

**MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

President Bongard called a workshop meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm followed by the regular meeting. The meetings were held in the Morley Stanwood High School Media Center, 4700 Northland Dr., Morley, Michigan, 49336.

In Attendance

Declaration of Quorum Yes X No

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| Bd. Member Emily Bongard | X | Bd. Member Greg Babbitt | X | Bd. Member Dennis Smith | X |
| Bd. Member Mary Engelsman | X | Bd. Member Randy LaPreze | AB | Supt. R. Cole | X |
| Bd. Member Brent Beemer | X | Bd. Member Michelle Frisbie | X | Rec. Sec. J.Weeks | X |

Workshop Discussions:

Bond Invoice – Two invoices was submitted from Mathison|Mathison.
 Changing of Timelines for Future Bonds (Athletics) – Mr. Cole spoke with a district attorney, a representative from Baker Tilly and Christman. He determined it may be possible to change timelines of projects however it would result in an additional cost of around a million and a half dollars in bond interest payments.
 Playground Upgrade at Elementary – The board members and visitors took a walk over to the elementary to view the upgrades which include retaining walls, new mulch, relocation of equipment, and expansion of the play area.

Recess: NA

Return to session, regular meeting: NA

Approval of Agenda and Order of Priority: The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Public Comment: NA

Communications: Mr. Cole shared a letter from MSBO notifying the district that Kellsey Fairris completed the Business Manager Academy. Member Bongard shared information from the latest MOP CO-OP. She discussed ways that the ISD can help support local districts. One example was equipment that the IDS can loan out such as a device to help locate underground cables.

Administrator and Supervisor Reports: Supervisor/Administrator reports are not submitted during the summer months and will resume in September.

Consent Agenda: The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, July 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes, bills, and financial reports presented.

August Considerations:

The Board unanimously approved to pay the 2020 Bond Series III invoice totaling \$10,316.01.

The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Rick Wiersma – High School Principal.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Ruth Marshal – High School Principal.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Lydia Gilliam – Kindergarten Teacher.

The Board unanimously approved the Deborah Thompson – Bus Driver.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Clarence (Bobby) Riggs – Assistant Football Coach.

The Board unanimously approved the retirement of Kathy Hoffman – Food Service.

The Board unanimously approved the changes to the Athletic 2024-2025 Handbook.

Closed Session:

Student Reinstatement Hearings

The board unanimously motioned to go into closed session at 7:32 and returned to open session at 7:49.

The board unanimously motioned to reinstate student #1-2324 effective with the beginning of the 24-25 school year.

The board unanimously motioned to go into closed session at 7:55 and returned to open session at 8:05.

The board unanimously motioned to reinstate student #2-2324 effective with the beginning of the 24-25 school year.

The board unanimously motioned to go into closed session at 8:08 and returned to open session at 8:17 for a third party employee hire discussion.

The board unanimously motioned to approve the hire of a 4M (formally HiTec) employee, Max Marek who had been convicted of a felony for breaking & entering in 1996 and uttering and publishing in 2001.

Discussion items:

Member Smith asked if there was an update on the retention pond project. Mr. Cole stated that the district is having difficulty finding a contractor willing to work on the project due to a current situation between property owners.

Reminders and informational items:

- ***Next Board meeting, September 9, 2024 (note change in date)***
- ***Special Meeting, October 7, 2024***

Adjourn at 8:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Smith, Secretary
Morley Stanwood Community Schools