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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chair Steffes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., requested board member roll call, and led everyone in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Cassidy Bjorklund, Melissa Burgard, Kara Gloe, Scott Steffes, Matt Valan (5:31 p.m.), Keith Vogt and Brandon Lunak.

PREVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Lunak recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with revision of item 6 replacing page 123.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Gloe moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 6-0.

WE ARE PROUD:

This is the time during the meeting to recognize outstanding achievements of students, staff and community members. After an honoree's name has been read they accept their certificate(s) and a photo is taken.

We Are Proud of the S.G. Reinertsen Elementary Destination Imagination Team The Awesome Team for placing second at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. Students competed in the elementary level technical challenge On Target. Team members are Ian Artley, Leah Loegering, Ella Haneca, Caitlyn Price, and Nicholas Buisan Twomey. Team manager is Alicia Artley.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School weightlifting team members who qualified for the 2019 Minnesota High School State Weightlifting Championship on March 9. The Moorhead junior varsity team (based on age) placed second, and the varsity team placed first overall and to earn back-to-back state championships.

JV state qualifiers are Jasmine Hetle, Jessica Pham, Kenzie Dalrymple, Claire Atchison, Regan Erdmann, Xavier Thomas, Mahmoud Younis and Jack Newcomb.

Varsity state qualifiers are Carleigh Vedder, Sara (Fabi) Perez, Kierra Summers, Claire Howell, Terruth Massy, Olivia Carlson, Hailey Sonnenberg, Gabby Feil, Shane Spencer, Jacob Wesley, Ali Younis, Chrisanto D'Agostino, Tristan Duerr, Nolan Meier and Jameson Cozad.

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In the girls junior varsity, Claire Atchison placed first in the 81 kg weight class and Jessica Pham took third. Regan Erdmann placed second in the 81+ kg weight class, and Jasmine Hetle took second in the 71 kg weight class. For the boys junior varsity, Jack Newcomb placed first in the 96 kg weight class, and Xavier Thomas placed third in the 49 kg weight class.

In girls varsity, Hailey Sonnenberg set a state record for her clean and jerk lift in the 71 kg weight class and placed second overall. Carleigh Vedder placed second in the 49 kg weight class, Sarah Perez placed second in the 55 kg weight class, and Claire Howell placed third in the 59 kg weight class. In the 87 kg weight class, Shane Spencer placed third and Gabby Feil placed fourth.

For boys varsity, Chrisanto D'Agostino, who broke three state records this season, placed first in the 96 kg weight class. In the 102 kg weight class, Ali Younis placed second and Jacob Wesley placed third. Jameson Cozad placed first in the 109+ kg weight class to earn his second state championship, and he set two new state records.

Additionally, Cozad, D'Agostino and Sonnenberg were the first varsity weightlifters to compete at the national level. Their efforts helped the Minnesota team earn national runner-up for both the men's and women's divisions.

Weightlifting coaches are Cory Herrmann, Allie Bondy John Lubitz, Drew Lingle and Dylan Surface.

We Are Proud of members of the Moorhead High debate team for qualifying for the 2019 state debate tournament. Tate Gilbertson and Talia Williams qualified to compete in Public Forum Debate, and Claire Stoltenow and Beth Teiken qualified to compete in Congressional Debate. Stoltenow placed ninth at state. Andrew Tichy is the Moorhead High Debate coach.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High debate team member Claire Stoltenow for qualifying in Congressional Debate for the National Speech and Debate Association's national tournament in Dallas, Texas, in June. Andrew Tichy is the Moorhead High Debate coach.

We Are Proud of fifth-grade students who received individual awards in the Grade 5 Regional Math Masters Tournament held in Moorhead on April 26. Thirty-four teams from the area participated in both individual and team rounds. Individual awards went to Dane Ellingsberg, sixth place; Jonas Schaumann, eighth place; and Ian Qualey, 13th place. Harper Wilson placed 21st in Fact Drill. Leigh Dornfeld is the Math Masters coordinator.

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Math Masters of Minnesota is a statewide competition that challenges students to use higher-order thinking skills and problem-solving abilities in mathematics and recognizes academic effort and achievement.

We Are Proud of the Horizon West Spuds Team for placing fifth out of 34 teams in the Grade 5 Regional Math Masters Tournament held April 26 in Moorhead. Team members are Odin Adams, Alexander Buisan, Dane Ellingsberg, Ian Qualey and Harper Wilson. Amber Arndt is the Math Masters coach.

