Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

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

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Warren Dunlap made motion to adopt the agenda presented with the following addition, Approve Angela Kiehn para professional pending final reference check and correction of minutes. Mr. Chase Buffington seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Derrek Berkompas thanked the board for their time and service. His topic of the night is cost of doing business in educating our students. He talked about the cost of school supplies rising at 80%. He said that teachers take on the cost of helping students with school supplies, feeding them, and providing more money for classroom supplies.

Mrs. Pat Saldana thanked Mr. Berkompas for his message and she asked how much money the teachers are spending on food. She would like to know if the backpack program is helping offset the cost for teachers for food.

Mr. Berkompas said it is helping on the weekends, but the students are still hungry Monday through Friday. This is the time staff is stepping up and assisting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Josh Austin said that he will need to abstain due to being on the consent agenda. Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Chase Buffington seconded. Mr. Austin asked for some wording clarification on Policy 3515. He is wondering why staff would be on a policy regarding student incentives. Mr. Hannah said he will look into it. Mr. Austin also wondered why there was a $30 limit. Mr. Hannah said this mirrors White Pass's policy and it is to insure that there is not a gifting of public funds. Mr. Austin asked about the purchasing and gifting of flowers. Mr. Hannah said he will get the answers to his questions and put them on the weekly board report. The vote carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

Personnel Approved: Amelia Potvin – Substitute Teacher, Aaron Spencer – Substitute Teacher, and Angela Kiehn – Para Professional.

Volunteer Coaches Approved: Chris Johnson – Volunteer Baseball Coach, Nick Westover - Volunteer Baseball Coach, Josh Austin – Volunteer Track Coach, Dillion Gross – Volunteer Track Coach.

Resignations Approved: Brad Peters – Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve Josh Austin as a volunteer track coach. Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and motion carried with a 4-0 vote and with Josh Austin abstaining from voting.

LINKAGE:

Chelssi Hanger had student presentations set up to show what is taking place in our CTE classrooms. Mrs. Jenna Haselwood is working with students to demonstrate the business department, Mrs. Hanger will be showing off Agriculture, Mr. Hannah will be with Agriculture Shop, and Mrs. Robin Wright will be with Robotics and Sustainable Design.

Mr. Hannah said that there is a green house in production. The shop class will be building it and the AG Science classes will be using the green house for plants.

Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if the students have done presentations to groups like the PTA? She said it is a great way for parents to see what is going on.

Mr. Hannah said he is not aware of that at this time but it is a great idea.

MONITORING OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to accept EL2, Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

REVIEW OF POLICY:

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve Governance Process 10, Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pat said do not forget that by April 17th we have to have our personal financial statements turned in.

WASDA Regional Meeting in Rainier on May 10th at 6:00 pm. If everyone is interested please let Mr. Hannah know.

Wednesday, is the Powerful Examples of Excellence at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board will be taking a short break until 7:00 pm to sign documents. The board will be entering into executive. The purposes of the Executive Session are three, and all apply at the same time; First, to receive and evaluate complaints or charges against a public employee, under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f); Second, to review the performance of a public employee, under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); and Third, to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which the School District is likely to become a party, under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). We anticipate the Executive Session ending, and the Board re-convening in Open Session, at 7:30 pm.

The board came out of Executive Session at 7:29 pm where no decisions were made, and returned to Executive Session at 7:30 pm for the same reasons listed before for an anticipated time of 30 minutes.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:00 pm where no decisions were made.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Mr. Chase Buffington 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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