Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 19, 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, Mrs. Betty Hutchison, Mr. Chase Buffington and Mr. Josh Austin.

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Betty Hutchison made motion to adopt the agenda with the noted changes, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on December 21, 2015. Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Derrek Berkompas. Mr. Berkompas thanked the board for their time. He congratulated the board on their leadership for the awards we have received during this time. Mr. Berkompas stated the teachers have won 2 contests recently through the union. On January 11, the teachers were asked to wear red. On that day, the Supreme Court was hearing the Fredericks case regarding collecting dues. In 1977, the Supreme Court ruled collecting fare share union dues. The case coming out of California is looking like a 4-4-1 vote at this time. Mr. Berkompas said he isn't worried about it effecting our union with all of the teachers who represented.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of January and payroll vouchers for the month of December. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** January is Board Recognition Month. Mr. Hannah wanted to thank the board and present certificates to thank the board for their time and leadership. The leadership of the board

allows us to do our jobs. It is legislative time, Mr. Hannah asked anyone who is interested in the Legislative Conference to let Carlie know to get registrations completed. Mr. Hannah talked about the levy cap lowering from 28% to 24%. This will not affect us because we currently run our levy at 24%. Some of the roll back has been talked about as low as 8%. Today Mr. Hannah received an email from Mr. Dorn regarding new Senate bills, 6175 and 6183. Bill 6175 will give the legislature 5-6 more years beyond what the Supreme Court rules for time to figure out McCleary. Bill 6183 goes opposite direction with McCleary making the rate of levy passing go up, making it harder to pass a levy. Mr. Chase Buffington was reading from AWSP, he is interested in hearing more about the levy situation and paying salaries, benefits, etc, this is a big deal. Mr. Hannah stated districts now are paying more money from levys than was paid during the Dorn decision in the 70s. Mr. Chase Buffington asked when the proposed date to figure McCleary out is. Mr. Hannah stated that is the purpose of Bill 6175 to "plan to plan" on that time frame. Mr. Chase Buffington asked if Charter Schools is in the mix of this. Mr. Hannah stated that is another issue, it's taking public funding and giving it to private schools basically. The accountability is not there as there is with public schools. From a school district, he is concerned about the effect this will have on public schools.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. The balances for December includes the enrollment for the month, showing where we are, and what we budgeted for. Mrs. Kaech went over revenue, expenditures and balances for the different district funds. Apportionment should be going up this month as it is now being based on actual enrollment numbers. We paid off our bond as well. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the expenditures being over revenues with this month, Mrs. Kaech stated they spent more this month, but revenue overall for the year is up. Mr. Josh Austin asked why there is not expenditures in the TVF fund. Mrs. April Kaech explained this for purchasing buses only.

Mr. John Hannah, Jr/Sr. High Principal. Mr. John Hannah went over enrollment for the month. The Jr/Sr. High is at 158. At this time, we are hoping to look at a program for writing to meet all levels of our students. Tomorrow is our early dismissal, staff will be working on student to student discourse with Mr. Stoney. Students who do not pass math, reading or science, are able to do a collection of evidence. We have two students who were able to complete and turn their portfolios in, we have not heard back yet. Staff member of the month is Mrs. Chelssi Hanger she will be taking on our CTE Director position next year.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Elementary Principal. Enrollment is up 4, to 183. We had 5 staff members from Winlock Elementary to observe instruction on January 12th. Staff are still focusing on the common core standards. We are still working on winter benchmark assessments, hopefully we will be able

to complete that and move students around on the data wall. Staff member of the month is Mrs. Austin, she is a great TEAM member and doing an awesome job in the pre-school. K-3 teachers were observed today in the MWP admin walk today. Mr. Warren Dunlap was watching the presidential candidates today, that if the billionaire gets in, there will be no more common core.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Jr/Sr. High Vice Principal. On community engagement, Mr. Jack Royle and the FBLA have started to work on videos and are trying to get a weekly news to post for the community. That will be really neat once that is going. He is working with a green screen and getting the students to facilitate this. The ASB section is in the newspaper, if you get a chance to take a look. Each ASB student has something they write about. The students are trying to incorporate every student in the school. Average referrals per month for December was 0.71 per day, which is down from prior years. Mr. Stoney went through Tier 1-3. FFA currently has 25 members, who are getting ready for the Elma Logging Rodeo and their District Competition. These students are doing a great job with fund raising. FBLA has 8 members currently, they are really busy working on things such as grant writing. They wrote a grant for $3000.00 for their video equipment, they have written another one for $5000.00 to set up a screen print shop to print spirit wear. 3 students of the month are Calista Jesse-Hughes, Issac Salguero, and Karina Gutierrez. Ms. Pat Saldana was excited to see the video and get to see the student's personalities in the videos. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if there was anything done for MLK Day. Mr. Josh Stoney stated they are learning about the movement in the English RTI classes tomorrow. The idea is to get more content, this was a request from the students.

