Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 21, 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. Josh Austin and Mr. Chase Buffington.

The flag salute was given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hannah explained the changes to the agenda, Mr. Chase Buffington made motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of item 9.1 and item 9.4, Mr. Josh Austin seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 16, 2016, 2016. Mrs. Betty Hutchison 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 addressed the board regarding the teacher shortage. Mr. Berkompas provided statistics from the Office of Supt. of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Jeannette Chamberlain: The Church Reconciled is using the gym at the Elementary Grade School for Church every Sunday morning. The Church would like to know what they as a Church could help the school. Mr. Hannah stated he will be in touch with Mr. Tim Walker about some ideas. Mr. Hannah informed the board that the Church fixed a broken toilet last year. The Church is very thankful. Ms. Pat Saldaña suggested maybe the garden.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of March and payroll vouchers for the month of February, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the vote carried with all in favor. Mr. Josh Austin wanted to note that the District has put out some money for video equipment, he wanted to let the board know to check out the videos that

are being made with these purchases. Mr. Austin also wanted to know more about the weight room equipment. Mr. Hannah stated we have purchased a new curriculum that isn't doable without the new weight room. Mr. Hannah explained the new equipment and the new design of the weight lifting program. The vote carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** There are 3 things in the report. The legislative session has come to an end, but the supplemental budget is not complete. Mr. Hannah stated in the past he has seen this is the compromise part. The interesting thing will be where the court will be with the McCleary decision after this is completed. Mr. Hannah explained the Small School's Conference. He would like to take some more staff members next year to share these great ideas. ALICE Training is a way to think about intruders in a lock down situation. This was shared at the Lewis Co. Supts. Meeting, by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. We sent Mr. George Harbaugh to the training that the Sheriff's department went to. Mr. Hannah explained the thinking behind ALICE Training. We will be working on this throughout the rest of the year to make some changes with our Safety Committee. Mr. Hannah also touched on a contract we are working on for risk assessments based on student threats. Mr. Hannah reached out to Dana Anderson at ESD 113. If a student makes a threat, then we will have a contact to bring in to do a risk assessment of the student to allow them to come back to class. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if with the other businesses shutting down, if this company would have the capacity to come as needed? Mr. Hannah stated they said they would need to do this. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if this is an emergency situation? Mr. Hannah stated it will be done when we have a threat made. Mr. Josh Austin asked if there was a time frame that they would arrive? Mr. Hannah stated no, this is not in the contract. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if this is something we need to have a contract for? Mr. Hannah stated they will not react without a contract. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated he thought he heard the state would allow for some armed staff members in the district, is this true? Mr. Hannah stated yes, some schools have school administrators carrying fire arms. Mr. Chase Buffington asked what Mr. Hannah thought of this? Mr. Hannah stated he does not agree at all, he stated you will always be in the wrong. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if some schools are locked during the day? Mr. Hannah stated yes. Mr. Warren Dunlap stated he went to a 4A school in Seattle. There was a guard at the door with a utility belt, the guard asked him to step into an office because it was almost passing time and wasn't safe to be in the hallways.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. Mrs. April Kaech gave an overview of the recent audit. There were no findings or recommendations, everything went really well. Mrs. Kaech went over revenue, expenditures, and

balances for the general fund, ASB fund, TVF fund, Capital Projects, and Debt Services. Mrs. April Kaech stated we may need to do a budget extension for the ASB, they have been doing an awesome job with fund raising. Ms. Pat Saldaña stated during the audit there was nothing found and that is all owed to Mrs. April Kaech, she wanted to thank her for her hard work.

Mr. John Hannah, Jr/Sr. High Principal. Mr. Hannah went over enrollment, we are over 160 now. Mrs. Robin Wright is the staff member of the month. Students and Staff love her, she does a great job with helping other staff with standards based grading. Mr. Hannah went over the success of Donkey Basketball. Mrs. Hutchison asked if that was real donkeys on the floor. Mr. Hannah stated yes, they wear rubber shoes. Mr. Hannah stated the heat is back on in the building, he showed the board the rotten pipe.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Elementary Principal. Enrollment last month was 149 and is now up to 156 this month. 5th grade is our largest class at this time. Mr. Brooks thinks there will continue to be a bump. New Foss Kits should be coming from the ESD pretty soon. Cindy Neace from Wenatchee has been at the Elementary twice and is coming again this week for math training. Kathy Tully has been working with the staff in PD also. Mr. Brooks went over assessments that are coming up. The first week of May is the SBAC testing? Staff voted for Mrs. Patty Fairhart for staff member of the month for her work with PAWS, opening the gym in the morning and small group RTI.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Jr/Sr. High Vice Principal. Mr. Stoney is gone today and excused, Mr. Hannah went over student of the month. Mr. Hannah noted the referrals are predominately in one grade. Overall we are in 80 percent tier 1 which is where we want to be. We have 9 students running for High School ASB. Mr. Stoney is working on what this is looking like, they all have to do a video advertisement.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Resignation of Ms. Michelle Burns, 7-12 Shop Teacher
Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the resignation, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

