Morton School District #214
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 16, 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, Mr. Don Powell, Mr. Warren Dunlap and Mrs. Betty Huchison. Mrs. Krishna Eveland was absent and excused from the meeting. Ms. Pat Saldaña verified a quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on ~~March 16~~ February 17, 2015. Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. John Hannah added on item 9.3 in New Business there is an addition of hiring Angela Grantham as a bus driver. Mr. Warren Dunlap made motion to adopt the agenda with the changes, Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Betty Huchison made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of March and payroll vouchers for the month of February. Mr. Don Powell seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **Mr. John Hannah, Superintendent.** Mr. Hannah stated he wanted to address the status of our RAD status, beginning next year due to test score and graduation improvement, Morton School District will no longer be classified as RAD or any other classifications. Mr. Tom Manke was notified and he expressed his excitement, and Mr. Randy Dorn would like to come address the staff. Mr. Hannah stated there are 3 candidates that are qualified for the trade CTE position; he is working on finalizing interviews. Mr. Don Powell asked if they are new teachers. Mr. Hannah stated two of

them are, one is currently working. Mr. Warren Dunlap asked how many hours is this position; Mr. Hannah stated this is a full time position. With the help of Mrs. April Kaech, we can support 1.9 FTE for CTE, meaning the district will only cover 0.1 FTE. Also, our State Champions have been invited to lunch at the Governor's mansion.

Mrs. April Kaech, Financial Report. Mrs. Kaech pointed out there was more revenue this month than the previous due to the receipt of timber excise tax. There was a resale of bonds that happens at least once a year, which brought in a little more than $50,000 in Debt Services. Mrs. Kaech went over the revenues and expenditures of the other accounts. Mr. Don Powell asked if there was enough in the Debt Services account to cover the bond at this time? Mrs. Kaech stated no, we will have to collect until next year in October to pay the bond off.

Mr. John Hannah, Principal Report. Enrollment is holding steady on the secondary campus. Mr. Hannah has been working with tailoring lessons based on the group of students in a class instead of the same lesson for all, this is called differentiation. The Smarter Balance is the new test this year. All students on the secondary campus have completed the first round of practice testing. We need to learn more about the "block" testing with Smarter Balance, which is what we would like to do. There is a lot of set up with this testing as far as IT is concerned, so we are still learning how to get this set up. Mr. Don Powell asked if this is also happening at the grade school. Mr. Hannah stated it is for Grades 3-8, and 11th grade, we are also having freshman and sophomores test.

Mr. Josh Brooks, Principal Report. Elementary enrollment this month was at 200, which is the first time in a long time. Curriculum: last Wednesday at all staff PD, we did the *Do the Math* Webinar. The staff learned a lot. Mrs. Krolczyk and Mrs. Royle started *Do the Math* today. First grade is basic numbers; Second grade has two different modules and is based on student needs. Third grade is adding and subtracting up to 100. Mr. Brooks gave an example of what the math problems look like for the students. This provides many different strategies for solving math. The third round of FOSS Kits should be delivered next week. Mr. Brooks stated the Elementary is structured differently for differentiation, but this is working at the Elementary. Mr. Brooks stated there were issues with computers during testing; the district received "new" used computers from Computers For Kids, so testing is going better. The some of the testing is based on listening. Staff member of the month is Mrs. Dunlap for her team approach.

Mr. Josh Stoney, Vice Principal Report. Mr. Stoney was excused from the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Resignation of Ms. Ruby Gregory-Lyons, Bus Driver, Approve One Year Leave of Absence for Keith Coleman, High School Baseball Coach and Approve Angela Grantham, School Bus Driver

Ms. Pat Saldaña asked to put items 9.1 through 9.3 together. Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve Ms. Ruby Gregory-Lyons, Bus Driver, approve one year leave of absence for Keith Coleman, High School Baseball Coach and approve Angela Grantham, School Bus Driver Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 4-0.

Approve Overnight Stay for FBLA State, April 15, 2015

Mr. Warren Dunlap made a motion to approve the overnight stay for FBLA state, April 15, 2015, Mrs. Betty Huchison seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Don Powell asked where this is and who will be the Chaperones, Mr. Hannah stated this is in Spokane, the chaperones are Miss Veloni and Jeremy, the AmeriCorp Member. Mrs. Betty Huchison asked if we could look into getting another female chaperone? Mr. Hannah will look into this. Ms. Pat Saldaña asked if the expectations were discussed with Miss. Veloni. Mr. Hannah stated yes. The vote 4-0

Approve Resolution No. 2014-15/07 Reduction of Force and Approve Resolution No. 2014-15/06 WSSDA ESEA Resolution

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to approve resolution no. 2014-15/07, Reduction of Force, and approve resolution no. 2014-15/06, WSSDA ESEA Resolution, Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 4-0.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Mr. Warren Dunlap gave an overview of the State Basketball Tournament. Zach Walton was named player of the year for the 2B league. He has been contacted by a few colleges.

Mrs. Betty Huchison shared that Ms. Pat Saldaña, Mr. Hannah and herself went to the WSSDA conference. This was a two day conference. They were able to meet with legislatures; the three of them had an opportunity to meet with Mr. DeBolt. Mrs. Betty Huchison asked that Mr. Hannah explain teacher compensation. Mr. Hannah explained instead of a state compensation plan meaning all teachers make the same amount of money based on education and experience; this would be based on region and cost of living. Mr. Hannah explained this would be detrimental to the smaller district. Mr. Don Powell asked about a two tier pay scale that is already out? Mr. Hannah stated he isn't familiar with this. Mrs. April Kaech stated there is about 5 or so schools that are able to pay at a higher rate.

Mr. Don Powell asked how the progress is going with the legislature at this time. Mr. Hannah stated it is going slow. At this time we are waiting for budgets to be passed. As of right now, nothing has come out regarding education. Mr. Don Powell stated that you would think the state would focus on education first as this is their paramount duty. Mr. Hannah said he

believes the legislature will be closer and solve issues with McCleary. During the first day of the WSSDA conference, the Republicans and Democrats seemed to be on the same page in regards to education. Ms. Pat Saldaña stated the conference was a really good experience. There was only a handful of people that are going to the legislatures and expressing what is needed. Mr. Hannah stated and we went with other districts, so it was nice for 5 districts to all say the same thing.

Ms. Pat Saldaña stated personal finance taxes for board members are due on April 15. Ms. Pat Saldaña confirmed that Mr. Warren Dunlap would be able to attend the work retreat on July 8th and 22nd.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Don Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. Mr. Warren Dunlap seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. The vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

Attest: Board Secretary

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