

**MORMON TRAIL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

December 9, 2020

President Evans called the Annual meeting of the Mormon Trail Board of Directors to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Garden Grove Board Office. Answering roll call were board members Evans, Cromer, Smiarowski, Bear and Dachenbach. Superintendent Kerry Phillips, Elementary / High School Principal Becky Stripe and Board Secretary Peggy Rash were also present. Kathay Hoyt, school nurse and Linda Horton from the Humeston New Era were also present. There were two guests signing in, Stevie Parmer and Dr Joel Wells. Six additional guests joined the meeting via ZOOM.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Smiarowski followed by a second by Cromer. All present voted aye.

The consent agenda which included the previous meeting minutes and open enrollment requests that met requirements were approved with a motion by Smiarowski and a second by Bear. All present voted aye to approve the motion. There were no new open enrollment requests in to or out of the District.

First up under action items were resignations; there were no resignations to report.

Next up are new contracts. In November Robert Thatcher was to be offered both JH girls and boys basketball. The Board wishes to cancel that offer and offer the following: with a motion by Cromer and a second by Bear. JH boys basketball will be offered to Keaton Gwinn and JH girls basketball to Robert Thatcher. The positions will begin Dec 10th contingent on State of Iowa guidance for athletics. The motion and second were followed by all ayes from those present.

Item #4 moved to #3. With a motion by Bear and a second by Cromer the Board will follow state guidance for Winter sports as the season moves forward. All present vote aye.

Item #5 moved to item #4. Bids for fuel needs in 2021 were as follows:

MFA-Pump price less 4 cents per gallon

Agriland FS-\$1.49 plus state tax \$.293, tank and pump at no charge, filter paid for by school

United Farmers Coop-\$1.60 plus state tax \$.30

Smiarowski made a motion to go with MFA. Bear seconded followed by ayes from Evans, Bear, Dachenbach and Smiarowski. Cromer abstained. Motion passes.

Item #9 moved to item #5. Smiarowski made a motion to approve the bills as submitted for payment. Cromer seconded followed by all ayes. Motion passes.

Item #7 moved to item #6. The depository report for June 30, 19-20 year end, was also approved with a motion by Bear. Smiarowski seconded followed by all ayes from those present.

Item #6 moved to item #7. The financial report for 19-20 year end was approved with a motion by Cromer. Dachenbach seconded followed by all ayes from those present.

Item #8 requires no action. School nurse Kathay Hoyt gave the Board information concerning quarantine guidelines set by the State. These guidelines can change and the District will follow State recommendations.

Returning to item #3 Item #9 on the agenda, were guests from the Wayne County Public Health. No action is required. The Board listened to Dr Joel Wells, Board of Health Chairman, speak on COVID-19. Dr Wells said that COVID-19 is a virus. That there are still a lot of unknowns about it. Vaccines will be available soon but distribution is not entirely worked out as of this meeting. Dr Wells said some things to think about were how we can reduce the spread of COVID and return to normal. Even with vaccines it is important to continue masking, social distancing and hand washing. The vaccination program will continue to be evaluated, determining who needs it vs who doesn't need the vaccine. Quarantine rules are somewhat more lenient. Recommendations have changed from 14 days to 7-10 days. Dr Wells' last word of advice is for everyone to take care of their immune systems!

Administrative reports were given by Mrs Stripe and Mr Phillips. Stripe reported on conferences, mid-terms and told the Board that she thought the kids were all doing well. Phillips gave a report on Fund balances. Overall, he said the District is doing better than he expected. The District uses Forecast Five to do projections for Financial reporting.

Elizabeth Dachenbach, MTCS D Leadership Committee head reported that the committee had met several times with consultants to look at interior fixtures.

Cromer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dachenbach seconded followed by a vote of aye from all present.

President Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mormon Trail Board of Directors will be held Monday, January 11, 2021 in the Board Office in Garden Grove.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Date

Date

These minutes are written as recorded by the board secretary and subject to approval at the next regular board meeting. Peggy Rash, Board Secretary/Treasurer

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The organizational meeting of the Mormon Trail Board of Education was held directly following the annual meeting on December 9th in the Garden Grove Board Office. Secretary Peggy Rash called the meeting to order at 8:28 p.m. Marc Smiarowski, Pat Evans, Elizabeth Dachenbach, Stephanie Bear and Jeremy Cromer were present.

First up, Cromer nominated Pat Evans as President of the Board. Smiarowski seconded. Bear motioned to cease nominations. Dachenbach seconded. All voted aye. Evans was named President with a vote of aye from Cromer, Smiarowski, Dachenbach and Bear. Evans abstained.

Secretary Rash administered the oath of office to President Evans.

President Evans asks for nominations for Board Vice President. Dachenbach nominated Stephanie Bear. Cromer seconded. Smiarowski motioned to cease nominations. Dachenbach seconded. Bear was named Vice President with a vote of aye from Cromer, Evans, Dachenbach and Smiarowski. Bear abstained.

Smiarowski made a motion to appoint Peggy Rash as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Cromer seconded. Bear motioned to cease nominations. Dachenbach seconded followed by a vote of aye from Cromer, Evans, Smiarowski, Dachenbach and Bear.

President Evans administered the oath of office to Vice President, Stephanie Bear and Secretary-Treasurer, Peggy Rash.

There was no new business.

Cromer made the motion to designate the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Grove Board Office for the Board to meet beginning January 2021. Smiarowski seconded followed by all ayes.

The following appointments were made:

With a motion by Bear and a second by Cromer, Ahlers and Cooney was approved as school's main legal counsel and Verle Norris for local counsel. A vote of aye from Cromer, Dachenbach, Bear, Evans and Smiarowski approved the motion.

Cromer made the motion to use the Humeston New Era for the District's legal publications. Bear seconded followed by all aye votes.

Smiarowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Cromer and all ayes from Smiarowski, Dachenbach, Bear, Evans and Cromer. President Evans closed the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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