

**MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANZATIONAL MEETING
 Monday, January 15, 2024, – 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 15, 2024, 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 Michelle Frisbie	X	Rec. Sec. J.Weeks	X

Election of Officers (2024 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.

Organizational Items:

The Board unanimously designated Jamie Weeks recording secretary.

The Board unanimously determined to designate committees as needed.

The Board unanimously designated Matthias Stevens to serve on the Library Board.

The Board tabled the designation of special assignment, Parent Advisory Council Representative.

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

The Board unanimously approved the following memberships for 2024-2025 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 – Kelsey 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 UHY, LLP as auditors for the District.

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

Workshop Discussion:

Bond Invoice – Three invoices were submitted for review. One from Christman and two from Mathison|Mathison. Mr. Cole mentioned that discussions will begin soon to talk about the next bond series projects. The projects will be take place at the Elementary building mainly.
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 2023-2024 school year.
Detention Pond Update – Superintendent Cole has been in consultation with the district’s attorney who is waiting to set up a meeting with the other lawyer.
Virtual Program – Mr. Wiersma gave a brief update with a Q&A handout. He shared information gathered from fieldtrips to neighboring districts who offer virtual programs.

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

Recess: 7:01

Return to session, regular meeting: 7:19

Approval of Agenda and Order of Priority

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended to update the bond invoice total to \$279,148.96.

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 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes and bills and financial reports presented.

JANUARY CONSIDERATIONS:

The Board unanimously approved to pay the 2020 bond project invoice totaling \$279,148.96.

Closed Session – Student Reinstatement Hearing

The Board went into closed session at 7:26 pm and returned from closed session at 7:43 p.m. for a student reinstatement hearing.

The board unanimously approved to reinstate student #7-2223 to the 23-24 school year after serving the remainder of his expulsion.

Discussion items: NA

Reminders and informational items:

- ***Next Board meeting February 19, 2024***

Adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Smith, Secretary
Morley Stanwood Community Schools