

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017 7:30 PM
Morrill High School Multi-Purpose Room
508 Jefferson Ave.
Morrill, NE 69358

Morrill Public School District is committed to empowering students to become confident, knowledgeable, productive and responsible citizens of a diverse, ever-changing world"

I. Call meeting to order and welcome

Call to order at 7:30 pm

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

I.2. Roll Call and Welcome

I.3. Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting

I.4. Recognition of Recording

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Mr. Bill Zwiebel.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

II.1. Approval of Agenda for January 9, 2017 Regular meeting

II.2. Approval of minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting

II.3. Claims Payable

II.4. Financial Reports

II.4.a. Working Monthly Budget

II.4.b. Monthly Budget of Receipts

II.4.c. Activity Accounts

II.4.d. County Treasurers' Report

III. ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

III.1. Swearing in of new Board Member Art Steiner and re-elected incumbents: Jim Hessler & Dick Burford

Mr. Sherwood gave the Oath of Office to Art Steiner who then was seated as a Board Member, replacing Mr. Bill Zwiebel . The Board and Administration expressed their deep appreciation for Mr. Zwiebel's 8 years of service to the District.

III.2. Mr. Sherwood officiate over election of BOE President

Mr. Sherwood called for nominations for Board of Education President

Recommendation to Elect Jim Hessler as Board President Passed with a motion by Mr. Dick Burford and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

III.3. Elected President officiate over election of BOE:

III.3.a. Vice President

President Jim Hessler entertained nominations for Vice President.

recommendation for Dick Burford to be Vice President Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

III.3.b. Secretary

President Hessler called for nominations for Secretary.

Recommendation for Dr. Cynthia Guerue to be Board Secretary Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

III.3.c. Treasurer

recommendation for Billy Stauffer be elected as Board Treasurer Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Mr. Dick Burford.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

III.4. Elected President make Committee Appointments:

III.4.a. Curriculum/Americanism

President Hessler appointed Mr. Dick Burford as Chairman, Mr. Dave Sherrod and Dr. Cynthia Guerue

III.4.b. Facilities/Transportation

President Hessler appointed Mr. Dave Sherrod as Chairman, Mr. Billy Stauffer and Mr. Art Steiner

III.4.c. Finance/Negotiations

The Executive Committee was appointed to the finance committee. President Jim Hessler, Secretary Dr. Cynthia Guerue and Treasurer, Mr. Billy Stauffer.

Mr. Dick Burford, Jim Hessler and Dave Sherrod appointed to the Staff Relations committee.

III.4.d. Morrill School Foundation

Mr. Art Steiner and Mr. Billy Stauffer were appointed to the Morrill School Foundation

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

V. REPORTS

V.1. Technology Innovation Reports from Teachers

Jessica Mihevc, 1st Grade Teacher presented a video about our school that was shared with a school in Egypt. The students helped select the content. She demonstrated the 1st grade blog AP for I-pads that the students are enjoying. She showed the Board what is being done in the classroom through video explaining how technology is being integrated into the classroom. Jessica told the board that they had received a Grant to take a virtual field trip which they took to Morrill Hall in Lincoln.

V.2. Village of Morrill
No Report

V.3. Student Council
No Report

V.4. Curriculum/Americanism: Stauffer, Guerue, Burdord
No report

V.5. Building/Grounds/Transportation: Sherrod, Burford, Zwiebel
No Report

V.6. Staff Relations: Zwiebel, Burford, Hessler
No report

V.7. Finance: Hessler, Guerue, Burford, (Zwiebel)
No Report

V.8. Morrill School Foundation: Stauffer, Zwiebel
No report

V.9. Technology Report
Cary reviewed her report. Dave Sherrod asked about the new Web site and Cary updated that it was next on the "to do" list.

V.10. Activity Report
No Report as Josh Guerue was gone with Basketball.
Jim Hessler asked about the "running group" Mr. Sherwood wasn't up to date on that subject but Keri had some update. Mr. Hessler asked that the running be postponed until after the Lightning Basketball is done to avoid conflicts and running on the carpet in the elementary building.

V.11. Secondary Principal's Report
Tom Peacock discussed his report with the Board. Dr. Guerue asked for more information on the Todd Becker assemblies and Mr. Sherwood explained that the Assemblies are "very powerful" drug and alcohol presentations. There was some discussion on possible other presenters in the future.

V.12. Elementary Principal's Report
See report- Keri reviewed her report with the Board adding that she and Tom would be looking at a date for the Science Fair.

V.13. Superintendent's Report
Mr. Sherwood showed the Board the "Sycamore" website and talked about his discussion board. He then showed photos of the crane putting in the trusses on the Early Education Building. In response to Dr. Guerue's request for a tour of the Athletic Building he gave the Board a virtual tour as the electricity is not yet in and the heat not hooked up. Mr. Sherwood then reviewed his report with the Board. There was some discussion on the Freezer damage. Joe also reported that he has now moved into his new home.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VI.1. Review of Policy Section Sect 1011-District Organization & Basic Commitments
The Superintendent reviewed the policy with the Board and recommended that no changes be made. The Board agreed.

VI.2. Consider 1st Reading for changes to 0102 Educational Philosophy of the School District
Mr. Sherwood recommended some changes in wording after he had met with Keri Homan and Tom Peacock and explained the thinking behind the changes. There was some discussion on the wording and philosophy of the policy.

to approve upon 1st reading the changes to policy 0102 Educational Philosophy of the School District Passed with a motion by Mr. Dick Burford and a second by Dr. Cynthia Guerue.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

to approve review of the remaining policy 0102 Passed with a motion by Mr. Dick Burford and a second by Dr. Cynthia Guerue.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VI.3. Consider and possibly designate The Gering Courier as publication of record
Shane from "The Voice" requested that "The Voice" be the official paper for the the District. They cover Mitchell, Morrill and Henry as the new "local" paper and plan to open an office here in Morrill. Deb Baker presented the requests from the "Gering Courier" and the "Star Herald".

to appoint the Voice as the official paper for the District Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Mr. Dick Burford.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VI.4. Possible approve the TERELIP parameters for the 2016-2017 school year

to approve the TERELIP as presented Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Billy Stauffer.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VI.5. Annual approval of district depository (Platte Valley Bank)

The Board approved Jim Hessler (president), Dr. Cynthia Guerue (Secretary) and Billy Stauffer (Treasurer) as signers on the Platte Valley Accounts.

To approve Platte Valley Bank as the official depository for the District. Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII.1. Discussion on possible teacher job description changes for technology integration

to table the discussion on job description Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Mr. Dick Burford.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII.2. Update on building projects

Superintendent Sherwood had reported on the buildings in his report.

VII.3. Discuss (possible Executive Session) collective bargaining topics for the 2017-2018 school year

Approval to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining topics for the 2017-18 school year. Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

to adjourn from executive session at 10:11 pm with no action taken Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Billy Stauffer.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VIII. NEXT MEETINGS

VIII.1. Regular Meeting Date February 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 10:11 PM