Mr. Dana Anderson, Educational Service District 113

Mr. Rick Anthony introduced himself as the representative of our area on the board at ESD 113. He notified the board to please contact him with anything at all. He also would like the boards to notify him of any services that may be needed in our area, but are not offered so the ESD is aware of what is needed in that area. Mr. Dana Anderson addressed the board as the Superintendent of the Educational Service District 113. He provided the board with an overview of the services provided to Districts by ESD 113. Mr. Anderson explained what is going on at the ESD 113. He noted that the District should be very proud of our Superintendent for his presentation at the Small Schools Conferences. He stated his presentation was the latest in the evening and the most well attended. Ms. Pat Saldaña wanted to know about the Art Show? Mr. Dana Anderson explained the Art Show, there is $7,000 in scholarship money from Central Washington University and a local arts show. Students are able to go to the state competition. The students art is auctioned off and the proceeds are provided to the students. There will be 12 districts participating next year. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked what is needed to participate in the show? Mr. Anderson stated they just need a sponser basically to attest it is the students original work. The deadline is the last week of February, they are on display for a month. Ms. Saldaña thanked Mr. Anderson and Mr. Anthony for coming and sharing their information.

Approve Mrs. Ruby Gregory-Lyons, Special Transportation Driver, Approve Mrs. Angela Genz, Certificated Substitute, Approve Mr. Jack Royle, Assistant High School Track Coach

Mr. Chase Buffington made a motion to approve Mrs. Gregory-Lyons as the Special Transportation Driver, Mrs. Angela Genz, Certificated Sub, and Mr. Jack Royle, Assistant HS Track Coach, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2015-16/09 and 2015-16/10 Reduction of Certificated and Classified Staff

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-16/09 and 2015-16/10, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mrs. Hutchison asked if this was a normal thing that was done every year? Mr. Hannah stated yes, just in case of a financial emergency. The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Overnight Stay for FFA, May 11 in Pullman, WA

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve overnight stay for FFA, Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked who is going and who is Chaperoning. Mr. Hannah stated Mrs. Hanger and her husband, we are not sure how many students that will be determined at regionals. Mrs. Hutchison asked if they would be paying their own way? Mr. Hannah stated yes, they have been fundraising like crazy. The vote carried 5-0.

Approve Interlocal Agreement with Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Cooperative

Mr. Josh Austin made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement, Mr. Chase Buffington seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked what this is for? Mrs. April Kaech stated the cooperative covers the bidding of Food Service of America to ensure we also get state bid pricing with the cooperative. Mrs. Betty Hutchison asked if this would effect the new company we would be going through for food service? Mr. Hannah stated this is not yet out for bid. The vote carried 5-0.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Josh Austin gave an overview of the state tournament for boys basketball. He stated we should have a strong girls team in the next few years. He is looking forward to track and baseball.

Ms. Pat Saldaña reminded the board of the due date for the tax form the members must fill out. Ms. Pat Saldaña also reminded the board of the upcoming policy governance meeting on Thursday. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked Mr. Hannah if he is taking any vacation days this month? Mr. Hannah stated yes, on Friday for his Anniversary. Mr. Hannah discussed the upcoming job fairs.

Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if the board had any additional questions regarding the threat assessments? Mr. Josh Austin stated he thought he heard from Mr. Anderson that they will possibly have an internal staff member be trained to do this? Mr. Hannah stated yes and no. There are different tier levels, tier 1 is usually done in house. Tier 2 and 3 is what we are contracting out for. These are threats of violence such as "I will kill you". Mr. Warren Dunlap asked if we have to do something else? Mr. Hannah stated not necessarily. Mrs. Betty Hutchison would like to know who pays for this? Mr. Hannah stated the district pays for this.

Ms. Pat Saldaña reminded the board of the upcoming WSSDA regional meeting in Napavine. Mrs. Hutchison and Mr. Buffington would like to go.

Mr. Chase Buffington announced him and his wife Camille are expecting a new arrival to be due in October. The board provided their congratulations!!

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXEMPT SESSION:

Mr. Hannah explained the difference between executive session and exempt session.

The board took a 5 minute break to allow the public to leave the meeting room.

The Board recessed into exempt session for approximately 30 minutes where no decisions were made.

The Board returned at 7:44 pm from Exempt Session where no decisions were made.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Mrs. Betty Hutchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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