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Ms. Alysha Snook, Classified Substitute
Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve Ms. Alysha Snook, Classified Sub. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/06, Legislative Platform
Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve resolution No. 2015-16/06. Mr. Chase Buffington sconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr.

Warren Dunlap asked for more clarification. Mr. Hannah stated this is a WSSDA policy stating the board can adopt a platform. Mr. Hannah included platforms from WSSDA, ESD 113, WASA and AWSP, this talks about funding, highly qualified regulations, and to focus on the paramount duty to fully fund education. Mr. Hannah emails these out monthly, as well as in phone calls and in the hands of our legisltures. Mr. Hannah stated he also likes to put a real story behind them to make it more impactful. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked for clarification regarding highly qualified. Mr. Hannah stated the federal government has taken the standard away, but the state has said we will be keeping it in place. Mr. Chase Buffington asked if National Board Certification is still a thing. Mr. Hannah stated yes, but that doesn't mean they're highly qualified. Ms. Pat Saldana asked who is defining who is highly qualified, Mr. Hannah stated the PEB who is a board that only answers to the governor. The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/07, Feasibility Study

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve resolution No. 2015-16/07. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Hannah stated our food director is retiring at the end of the year, she was grandfathered in to not have to meet the requirements. The new requirements would force us to hire a certified nutritionist. We are losing our director and a full time employee, both who are retiring at the end of the year. We are keeping a part time employee in food service. The state requires districts complete a feasibility study when contracting out positions. Mr. Hannah and Mrs. Womack have had multiple meetings with the PSE. The PSE has been great to work with. They are appreciative that we will be keeping the part time employee until the end of their career as a district employee. The district will put out an RFP for bid. Ms. Saldana asked how many companies are out there? Mr. Hannah stated there are many companies, however we are only expecting 1 to vote as they are already working in Lewis County. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked how often this would go out to bid? Mr. Hannah stated 5 years. Mrs. Hutchison asked how often the price could go up. Mr. Hannah stated that is all negotiable and will be discussed when we get a bid. Mr. Hannah explained the bid process and RFP. Ms. Pat Saldana asked what this will look like. Mr. Hannah stated they will cook the food on site, purchase the food, and keep up on audit etc. Mr. Don Powell asked about the funding side of this, with the free and reduced lunches we have, the state is going to reimburse for those lunches, is there going to be a lot of money paid out of the district. Mr. Hannah stated there will be money coming out of the district, however, the district is in the whole every year anyway. Mr. Hannah stated White Pass is paying $3.50 per meal, at this time, we are paying over $5.00 per meal. Mrs. April Kaech stated at this time, if we add a certified nutritionist at this time, we will greatly increase our price per meal higher than the $5.00+. Mr. Hannah stated we are paying $220,000 dollars for the whole year to run our food service program. Potentially we could come out better, worse, or exactly the same. Mr. Hannah stated this will be in the contract. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if we will be losing any jobs that are here now. Mr. Hannah stated no, because we are losing two to retirement. Mrs. April

Kaech stated last year the District paid $80,000.00 into the food service program. Ms. Saldana stated this could also take some liability off the district. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if they would hire locally. Mr. Hannah stated potentially, yes. The vote carried 5-0.

First Reading of the New/Revised Policies and Procedures

The Board completed the first reading of the new/revised policies and procedures. Mr. Hannah stated 6022 is an addition that is up to our descretion to have. In the past we have talked about having a balance in the general fund. This has never been adopted. Mr. Hannah stated he has increased the minimum from $250,000 to $300,000 to cover the monthly expenditures which run anywhere from $275,000 to $305,000. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked that the ones that are being deleted is coming from a state level. Mr. Hannah stated yes. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if they are all informational at this time. She would like to know more about policy 2021 about library technology. Ms. Pat Saldana stated this is coming from WSSDA, so we need to adopt and comply.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Warren Dunlap went to the Jr Varsity Girls Basketball game in Adna, this is the first loss. The girls scored 35 points in the first half. The shooting performance in the first half was amazing. We are looking at good things to come in girl's basketball.

Ms. Pat Saldana stated there have been some changes made in the Policy Governance handbook. She would like to set up times to meet with the members who missed the other meetings. We are looking to adopt now, but not put it into play until July. We would like to meet before the next board meeting.

The board took a quick 10 minute break to sign documentation.

Ms. Pat Saldaña stated the board will go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation at 7:10 pm for approximately 60 minutes. Where no decisions will be made.

The board returned from executive session at 8:10 pm where no decisions were made.

The board recessed into executive session at 8:11 for approximately 60 minutes to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation, where no decisions will be made.

The board returned from executive session at 9:01 pm where no decisions were made.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 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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