

**MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 16, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

President Bongard called a workshop meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:32 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

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

Workshop Discussions:

Bond Invoice – Three invoices were submitted, one from Christman, Mathison|Mathison and ORB.

Bus Drop Off Area – Superintendent Cole sent a letter to parents regarding safety concerns with the drop off procedure. Things have improved. Plans are to remark the lot and shift a row of parking to the north to create an exit lane to eliminate a high volume of pedestrians crossing traffic.

180th Ave Property – Mr. Cole was notified by an adjoining property owner that people have been using district property to dump trash and misuse the property. Options to patrol the property was discussed including posting the property and some ways to monitor it more frequently. Mr. Cole will seek further guidance from the district’s attorney.

Facility Fee Schedule – An amendment proposal to address in kind donations in lieu of fees was discussed in addition to a group classification question.

Athletic League Vote – Mr. Wiersma updated the board about a vote at a recent CSAA Principals meeting concerning the addition of Belding to the athletic league. He stated after conferring with Athletic directors, Belding was voted down and did not join the league. Mr. Rogers informed the board that beginning with the 24-25 school year Morley Stanwood will be in a split division to include Central Montcalm, Kent City, Lakeview and White Cloud.

PITSCO STEM Grant – Mr. Rogers applied for a STEM grant through FSU last year and received a grant that was utilized in a summer STEM program. He applied for additional funding this school year that would include funding at the high school as well.

Presentations:

Senior Class Trip – Seniors Jayden Johnson, Imogen Hill and Mia Tronsen presented a proposal to visit New York City for their Senior Class trip. The four day trip would involve air travel, a

hotel stay and various activities planned. Ms. O'Neil and Ms. Reed would chaperone the trip. At this time, 25 seniors have expressed an interest in attending at an approximate cost of \$1200/student. The class has been fundraising to help offset the cost.

TSI – Mr. Nelson presented an update on the district's TSI plan. Exit criteria was discussed. Index information will be released in November. If we can show improvement in two of the four areas we can be released from TSI. The administration team and the School Improvement Team have met and implemented areas to improve upon. Teachers were able to review curriculum and align standards, increase Reading and Math interventions, participate in Standards trainings and increase assessment awareness through department meetings.

Principal Appreciation – The board acknowledged Mr. Nawrot, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Wiersma for their dedication to Morley Stanwood students.

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: NA

Administrator and Supervisor Reports: Supervisor/Administrator reports are submitted in advance to the Board. Reports can be viewed on the district's website.

Consent Agenda: The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, September 11, 2023 meeting minutes, bills, and financial reports presented.

October Considerations:

The Board unanimously approved to pay the 2020 Bond Series II invoices totaling \$676,256.38.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Tricia Blanzzy – HS Secretary.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Brendan Suttan – Middle School Cross Country Coach.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Emily Cornell – 8th Grade Middle School Volleyball Coach.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of David Chapman – 8th Grade Middle School Basketball Coach.

The Board approved with Member Smith abstaining the hire of Tyler Bennett – JV Boys Basketball Coach.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Cindy Witke – Bus Driver.

The Board unanimously approved the Facility Use Fee Schedule as amended.

The Board unanimously approved the addition of two high school courses, Authors Across Media and Your Future Matters.

The Board unanimously approved the Senior Class Trip to New York City.

Closed Session – Student Reinstatement Hearing

The board went into closed session at 7:53 and returned to open session at 8:00 for a reinstatement hearing.

The Board unanimously approved to reinstate student #2-2122 to the 2023-2024 school year.

The board went into closed session at 8:07 and returned to open session at 8:25 for an Attorney Client Communication discussion.

The board unanimously accepted the Resignation/Separation and Release agreement for Michelle Howarth.

Discussion items: Member Engelsman asked if Mr. Cole had heard any follow up from a communication received last month. He had not. Member Bongard asked if there was a plan in place to fill an absence for maternity leave at the elementary. Mr. Nawrot hopes to have someone in place prior to the leave.

Reminders and informational items:

- ***Next Board meeting, November 20, 2023***

Adjourn at 8:37pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Smith, Secretary
Morley Stanwood Community Schools