Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 19, 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 and Mr. Josh Austin, Mr. Chase Buffington and. Mr. Warren Dunlap are absent and excused from the meeting.

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mrs. Betty Hutchison made motion to adopt the agenda, Mr. Josh Austin seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board recessed at 6:01 for Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss complaints regarding an employee.

The Board returned from executive session at 6:09 where no decisions were made.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Pat Saldana wanted to know what the wire transfer was for. Mrs. April Kaech stated this is for the P-Cards. Ms. Pat Saldana saw some welding supplies and wanted to know how the welding class was going. Mr. Hannah stated they are doing very well and we are going through supplies. The classes are growing and we are working with Peirce College to discuss an option in the future for college credits. The metal art class is looking at submitting some of their art to the next ESD Art Show. Ms. Pat Saldana saw a pump for a bus, she is curious how the buses are doing as far as breaking down. Mr. Hannah explained we are doing ok, we are possibly looking at purchasing a new one next year possibly. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what the tires were for. Mr. Hannah explained this was for vans. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the $1500.00 for FFA Convention and when this was? Mr. Hannah explained this was for 9 students and 2 chaperones for last year, the grant dollars for this are closed and we received the bill after the fact. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the Travel Reimbursement and what this included. Mrs. Carlie Womack stated Travel is all encompassing for travel, meals, hotel and mileage. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the Collective Bargaining Agreement in the consent agenda. Mr. Hannah

stated this is closing up from the last bargaining. Mr. Hannah explained we haven't opened up for this year yet, we would like to wait for further information regarding the budget. Mr. Josh Austin noticed we watched a food service worker? Mr. Hannah stated we have this posted, but have a sub in the meantime. She received a position at the bank doing what she had done before, for more hours and money, which was a better decision for her family. Mrs. Betty Hutchison saw flowers for the Floriculture class, she would like to know if anyone checked locally for purchasing? Mr. Hannah will check with Mrs. Hanger. The vote carried 3-0.

LINKAGE:

None

MONITORING OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Ends: E2—District Mission: Mr. John Hannah gave a presentation regarding the District Mission statement and what the District and Buildings are doing to reach the mission as well as further goals for more improvement. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the Chronic Absenteeism and communication with parents. Mr. John Hannah explained that one part of the ESSA is looking at Chronic Absenteeism and failing schools. The ESD is now providing the Chronic Absenteeism report to the Districts which has been nice. Some parents aren't happy with the letter because many of the absences are excused, but still counts toward the chronic absenteeism rate. A lot of parents are saying my child is sick, or they have a Dr. appointment. Mr. John Hannah explained, yes, but they are still losing seat time. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about data and if it is difficult for the teachers? Mr. Hannah explained teaching has changed. The other part is teachers have to show growth goals which is mandated by law which data allows them to show. Mrs. Betty Hutchison stated she understands that when student come and leave this can fowl up their data as well. Mr. Hannah explained yes, but that is part of the data too.

The Board is moving item 4.2 to after executive session.

REVIEW OF POLICY:

Governance Process: GP5—Chair's Role:
Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve Governance Process 5, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Pat Saldana asked what the status of the Elementary School door is? Mr. Hannah explained they are being replaced tomorrow. Mr. Josh Austin asked what is wrong with the doors? Mr. Hannah explained the issues with the door. Ms. Pat Saldana wanted to know if there was any discussion about the time capsule. Mr. Hannah explained it is being discussed. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if Mr. Hannah would give the board an overview of how a decision is made to close school or delay school. Mr. Hannah said Mr. George Harbaugh drives the entire bus route around 2:30 am or 3:00 am. Mr. Hannah and Mr. Harbaugh usually have a conversation around 4:30 am to discuss what is going on. Mr. George Harbaugh continues to drive routes and is in contact with the transportation supervisors as well as log truck drivers who are driving routes. Mr. Hannah stated during that time he is talking to the surrounding superintendents. At 5:30 am Mr. Harbaugh and Mr. Hannah come back together and try to make a decision before parents would be leaving for work. Our goal is making a 2 hour delay first, and knowing within two hours of calling the decision to make a final decision. This year for example we would call a 2 hour delay the day before if we know it is going to be at least a 2 hour delay. We don't want to make 2 decisions in one day, we had to do that this year, but let families know we would be making a final decision by 6:45 am. During the school day we are constantly tracking the routes and roads not only for general release, but also for athletics. If one school makes a decision to close or not participate in afterschool activities, the other automatically cancel for both schools. Ms. Pat Saldana stated she just wanted the board to know the commitment from the staff, especially Mr. George Harbaugh waking up that early and utilizing his friends early in the morning. Mr. Hannah said the communication is also very helpful. Mr. Josh Austin asked if it is him and George who make the decision regarding after school activities? Mr. Hannah stated we work with Mr. Chuck Wyborney and the transportation supervisor at White Pass as well. Mr. Josh Austin stated he was curious as he received some concerned parents whose students went to practice in White Pass. Mr. Hannah explained that was a day we had a 2 hour delay and after school things looked good, but after practice things were getting worse. Mr. Josh Austin wanted to ask Mr. Hannah if that is a process we can relay to parents so they are aware of how these decisions are made. Ms. Pat Saldana said Miss Courtney Fairhart is doing a reading group at Rivers during winter break. Mr. Hannah explained this is part of her WA Reading Corps grant. Ms. Pat Saldana will be attending. Ms. Pat Saldana asked about the release of the District for driving personal vehicles. Mr. Hannah explained he spoke with the attorney and he doesn't feel a form would release the District from responsibility. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what the schools insurance said. Mrs. April Kaech stated she discussed this with the insurance and was told the personal insurance would be number 1, but there is also an option or possibility that the schools insurance would be in a lawsuit for the amount. Ms. Pat Saldana was thinking about the idea of a person using their own vehicle that isn't being well maintained. Mrs. Betty Hutchison stated maybe it needs to be something that Mr. George Harbaugh needs to inspect person vehicles prior to use. Mrs. Betty Hutchison stated the District should have a copy of the personal insurance for each employee who will be using their own vehicles for District use. Ms. Pat Saldana asked if Mr. Hannah look into this further. Ms. Pat

Saldana would Patty Wood who was the board chair for Kelso has been elected to the State Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board recessed into executive session at 7:15 am for approximately 25 minutes where no decisions will be made.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:35 where no decisions were made.

ITEM 4.2: Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve E2—District Mission and Executive Limitations: EL10—Socio-Political Context-Work Effectively with the School District's Board of Directors Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 3-0.

ADJORNMENT: Mrs. Betty Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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