

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #1
MORRISONVILLE, ILLINOIS 62546
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. January 21, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Morrisonville Board of Education was called to order by President Harmon at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Beard, Brown, Dunkirk, Harmon, and Wempen. Absent: Forbes, and Schmedeke. Visitors were: Savannah Durbin, Christina Menossi, Debra Hughes, Keirsty Hughes, and Bob Montgomery.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Debra Hughes, grandmother of Keirsty Hughes asked for permission for Keirsty to finish her junior year at Morrisonville. She has completed all the proper paperwork, which consists of a childcare authorization for the Elmore's. Mr. Wells stated that as long as she has completed all the proper paperwork that they couldn't prevent her from being able to stay in the Morrisonville school system.

Schmedeke entered at 7:08 p.m.

Forbes entered at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Montgomery spoke to the Board about the upcoming trip to Washington D.C. He said right now the trip would have 12 juniors and 13 seniors going. Mr. Justison will be the other chaperone and will help with the driving.

Motion to Allow the Trip to Washington D.C.

A motion was made by Dunkirk and seconded by Forbes to allow the students to go on a trip to Washington D.C. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Brown, Dunkirk, Forbes, Harmon, Schmedeke, Wempen, and Beard.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dunkirk and seconded by Beard to approve the Dec. 17, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda Items as Presented

A motion was made by Beard and seconded by Wempen to approve the consent agenda items as presented. (See attached.) A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation – Mr. Wells reported that the state had been down to audit the transportation report. At the present time money that is to be reimbursed to the district from the state has not been received. The committee will be scheduling a meeting soon.

Buildings and Grounds – With the really cold weather it has been necessary to leave the heat on the daytime setting all night in order for it to keep up. The ROE performed its 3-year compliance audit. We have some Life-Safety items that need to be done in order to be compliant.

Curriculum – The STEP class that the special ed department has for 12th graders is a life skills class. It was discussed if this should be considered enough to fulfill the required consumer ed credit that is needed for graduation.

The next curriculum meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16, 2010.

Human Resources – Nothing at this time.

Extracurricular – A meeting will be scheduled some time soon.

Motion to Approve the STEP program for Consumer Ed Credit

A motion was made by Harmon and seconded by Wempen to approve the STEP program to fill the Consumer Ed credit requirement. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Dunkirk, Forbes, Harmon, Schmedeke, Wempen, Beard, and Brown.

Finance:

Motion to approve the Bills and Payroll

A motion was made by Forbes and seconded by Dunkirk to approve the January 2010 bills and payroll as presented. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Forbes, Harmon, Schmedeke, Wempen, Beard, Brown, and Dunkirk.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

High School – Ms. Little reported the average attendance for December was 95.5 for the Junior High school and 93.1 for High school.

We currently have 5 students enrolled in the HEAT and PACT programs that are provided by LLCC. Four students are in the HEAT program and one student is in the PACT program.

We have 11 students that have signed up for the Senior Project.

Motion to approve the travel of students participating in the Senior Project

A motion was made by Beard and seconded by Wempen to approve the travel of 11 students participating in the Senior Project. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Mohawk classic netted a profit of \$2462.00

We are presently using a Reading Plus program that Ms. Little feels is very good for the students. We have 15 subscriptions that Mid-state bought for us to use. This is a one-time thing so if the district wants to continue with this next year we will have to pay for it. She feels it is good for RTI students as well as Gifted students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See attached report.

Superintendent Wells reported that the state owes us approximately \$194,000.00 at the present time. It may be necessary for the district to be making some really deep cuts in March to prepare for the next fiscal year.

The last teachers institute held was a success.

March 6, 2010 will be another Trivia night sponsored by the Foundation.

The district received \$90,000 from the Clean Energy Grant.

We are to receive \$44,000 for the Fire Alarm system from the Capital Development Board, but at the present time this money has not been received.

Della Montgomery, Pat Moore and Superintendent Wells are working on a Fine Arts Grant.

The Supt.'s evaluation has been given out and is due back in for the Feb. Board meeting.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of Sick Days for Ippolito

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Wempen to approve the purchase of 60 days sick time for Mr. Ippolito at a cost of \$4300.00. This is in no way to set a precedence and the Board will have the sole authority to decide at each occasion as needed. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Harmon, Schmedeke, Wempen, Beard, Brown, Dunkirk, and Forbes.

Motion to Approve the ChrisMont Safe School, Truancy, & Finger Printing Agreements

A motion was made by Harmon and seconded by Brown to approve the ChrisMont Safe School, Truancy & Finger Printing Agreements as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Motion to Approve the Oppenheimerfund as an Investment Fund

A motion was made by Forbes and seconded by Brown to approve the Oppenheimerfund as a sanctioned 403 (b) plan for the Morrisonville School District. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Motion to Accept the Resignation of Janet Wempen

A motion was made by Harmon and seconded by Forbes to accept the resignation of Janet Wempen, part-time cook. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Beard and seconded by Forbes to go into closed session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2©(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees in the district. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Schmedeke, Wempen, Beard, Brown, Dunkirk, Forbes, and Harmon.

A motion to come out of closed session at 10:17 p.m. was made by Dunkirk and seconded by Forbes. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Wempen, Beard, Brown, Dunkirk, Forbes, Harmon, and Schmedeke.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be February 18, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Forbes to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m. Roll call was taken and the motion passed, Aye: Beard, Brown, Dunkirk, Forbes, Harmon, Schmedeke, and Wempen.