

Morris Jeff Community School (MJCS)
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020 5:30 pm
Via Google Meet

*NOTE: Pursuant to emergency proclamation 30 JCE 20202, the Morris Jeff Community School Board certifies that it must conduct the October 5, 2020 meeting via Google Meet or the Board will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements. Board meetings shall be held in this manner during the pendency of this emergency.

Members Present: Blaine LeCesne, Lisa Amoss, Shannon Williamson, Keyana Scales, Maria Newman Carerre, Dwight Barnes, Missy Sparks, Elaine Reyes

Members Absent: Bill Payne, Leslie Lawrence (prearranged)

School staff/Members of the public: Patricia Perkins, Jared Frank

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

I. Review and consideration for approval of Board meeting minutes

Maria moved to approve the August 2020 minutes as presented. Lisa seconded. No public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Morris Jeff Principal's Update

Patricia highlighted that things are going very well at the elementary school in spite of challenging times. There are of course challenges with scheduling and logistics so it requires a lot of adult time because the increased cleaning that has to occur. Next week on Tuesday we bring back 5-12 graders. Those teachers have been working in the building for a few weeks practicing their health and safety protocols. The hope is that this plan is sustainable and the faculty and staff are able to maintain the health and safety protocols. Lisa Amoss expressed appreciation for all the hard work from every school staff member to make this all work.

The meeting with Nola Public Schools about our charter renewal went well and we are on track to have at least a 5 year renewals. In December, Dr. Lewis should release names of approved renewals.

III. MJFP Report

Ms. Perkins has worked with MJFP to supply drinking water for the elementary school. Every student can fill up their bottles and have access to good drinking water. That was a very big ask of that group and they worked every hard to meet that challenge. Today they hung welcome back signs all over the place and provide some catered dinners for teachers on report card night.

IV. Finance Committee Update and Approval of 2020-2021 Budget

Jared indicated that there was not much activity at the beginning of the year aside from purchasing curriculum. Usually in July the salaries are lower and an adjustment to TRSL is made. In August we have lower costs that will pick up now that students are back in the buildings. A few purchases were made related to PPE and Covid cleaning costs. Our Auditors come next month and later this month we have to submit our financial report. We have a new accounting manager who came on to replace someone who left in August. Elaine highlighted that is a slight math error on the surplus that needs to be corrected. Jared confirmed that the listed variance is not correct.

Lisa moved to accept the financial statements as presented. Maria seconded. No further discussion or public comment. Motion carries unanimously.

VIII. FUNdraising

Julie explained that Morris Jeff Legacy Month kicks off on November 1st. Julie shared the sponsorship package, ticket options, and details about silent auction. In partnership with Ruby Slipper, people get brunch on one weekend in November. On November 6th, we will have a happy hour trivia. This is a free event where we will push the brunch and silent auction. For the silent auction we offered to purchase from our supporters to include in raffles. All supporters from previous years are highlighted, even if they are not in a position to donate.

Additionally, our new athletics logo has been approved so there will be more swag items out soon.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.