We Are Proud of the Horizon West Black Team for placing seventh out of 34 teams in the Grade 5 Regional Math Masters Tournament held April 26 in Moorhead. Team members are Chris Carvell, Mari Follingstad, Ashlann Haneca, Jonas Schaumann and Aiden Struck. Amber Arndt is the Math Masters coach.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY CITIZENS/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS: (Citizens who wish to address a non-agenda item have the opportunity to speak by raising their hand and being recognized by the School Board chair. Speakers must state their name and will be limited to three minutes. Speakers must complete the sign-up form, which outlines the public input process, and submit it to the School Board secretary.)

Katherine Staszko, 912 4th Ave. N., shared her concern regarding the student-to-counselor ratio in Moorhead Area Public Schools. Stasko said the student population has grown but counselor positions have not, with 700 students to one counselor in each elementary school and approximately 400-500 students to one counselor for middle school. Stazko expressed concerned that mental health needs of students are not being met.

CONSENT AGENDA: Vogt moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Minutes - Approve April 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

May Claims - Approve the April claims, subject to audit, in the amount of \$1,680,228.97

General Fund: \$1,492,855.93

Food Service Fund: \$155,414.79

Community Service Fund: \$31,928.25

TOTAL: \$1,680,228.97

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Construction Fund: \$62,112.24

Approve the April wire payments, subject to audit, in the amount of \$2,706,124.78.

General Fund: \$2,150,364.15

Food Service: \$252.12

Community Service: \$883.71

Internal Service Fund: \$540,396.80

Post Employ Irrevocable Trust: \$14,228.00

TOTAL: \$2,706,124.78

Change in Contract:

Summer Gilbert - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School West Campus, Para 4 (0-2) \$16.45 per hour, to Administrative Assistant, Horizon Middle School West Campus, AA4 (0-2) \$17.86 per hour, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (new position per 2019-2020 staffing plan).

Sunshine Clark - Paraprofessional on Leave of Absence, Para 4 (4) \$17.62 per hour, to Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School, BA (2) \$41,921.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (replace Katherine Anderson).

Family Medical Leave:

Heather Vanyo - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning March 18, 2019 intermittently through the 2019-2020 school year.

Carmen Bowden - Paraprofessional, Vista Center for Education, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 8, 2019 through the remainder of the school year.

Jodi Cresap - Paraprofessional, Vista Center for Education, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 8, 2019 through approximately April 26, 2019.

Shan Khnano - Paraprofessional, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, family medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning April 22, 2019 intermittently through approximately May 15, 2019.

Racheal Storms - Paraprofessional, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 22, 2019 through approximately May 8, 2019.

Deb Walter - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 22, 2019 through approximately May 8, 2019.

Cassie Rueckert - Paraprofessional, Probstfield Center for Education, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning April 29, 2019 through approximately May 2, 2019.

Linda Jones - Paraprofessional, Vista Center for Education, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 6, 2019 through approximately May 10, 2019.

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Hadel Ibrahim - Food Service, Horizon Middle School East Campus, family medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 6, 2019 through the remainder of the school year.

Shelley Brooks - Paraprofessional, Horizon West Middle School West Campus, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 22, 2019 through June 5, 2019.

Abdi Farah - Custodian, Moorhead High School, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning June 4, 2019 through August 4, 2019.

Jennifer Garcia - Teacher, Moorhead High School, medical leave (FMLA) beginning June 5, 2019 through the remainder of the school year.

Moraima Flores - Paraprofessional, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning September, 2019 intermittently through the 2019-2020 school year.

Claire Hamblin - Teacher, Probstfield Center for Education, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning October 11, 2019 through December 20, 2019.

Chelsey Gauer - Physical Therapist, Early Intervention Services, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning October 21, 2019 through January 10, 2020.

Leave of Absence:

Michael Broadland - Custodian, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective March 15, 2019 through June 28, 2019.

Resignations:

Zaman Alo - Lunchroom Supervisor/Crossing Guard, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School, effective April 10, 2019.

Kamilah Hayes - Lunchroom Supervisor, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective April 29, 2019.

JaNae Boswell - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective May 10, 2019.

Samantha LaShomb - Behavior Interventionist, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective May 10, 2019.

