



OKLAHOMA STATE
DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Ryan Walters

DATE: October 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Waiver-Flexibility of Allocated Textbook Funds

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the "Board") that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

County	District	Request
Noble	Morrison	Morrison Public Schools is requesting to use general funds to purchase Alpha Plus for the Elementary and Junior students

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Morrison Public Schools request.
- 2) Morrison Public Schools bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

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Attachments

LEGEND

Congressional Districts

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Counties

The map displays the following counties and their assigned Congressional Districts:

- District 1:** Ellis, Woodward, Harper, Woods, Atoka, Grant, Kay, Osage, Washington, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa, Rogers, Mayes, Delaware, Cherokee, Adair, Tulsa, Creek, Lincoln, Payne, Logan, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Roger Mills, Beckham, Washita, Caddo, Canadian, Oklahoma, Cleveland, McClain, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes, Pittsburg, McIntosh, Haskell, Sequoyah, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Leflore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Afton, Coal, Pontotoc, Garvin, Murray, Johnston, Marshall, Love, Carter, Stephens, Comanche, Cotton, Tillman, Jackson, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon.
- District 2:** Pittsburg, McIntosh, Haskell, Sequoyah, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Leflore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Afton, Coal, Pontotoc, Garvin, Murray, Johnston, Marshall, Love, Carter, Stephens, Comanche, Cotton, Tillman, Jackson, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon.
- District 3:** Ellis, Woodward, Harper, Woods, Atoka, Grant, Kay, Osage, Washington, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa, Rogers, Mayes, Delaware, Cherokee, Adair, Tulsa, Creek, Lincoln, Payne, Logan, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Roger Mills, Beckham, Washita, Caddo, Canadian, Oklahoma, Cleveland, McClain, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes, Pittsburg, McIntosh, Haskell, Sequoyah, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Leflore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Afton, Coal, Pontotoc, Garvin, Murray, Johnston, Marshall, Love, Carter, Stephens, Comanche, Cotton, Tillman, Jackson, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon.
- District 4:** Pittsburg, McIntosh, Haskell, Sequoyah, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Leflore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Afton, Coal, Pontotoc, Garvin, Murray, Johnston, Marshall, Love, Carter, Stephens, Comanche, Cotton, Tillman, Jackson, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon.
- District 5:** Pittsburg, McIntosh, Haskell, Sequoyah, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Leflore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Afton, Coal, Pontotoc, Garvin, Murray, Johnston, Marshall, Love, Carter, Stephens, Comanche, Cotton, Tillman, Jackson, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon.

Oklahoma House of Representatives, GIS Office

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 24 - 20 25 school year

Noble

COUNTY

Morrison

SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO Box 176

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

Morrison

CITY

73061

ZIP CODE

Morrison Public Schools

NAME OF SITE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE*

08/09/2024

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Lori Justus

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

lorijustus@morrisonps.com

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE*

08/09/2024

DATE

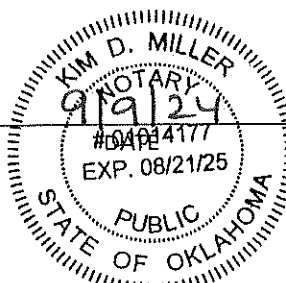
I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on September 9, 20 24

BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

NOTARY

8/21/25
COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE



Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived: 70 O.S. 16-114a(B)
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

Textbook Fund Flexibility

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION IS REQUESTED FOR:

☐ One Year Only



Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS

_____ of _____

ENROLLMENT

☐ High School

☐ Jr./Middle High

☐ Elementary

☐ District Total

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70 O.S. 16-114a(B)

OAC _____

Textbook Fund Flexibility
NAME OF WAIVER

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include where you intend to allocate the funds that were designated for textbooks and, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied.

Morrison Public Schools has been using Alpha Plus Educational Systems for the past three years. Our elementary school has received an A rating throughout the use of the program. We have been able to use other grant funding to purchase the supplemental curriculum, however that grant funding has expired. We asking to use our textbook allocation funds in order to purchase Alpha Plus for our elementary and junior students.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students; please include textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning.

