

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

Superintendent Cole called an organizational meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the regular meeting. The meetings were held on Monday, January 16, 2023, in the Media Center of the High School, 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 Shelly Frisbie	X	Rec. Sec. J.Weeks	X

Election of Officers (2023 President will assume chair when elected) – Supt. Cole

The Board unanimously appointed Emily Bongard to fill the position of Board President.
President Bongard assumed meeting leadership with the election of the remaining officers:
The Board unanimously appointed Greg Babbitt to fill the position of Board Vice President.
The Board unanimously appointed Dennis Smith to fill the position of Board Secretary.
The Board unanimously appointed Mary Engelsman to fill the position of Board Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda and Order of Priority

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Presentation: Zac Bosma, of The Christman Company gave a brief presentation about the projects included in Series II of the 2020 Bond. Classroom additions to both buildings, a set of bathrooms each for the HS/MS, an office addition and secured entrance at the HS/MS is planned to break ground in April of 2023.

Workshop Discussion:

Bond Invoice – One invoice from Mathison|Mathison was submitted for review.
Incentive to announce retirement early – Mr. Cole would once again like to offer teachers a \$2500 incentive to notify the district in writing of intent to retire at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
Afterschool/Summer Program – Tyler Huntley of Huntley's Clubhouse presented a proposal to rent a portion of Stanwood Learning Center to run a school age afterschool and summer program.

Organizational Items:

The Board unanimously designated Jamie Weeks recording secretary.

The Board unanimously determined to designate committees needed at this time. The Curriculum Committee will consist of Member LaPreze, Member Engelsman, and Member Frisbie. The MSEA

Negotiation Committee will consist of Member Bongard, Member Radle, and Member Engelsman. The MSSPA Negotiation Committee will consist of Member LaPreze, Member Babbitt, and Member Frisbie.

The Board unanimously designated Matthias Stevens to serve on the Library Board and Member Bongard as MOP Co-op representative.

The Board unanimously approved the listed fund depositories: Isabella Bank, Huntington Bank, and UMB.

The Board unanimously approved the following memberships for 2023-2024 School Year:

MASA (Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators)
MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards)
MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association)
MIEM (Michigan Institute for Educational Management)
MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals)
MASSP (Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals)
MPAAA (Michigan Pupil Accounting & Attendance Association)
MSBO (Michigan School Business Officials)
CSAA (Central States Activities Association)
MIAAA (Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association)
MSBOA Dist. 1 (Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association)

The Board unanimously approved the following designated persons responsible for:

1. Check signature authorization – see list
2. Authorization of transfer of funds – Kellsey Fairris and Roger Cole
3. Posting Meetings/Official Notices – Jamie Weeks and Roger Cole
4. School election administrator – Jamie Weeks

The Board unanimously approved Thrun Law Firm – East Lansing as Legal Counsel for the District, and Baird, Cotter and Bishop, Cadillac, as auditors for the District.

The Board unanimously approved the Big Rapids Pioneer: daily and/or weekly issues to publish legal notices.

Recognition of Board Appreciation Month: MSCS expresses appreciation for the time and dedication our board members have for the students, staff and community.

Recess: NA

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

Communications: NA

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

Consent Agenda: The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, December 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes and bills and financial reports presented.

JANUARY CONSIDERATIONS:

The Board unanimously approved to pay the 2020 bond project invoice totaling \$14,097.46.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Shelli McNeil – Afterschool Weight Room Attendant.

Closed Session – Student Discipline Hearing

The Board went into closed session at 7:49 pm and returned from closed session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss a student discipline issue.

The board unanimously approved to expel student #2-2223 for Possession of a THC Vape Pen for the remainder of the 22-23 school year with educational services provided. The student must appear in front of the Board of Education to apply for reinstatement prior to returning from expulsion.

The board unanimously approved to permanently expel student #1-2223 for assault of a staff member.

Discussion items: The board discussed concerns regarding a High School Student Council Fundraiser that involved a survey. Concerns were raised about student safety and possible bullying as a result of the survey. Other topics included a letter from Superintendent Cole regarding recorded conversations, the possibility of adding an athletic trainer and an addition of a Middle School Gym.

Reminders and informational items:

- ***Next Board meeting February 20, 2023***
- ***CBA 101 Fundamentals of School Board Service – March 11, 2023 9 am to 4pm***

Adjourn at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Smith, Secretary
Morley Stanwood Community Schools