Amanda Niznik - Paraprofessional, West Central Regional Juvenile Center, effective May 17, 2019.

Kelsi McClafin - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective June 4, 2019.

Sally Wiley - Teacher, Community Education, effective June 7, 2019.

Amy Bjerke - Coach, Volleyball, Moorhead High School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Anneliese Bruns - Coach, Boys Swimming and Diving, Moorhead High School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Emily Christensen - Teacher, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

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Mike Hamm - Coach, Assistant Wrestling, Moorhead High School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Brooke Johnson - Teacher, Moorhead High School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Kenneth Mark - Teacher, Moorhead High School, and Coach, Wrestling, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Ethan Schnabel - Coach, 9th Grade Football, Moorhead High School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Xandra Stowman - Teacher, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Retirements:

Marsha Johansen - Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Kathryn Larson-Carlson - Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

New Employees:

Hajer Badeea - Lunchroom Supervisor/Crossing Guard, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School, \$11.00 per hour, 5 hours per day, effective May 7, 2019 (replaces Kristi Troutman).

Brittany Gifford - Lunchroom Supervisor, Horizon West Middle School, \$11.00 per hour, 3 hours per day, effective May 7, 2019 (replaces Kamilah Hayes).

Heather Gibson - Lunchroom Supervisor, Horizon Middle School West Campus, \$11.00 per hour, 3 hours per day, effective May 15, 2019 (replaces Gail Wischmann).

David Ahmed - Teacher, Moorhead High School, MA+30 (11) \$68,768.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (replaces Jenna Wynia).

Sarah Fiala - Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, BA+30 (4) \$49,085.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (new position per 2019-2020 staffing plan).

Hanna Fischer - Teacher, Moorhead High School, MA+30 (6) \$60,499.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (replaces Alicia Aamodt).

Erin Gunderson - Teacher, Dorothy Dodds Elementary School, MA (9) \$57,724.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (replaces Judy Kostreba).

Chanelle Kesler - Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, MA+20 (10) \$64,455.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (replaces Luke Peterson).

Toni Schreiner - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School, BA (3) \$43,069.00, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (replaces Peggy Simonson).

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School Finance Award:

Moorhead Area Public Schools has earned the Minnesota Department of Education's 2019 School Finance Award for fiscal year 2018. The award recognizes select school districts for timely submission of Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) data and annual financial statement as required by Minnesota statutes as well as for having positive fund balances, demonstrating sound fiscal policies and procedures, and personnel training in the area of school finance.

Foster Grandparent Program:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Moorhead Area Public Schools and the Foster Grandparent Program of Northwest MN. The memorandum is for three years effective September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2022, and can be terminated by either party within 30 days of a written notice. The Foster Grandparent Program will serve children with special and/or exceptional needs in our district. Moorhead Area Public Schools will provide ongoing direction and support to foster grandparents as they work to serve children in the district.

Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS: The School Board, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd 6., gratefully accepts the following donations: Minnesota State Community and Technical College: monetary for Hopkins Elementary March Madness Spirit Week; Concordia College: monetary for Hopkins Elementary March Madness Spirit Week; North Dakota State University: monetary for Hopkins Elementary March Madness Week; Minnesota State University Moorhead: monetary for Hopkins Elementary March Madness Week; Hornbacher's: monetary for Hopkins Elementary March Madness Week; Dana Coley: Hover Sling for Horizon East special education program; and Toro company: 12 Walker Mower Engines for Moorhead High School small engine program.

Gloe moved, seconded by Bjorklund to accept the resolution of accepting the donations of the Hoyer sling, Mower engines, and all monetary donations and direct administration to send a thank you. Motion carried 6-0.

GRADUATION RATE/DISTRICT PROFILES UPDATE: Tamara Uselman, assistant superintendent of learning and accountability, presented an update on graduation rates and ACT results for the 2017-18 school year. The finalized graduation data is provided by the Minnesota Department of Education each winter for the prior school year. The ACT data is compiled and shared by the ACT. District graduation data includes data from Moorhead High School, Red River Area Learning Center, and the West Central

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Juvenile Center. District 2018 four-year graduation data shows an increase for the following groups, as compared with 2017 data for the same groups:

Students who identify as Hispanic had a 4-year graduation rate increase of 1.52% from 2017.

Students who identify as Black had a 4-year graduation rate increase of 13.41% from 2017.

