

**MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 9, 2024 – 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 Brent Beemer	X	Bd. Member Michelle Frisbie	X	Rec. Sec. J.Weeks	X

Workshop Discussions:

Bond Invoice – Two invoices was submitted one from Mathison|Mathison and one from Christman. Mr. Cole also gave the board a brief update on some projects for Series III. The Elementary will receive new windows and the south entrance will be completely redesigned.

Football Bleacher Update – Mr. Cole was hoping to hear back from American Athletics to discuss options. One option being considered is adding a riser step to the existing steps. South Detention Pond - Elaine Westhouse, PE Comprehensive Engineering is reviewing plans submitted by Mr. William Tingley.

Recess: NA

Return to session, regular meeting: NA

Presentations:

The Senior Class officers and Advisors presented on the Senior Class Trip. They proposed Disney World. Kaden Kangas spoke on behalf of the officers. The class meet and voted on a few different locations. Kaden shared fundraising ideas that the class would like to do to help offset the cost of the trip. Board members expressed concern with the date and cost of the trip and asked that the class consider an alternate trip for students looking for a trip with a lower price point.

Trent Mulder of UHY, LLP presented the Audit Report for 2023-2024 school year. The financial statements presented fairly; the financial position is in accordance with accepted accounting principles. Trent complimented the district on the internal controls and concluded with a notation that the district fund balance ended at \$5,263,101.

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

Public Comment: NA

Communications: Mr. Cole shared a thank you card from Lynn Jutlia.

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, August 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes, bills, and financial reports presented.

September Considerations:

The Board unanimously approved to pay the 2020 Bond Series II & III invoice totaling \$52,604.50.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Nicole Huber – Kindergarten Teacher.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Melissa Walker – Bus Driver.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Shari O'Neil – 31A Paraprofessional.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Rebecca Duddles – EL Title I Paraprofessional.

The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Kassadie Lee – HS Special Education Paraprofessional.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Jaimie Williams – HS Special Education Paraprofessional.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Alexis Cumings – HS/MS Behavior Interventionist.

Discussion items:

Mr. Cole was approached by Alexis Cumings about having an emotional support animal on campus occasionally. She feels it would be beneficial for some students.

Member Babbitt expressed concern about the timing of Open Houses. He would like administration to consider spreading out the times to allow parents to have more time to visit each building. Member Bongard asked that an explanation on how parents can utilize Skyward for freshman parents or for those that would be using it for the first time be added.

Reminders and informational items:

- ***Special Meeting, October 7, 2024, Board Training***
- ***October Board Meeting, October 21, 2024***

Adjourn at 7:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Smith, Secretary
Morley Stanwood Community Schools