At Morrison Public Schools we have been using Alpha Plus for three years, and last year we had an OSRC Overall Rating of 88% that gave us OSRC Overall Letter Grade of an A. Our students show tremendous growth using this curriculum, and our teachers receive pertinent professional training from the Alpha Plus Specialist. If this waiver is denied, our students may not be able to continue using this supplemental curriculum that has improved our test score tremendously.

- C. Have you been awarded this waiver before and what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

No. Morrison Public Schools has never applied for this waiver before.

- D. Please describe any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?

The financial impact of the deregulation will be positive because the money we are allocated for textbook adoption can be used to purchase the supplemental curriculum that is helping our students reach a high level of mastery with Reading, ELA, and Math standards.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, graduation rates, etc.

The method of assessing the effectiveness of the supplemental curriculum will be based on student OSTP results. Our elementary school received an A rating using the Alpha Plus last year and we would like to continue using it this year to have the same result.

- F. Please include with your application the signed minutes from your local board approving this waiver.

** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

MORRISON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024

2nd Street & C Avenue, Morrison Public School, Administration Bldg.

MINUTES

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| I. CALL TO ORDER: President Shane Parli called a regular meeting of the Morrison Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were President Shane Parli, Vice President Phil Berkenbile, Clerk Randee Sloan, Member Steve Carr, and Member Ryan Luter. Guests present were Jeanette Furlong, Renee Reed, Robert Ringwall, Clint Sloan, and Wyatt Snapp. Others present were Superintendent Lori Justus, Elementary Principal Christy Williams, Secondary Principal Lawson Thompson, and Minutes Clerk Kim Miller. | CALL
TO
ORDER |
| II. PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCIAL: No comments/participation. | PH FINANCIAL |
| III. PUBLIC HEARING – CIPA: No comments/participation. | PH CIPA |
| IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Robert Ringwall spoke about political issues. Clint Sloan spoke about getting approval for hosting wrestling tournaments. | PUBLIC |
| V. RESIGNATIONS: Mrs. Justus informed the board that Amy Bailey and Wanda Bales resigned. PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE the resignations of Amy Bailey and Wanda Bales. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes. | RESIGNATIONS |
| VI. REPORTS | REPORTS |
| a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Williams gave the board members information and a handout showing teacher and student activities such as PreK 101 and Parent Night attendance and Lori Stuever being selected as OSU Teacher of the Game. Information was given on upcoming events such as Noble County Fair and vision screening; enrollment numbers, students of the month based on character traits, Pistol Pete visit to present Teacher of the Game award. Mrs. Williams also spoke about Mrs. Cottom and Mrs. James being awarded the Donna Nigh grant to revamp the severe and profound room. Other information was given on Susan Lalman being selected for the OSDE Spotlight, football schedule, and fundraiser at the Garage. | ELEMENTARY |
| b. SECONDARY PRINCIPAL: Mr. Thompson gave the board members a handout of his Wildcat Weekly showing activities for the week and his intention of emailing them this information each week. He gave information on softball, football, Noble County Fair, EYO, TSF, FFA chapter recognition, and Koltin Smith being named to the FFA national chorus. He also spoke about the FFA National Convention, cross country program having strong numbers, and M2ad week being postponed to October; policy accountability regarding students and staff and staff changes. He spoke about enrollment being level and having five foreign exchange students enrolled; thirteen students in Alternative Education; six virtual education students; twenty-six students enrolled in Meridian Technology; and twenty-two students enrolled in concurrent classes. He also spoke about having students of the month being selected for 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 grade as well as a staff member highlight month, eligibility, and training in map testing with NWEA. | SECONDARY |

- c. **SUPERINTENDENT:** Mrs. Justus gave the board members information on the costs of leasing buses, purchasing used buses, and purchasing new buses. She asked if the board would like to move forward with the agenda and she could give them information and discuss those items throughout the agenda.

