

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, March 13, 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"

Mr. Dick Burford:	Present
Dr. Cynthia Guerue:	Present
Jim Hessler:	Present
Dave Sherrod:	Present
Billy Stauffer:	Present
Art Steiner:	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM

I.1. Pledge to the Flag

I.2. Roll Call

I.3. Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting

I.4. Recognition of Recording

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Art Steiner.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

II.1. Approval of Agenda

II.2. Approval of minutes

II.3. Approval to Pay Claims and file financial reports

II.3.a. working Monthly Budget

II.3.b. Monthly Budget of Receipts

II.3.c. Activity Accounts

II.3.d. County Treasurers' Reports

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

IV. REPORTS

IV.1. Technology Innovation Reports from Teachers

Becky Peacock -Art Teacher presented technology that she is using in her classes. Discussed the goals and showed a video that the students made.

IV.2. Village of Morrill

Mr. Schuler updated the Board on several planned Village projects and informed them that the Village is looking for a clerical intern and summer help for lifeguards and maintenance. Mr. Schuler also told the Board that there would be a soup supper on March 18th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm to raise money for a new fire hall. He also shared a report concerning school district water usage and possible ways to reduce costs.

IV.3. Student Council-

Shalyn Lackey updated the Board on several possible Student Council activities before the school year was finished including Highway clean up, painting the girls' locker room, Jr. High Dance, canned food drive and a Mr. Morrill contest. She told the Board that the students like the new desks and bleachers. Dr. Guerue suggested several ideas for profiling seniors and boosting comradery when asked for ideas from Shalyn.

IV.4. Curriculum/Americanism: Burford (Chairman), Sherrod, Guerue

on agenda under unfinished business

IV.5. Facilities/Transportation: Sherrod (Chairman), Stauffer, Steiner

No report

IV.6. Finance: Hessler, Guerue, Stauffer

No report

IV.7. Staff Relations: Sherrod, Burford, Hessler

No Report

IV.8. Morrill School's Foundation: Stauffer, Steiner

No report

IV.9. Technology Report

Cary presented her report-see attached

IV.10. Activity Report

Josh Guerue told the Board that there are 25 total students out for track and 8 boys out for golf. He thanked Austin Freeburg for his help with the district championship game. He informed the Board that the YMCA had donated \$6,000.00 worth of weight equipment, thanking Josie and Lupe Gonzales for, "Getting the ball rolling" on that donation. He also said that Trevor Coxbill was willing to donate time at the Y on the challenge courses and swimming pool as Morrill is the only high school to take advantage of the Y programs thus far. Josh also thanked Bill Stauffer for the use of his trailer and Adam Jantzi, Dutch Wells, Jim and Matt Hessler for all their help in getting the new weight equipment from the Y. He also told the Board that Bayard was meeting to decide if they will stay 11 man or drop to 8 man football. Josh said that he had spoken with Nate Neuhaus from the NSAA about a complaint about the football bleachers explaining that Rick Sides thought they could put a rail on top to close the gap. Finally Josh informed the Board that he would like to set up an Athletic Exchange between our kids for clothes, Shoes, etc.

IV.11. Secondary Principal's Report

Tom Peacock presented his report. See Attached

IV.12. Elementary Principal's Report

Keri reviewed her report on the Tri County Pre School and elementary school adding that there will be a new student starting in May. -See Attached

IV.13. Superintendent's Report

Joe Sherwood updated the Board on the Lunch fund informing them that 52% of budget was left and we are doing well. The General Fund has 42.86 left and we should be 41% putting us slightly ahead.

Joe spoke with the Commissioner of Education regarding Early Childhood teacher certification. Sherwood said the District will be able to be on five year certification plan for early childhood education (Rule 11) which allows for lower initial cost for staff with regards to budget.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Hessler asked if there was any discussion, there was none.

Opened Public Hearing at 9:24pm for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestion or observations from taxpayers relating to Student Fee Policy, Parental Involvement Policy and the Internet Safety Policy Passed with a motion by Mr. Dick Burford and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Closed Public Hearing at 9:47 pm Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Mr. Dick Burford.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.1. Student Fee Policy

V.2. Parental Involvement in Educational Practices Policy

V.3. Internet Safety Policy

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI.1. Consider/possibly approve teacher evaluation form changes for technology integration

Tom Peacock gave a brief explanation of the evaluation form. He told the Board that this is a draft for their review. The Board will review the evaluation forms.

Approval to table action until the Board can review the draft Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Mr. Dick Burford.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VI.2. Discuss and possibly approve the Negotiated Agreement 2017-18 school year

Joe Sherwood presented the Negotiated Agreement and was asked by the Board for his opinion on adopting as is or to give a raise on base. Mr. Sherwood recommended giving a raise explaining that giving a raise would give a boost moral and demonstrate that the Board and Administration value the teaching staff.

Approval to adopt the 2017-2018 Negotiated Agreement with a \$500.00 increase to base from 31,900.00 to 32,400.00 Passed with a motion by Dr. Cynthia Guerue and a second by Billy Stauffer.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. Consider/possibly approve resignations/retirements of staff members

Mr. Sherwood read a letter of retirement from Kathy Calahan. With regret Mr. Sherwood recommended the Board to accept her resignation.

Approval to accept the Retirement of Kathy Calahan and thank her for her many years of service Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII.2. Set Program Capacity for the 2017-2018 school year

Mr. Sherwood read the resolution to set program capacity for the 2017-2018 school year and then reviewed the capacity numbers. See attached

Approval of Resolution 502.02 and appendix 1 to set capacity as presented for the 2017-2018 school year Passed with a motion by Dave Sherrod and a second by Mr. Dick Burford.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII.3. Discuss the first draft of the 2017-2018 School Calendar

Mr. Sherwood passed out a draft of the 2017-2018 calendar. Explaining that it is basically last year's calendar moved forward without the 1:30 pm early dismissals or Athletic & Activities days that impact the calendar (same as last year). It is a 188 day contract with 175 student contract days according to board policy. The A+ educators contract is complete Joe recommends that we do the NETA fall conference in November. He detailed his rationale for various dates. He will have Mr. Peacock and Mrs. Homan time to look at it and will get dates for activities from the AD. He asked the Board if they were comfortable with the basic perception of the rough draft to which the Board indicated that they were comfortable.

VII.4. Consider and Discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation

Approval to enter into Executive Session at 10:34pm to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Art Steiner.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Out of Executive Session at 12:50am with no action taken Passed with a motion by Billy Stauffer and a second by Dave Sherrod.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VIII. Next Regular Meeting Date-April 10, 2017

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:50am