District 2018 four-year graduation data shows an increase for the following groups, as compared with 2017 data for the same groups:

Students who identify as Hispanic had a 4-year graduation rate increase of 1.52% from 2017.

Students who identify as Black had a 4-year graduation rate increase of 13.41% from 2017.

District school year 2017-2018 data shows a decrease for the following groups, as compared with 2017 data for the same groups:

4-year graduation rate for all decreased 4.53%.

2017-2018 district rates decreased from 2016-2017 for the following categories of district students who identify as: All, White, Two or More Races/Ethnic groups, free and reduced, special education, and English Learners.

RESOLUTION GRANTING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT: Brandon Lunak presented the resolution related to the granting the Property Tax Abatement. The district, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, as amended, is authorized to grant an abatement of certain property taxes levied against net tax capacity imposed by the district on parcels of property by the adoption of a resolution specifying the terms of the abatement.

The district intends to undertake the construction of and improvements to district parking lots and related work, and related financing costs, benefiting certain properties within the district boundaries as identified in the resolution. The property tax abatement will be levied by the district on the property for 14 years, commencing with taxes payable in 2020 and concluding with taxes payable in 2033. The total abatement amount shall not exceed \$1,978,333 over 14 years.

Bjorklund moved, seconded by Burgard to approve the resolution to grant the Property Tax Abatement in respect of property taxes levied by the district on the property for fourteen years, commencing with taxes payable in 2020 and concluding with taxes payable in 2033. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX ABATEMENT BONDS SERIES 2019A: Brandon Lunak presented the resolution related to the issuance of General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds.

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The School Board determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$1,500,000.00 General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2019A pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, and Chapter 475 as amended. The district retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. as its independent municipal advisor for the bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with the Minnesota Statutes, 475.60, Subdivision 2. Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for the presentation to the board. Greg Crowe, Ehlers & Associates Inc., presented the presale report with updated financial estimates.

Valan moved, seconded by Bjorklund to approve the resolution providing for sale of General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2019A; and the covenanting and obligating the district to be bound by and to use provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest on these bonds. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAXABLE OPEB REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2019B: Brandon Lunak presented a resolution related to the issuance of General Obligation Taxable OPEB Refunding Bonds.

The School Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$2,865,000.00 General Obligation Taxable OPEB Refunding Bonds, Series 2019B. The district has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. as its independent municipal advisor for the bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with the Minnesota Statutes, 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for the presentation to the board. Greg Crowe, Ehlers & Associates Inc., presented the presale report with updated financial estimates.

Gloe moved, seconded by Bjorklund to approve the resolution providing for the sale of General Obligation Taxable OPEB Refunding Bonds Series 2019B; and the covenanting and obligating the district to be bound by and use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9) to guarantee the payments of the principal and interest on the bonds. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief reports were heard on District Health Insurance Committee, Indian Education Parent Committee, Hopkins PTAC, Moorhead Schools Legacy Foundation, Community Resilience Project, Instruction and Curriculum Advisory Committee, and Conceptual Design Task Force meetings and the grade 6 orchestra outreach trip and grade 4 track meet. Chair Steffes acknowledged and thanked those involved with the Every 15 Minutes program to educate Moorhead High students on the impact of drinking and driving and the Education Moorhead banquet.

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OTHER PERTINENT ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Gloe commented about a recent student writing project. She said students worked hard on a project that they were to present to elementary audiences within the district. Two older students were unable to share their work with the younger students. These students were given an alternate audience, thus, othering them and their experience, Gloe said. While she realizes a variety of factors brought the district to this point, Gloe said she felt an opportunity was missed. She believes an apology is owed to the students and to work with the students to find a meaningful way to make it up to them. Gloe hopes administration, teachers and principals can continue to work together to ensure the district does not other students in the future. The district's mission is to develop the maximum potential of every learner in a changing world. Gloe does not believe the district is doing that if it is not fully cultivating inclusion and acceptance. Gloe felt the district did not do this in this instance. She stated that she hopes the district learns from this and does better in the future.

Chair Steffes acknowledged and thanked those involved with Post Prom. Lunak provided a report comparing the differences between the House and Senate education funding and how it impacts Moorhead.

CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Vogt, to close the public meeting at 6:36 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03 for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

The board recessed at 6:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:39 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING: Valan moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to open the public meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Matt Valan

