and excused by Ms. Pat Saldaña. Mrs. Betty Huchison arrived to the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Pat Saldaña wanted to mention that under new business, Ms. Pat Saldaña should be changed to Ms. Pat Saldaña. Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on December 15, 2014 with the amendment as Ms. Pat Saldaña suggested. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Don Powell made motion to adopt the agenda, Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mrs. Krishna Eveland made motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the payroll vouchers for the month of December. Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. John Hannah, superintendent. John mentioned in his board report the budget schedule, as well as the McCleary update. He has included a leadership application from WSSDA if the board is interested. Mr. John Hannah thanked the board for their leadership as this month is Board Member Appreciation Month. Mr. John Hannah passed out certificates of appreciation, cards with gift cards and candy. The cards are from the District, Elementary, Jr/Sr. High School, and Transportation. Mr. John Hannah also included the proclamation from the Governor stating January is School Board Member Appreciation Month. Mr. John Hannah wanted to let Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mrs. Krishna Eveland, and Mr. Don Powell that their terms expire this year.

Mrs. April Kaech, financial report. Mrs. April Kaech went over the expenditures and revenues for all of the accounts for the month of December. She stated in January the district will start seeing apportionment based on our actual enrollment, not what was budgeted, so this will hopefully show in the next report. Mr. Don Powell asked about the $24,000 in transportation, he thought this was all expended when we purchased the bus. Mrs. April Kaech stated we spent less on the bus than what was budgeted.

Mr. John Hannah, Principal Report. Mr. John Hannah went over enrollment. He stated our numbers are up, the seventh grade is growing and is up to 36 head count. In instruction, Mr. John Hannah stated the staff has recommitted with the simple 6 and getting back to the basics. The staff did their reflections and all had theirs turned in today before the deadline. Mr. Hannah stated he met with MAC and is working on getting an assessment. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked for clarification on why OSPI is no longer providing testing. Mr. John Hannah stated this is because OSPI is no longer paying for assessments as a state. The staff member of the month was Mr. Stacy Merriman.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Principal Report. Enrollment from December to January went up 16 head count. The January 6th count was 196, which includes the preschool. For curriculum, do the math has not been ordered yet, but hopefully will within the week. Mrs. Kathy Tully is doing another 6-minute solution with parapros. Last week Mrs. Nikki Johnston did a presentation on smarter balanced testing. Dibels benchmark assessment has started minus a few students who were absent. Some staff are attending the EngageNY training tomorrow. Mrs. Janet Holmes is the staff member of the month. The food drive was successful in helping 40-50 families.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Vice Principal Report. For culture and discipline, the average referrals turned in for the month of December is down. One of the goals last month was met, major defiance has gone down. 11th grade makes up 40 percent of the referrals, we are working on that. We had over 70 positive referrals this month. The ASB is working on some fundraising ideas, possibly a 50/50 raffle, a school lock-in, leadership activity, movie night, or possibly a student lead community basketball tournament. They are currently doing a penny drive for leukemia. The winter dance did not turn out as planned, the turn out wasn't as expected. The ASB is discussing what happened to this. The 8th grade is doing a personal items drive. Working with Morton Coalition, to see what we can do this spring. Mr. Josh Stoney wanted to thank Mr. John Hannah for an awesome MLK assembly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Reading of the New or Revised Policies and Procedures
Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the New or Revised Policies and Procedures Mrs. Krishna Eveland seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried with a 3-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading of the New or Revised Policies and Procedures
The board completed the first reading the new or revised policies and procedures. Mr. John Hannah explained these are just updated due to schedule or case law. No action taken.

New Bus (Mr. George Harbaugh)
Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to take a 10 minute recess at 6:23 p.m. to view the new bus shown by Mr. George Harbaugh and Mrs. Mary Cramer.

Ms. Pat Saldaña called the meeting back to order at 6:33 pm after viewing the bus.

Approve Resolution No. 2014-15/03 Legislative Platform
Mr. John Hannah explained that this is a restatement of the WSSDA platform. Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to accept resolution no. 2014-15/03 Legislative Platform. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor with a vote of 3-0.

Approve Superintendent Contract Addendum
The board recessed into executive session for 30 minutes at 6:37 where no decisions will be made. The first 15 minutes will be only with the board. The second 15 minutes of executive session, Mr. John Hannah will be invited.

The board returned from executive session at 7:09 pm where no decisions were made.

Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to approve the superintendent contract addendum as discussed. Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

Ms. Pat Saldaña made a note that Mrs. Betty Huchison arrived to the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: Mrs. Krishna Eveland wanted to take a minute to thank everyone for the team effort. Even though this is board appreciation month, everyone in the District pulls together and goes above and beyond what is in their job duties. This makes the job of a board member much more desirable.

ADJORNMENT: Mrs. Krishna Eveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 am. Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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