

**MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 19, 2022**

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

***In Attendance***

***Declaration of Quorum***    Yes *X*    No \_\_\_\_

Bd. Member Matthias Stevens	X	Bd. Member Greg Babbitt	AB	Bd. Member Dennis Smith	X
Bd. Member Emily Bongard	X	Bd. Member Randy LaPreze	X	Supt. R. Cole	X
Bd. Member Andrew Radle	X	Bd. Member Mary Engelsman	AB	Rec. Sec. J. Weeks	X

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

***Workshop Discussions:***

Bus Lease Presentation – Ken Haverkate from Holland Bus gave a presentation. Holland Bus is the Bluebird School Bus dealer in Michigan. The school’s current lease is up at the end of the school year. Bus costs have increased \$32,000 per bus over the last three years, due to supply chain, material issues, increased interest rates, increased labor costs and delivery costs. This in turn will have an impact on leasing rates.

Student Health Services – Katy Bies from the Mecosta County Health Dept. gave a presentation on MDSSH funded School-Based Health Centers. The current school nurse is being funded with HRA/COVID grants that will expire at the end of this school year. Other grants are available that would broaden the scope of services available if the desire to continue services exists.

Afterschool Program – Tyler Huntley was not able to make the meeting. Mr. Cole shared that he and Mr. Nelson meet with Tyler Huntley and Lexi Cumins, from Huntley’s Clubhouse, to discuss the possibility of an afterschool program. Mr. Cole will try to reschedule them to meet with the board at another time.

Bond Invoice Review – Two invoices were submitted for review. One for series I and the other for series II.

Bond Series II Sub Contractors – Mr. Cole shared the approved list of subcontractors.

***Recess:*** 7:16

***Return to session, regular meeting:*** 7:25

***Public Comment:*** NA

**Communications:** Mr. Cole shared a thank you note he received on behalf of Reyne Salvati who retired last month.

**Administrator and Supervisor Reports:** Supervisor/Administrator reports are submitted in writing, in advance to the Board and are posted on the districts website.

**Consent Agenda:** The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, November 21, 2022 meeting minutes, bills, and financial reports presented.

***December Considerations:***

The board unanimously approved early graduation for senior student: Kadence Harris.

The board unanimously approved the 2020 bond project Series I invoice totaling \$388,348.13.

The board unanimously approved the 2020 bond project Series II invoice totaling \$96,621.25.

The board unanimously approved an addendum to the 2022-2023 High School and Middle School handbooks, Restroom Use: Students should always use restroom stalls individually. Student privacy is an important part of student health and safety at school, including within the bathrooms. If a student goes into a stall with any other student, that will be grounds for both students to be suspended from school following steps of progressive discipline.

The board unanimously approved an addendum to the 2022-2023 High School and Middle School handbooks, In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities students must be enrolled IN PERSON 75% of the day. Classes may include traditional MSCS classes, Career Center, Dual Enrollment, and Apex (virtual classes) Note: students must complete Apex classes IN school as part of their regular schedule in order for Apex classes to count toward the 75%.

The board unanimously approved the hire of Catherine Armstrong – Food Service.

The board unanimously approved the resolution, 80%/20% Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for benefit year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

The board unanimously approved to adopt the board-meeting schedule for the 2023 board meetings.

***Student #1-2122 Reinstatement Hearing:*** (parent did not request a closed hearing)

The board unanimously agreed to reinstate Student # 1-2122 effective with the second semester of the 22-23 school year.

***Other possible discussions:*** Mr. Cole shared an opportunity for board members to attend a workshop in January. Failures at the high school were discussed. The amount of failures in the freshman class has increased compared to previous years. The Board, Superintendent Cole and High School Principal Mr. Wiersma brainstormed ideas to encourage student ownership in the academic process. Mr. Cole also updated the board on discussions he has had with parents concerning virtual learning for their students.

***Reminders and informational items:***

- ***Next Board meeting January 16, 2023***

***Adjourn*** at 8:38

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Smith, Secretary  
Morley Stanwood Community Schools