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VII. CONSENT AGENDA: After the board members reviewed the consent agenda and upon the superintendent's recommendation, PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE the consent agenda as read and presented. RYAN LUTER seconded the motion. The consent agenda included the minutes of the August 5, 2024 regular board meeting, monthly financial report of the activity funds, treasurer report, encumbrance clerk report, general fund encumbrances #118-143 totaling \$111,632.39 and building fund encumbrance #31 totaling \$1,000.00. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

BUSINESS

- a. **CONCESSION STANDS SCHOOL EVENTS:** Mrs. Justus spoke about the need for a policy that addresses concession stands during school events and how that money needs to go through an activity fund sub-account, so all rules are followed and there is accountability for those funds. Discussion followed of having a policy ready for the next board meeting for the board to act on. No action was taken.
- b. **STUDENT ADMISSION PASSES:** Mrs. Justus spoke about Mr. Bales talking to her about giving students free admission to school activities. Discussion followed regarding the impact on gate revenue, PreK through 6th grade students being required to be accompanied by an adult, how free admission wouldn't apply to playoff games, and finding out if other coaches agreed. Further discussion that Mrs. Justus would find out if Mr. Bales has spoken to the other coaches and addressing the student admission passes at a future meeting. No action was taken.
- c. **LEGAL ACTION DPS:** Mrs. Justus spoke to the board members about the ongoing issues with DPS; documented calls and texts to DPS regarding the need for them to fix wiring issues always resulting in different stories from DPS. DPS has asked Probst Communications to visit campus and give them a quote to fix these issues. Discussion followed to find out if there were any lawsuits against DPS. No action was taken.
- d. **ESTIMATE OF NEEDS:** Not available currently; no action was taken.
- e. **MOU MERIDIAN:** Following information given by the superintendent and recommendation, RANDEE SLOAN made a motion to APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding with Meridian Technology Center regarding academic credit options. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.
- f. **ADJUNCT TEACHER:** Following information given by the superintendent and recommendation, PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE Chandler Salinas as adjunct teacher for Physical Education. RYAN LUTER seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.

**CONCESSION
STANDS**

**STUDENT
ADMISSION**

**LEGAL ACTION
DPS**

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**MOU
MERIDIAN**

**ADJUNCT
TEACHER**

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| <p>g. TEXTBOOK WAIVER: Following information given by the superintendent and recommendation, STEVE CARR made a motion to APPROVE textbook fund availability statutory waiver/deregulation application. RANDEE SLOAN seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>TEXTBOOK
WAIVER</p> |
| <p>h. TITLE I SITE PLANS: Following information given by the superintendent and recommendation, PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE Title I site plans. RYAN LUTER seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>TITLE I SITE
PLANS</p> |
| <p>i. ADVANCED THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT: Following discussion regarding if other providers had been contacted and the superintendent's recommendation, RYAN LUTER made a motion to APPROVE contract with Advanced Therapy Services contract for speech pathologist assistant services. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>ADVANCED
THERAPY SVCS
CONTRACT</p> |
| <p>j. ACTIVITY FUND SUB-ACCT: Following information given and the superintendent's recommendation, PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE activity fund sub-account #884 for Drama Club – Lynn Weathers. RYAN LUTER seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-no, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>ACTIVITY FUND
SUB-ACCT</p> |
| <p>k. ACTIVITY FUND SUB-ACCT REV EXP: Following information given and the superintendent's recommendation, RYAN LUTER made a motion to APPROVE activity fund sub-account #884 revenue and expenditures as presented. RANDEE SLOAN seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>ACTIVITY
FUND SUB-
ACCT REV
EXP</p> |
| <p>l. OVERNIGHT TRIP: Following information given, discussion regarding drivers on trip, and the superintendent's recommendation, STEVE CARR made a motion to APPROVE girls' basketball overnight trip to Branson, Missouri October 18-21, 2024. RYAN LUTER seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>OVERNIGHT
TRIP</p> |
| <p>m. JORGENSEN RANCH LIABILITY AGREEMENT: Following discussion regarding liability for the school district, what was required for students participating, and the superintendent's recommendation, STEVE CARR made a motion to APPROVE Jorgenson Ranch service liability agreement. PHIL BERKENBILE seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>LIABILITY
AGREEMENT</p> |
| <p>n. REASSIGNMENT: Following the superintendent's recommendation, PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE the reassignment of Sarah Roberts from paraprofessional to library aide for the 2024-2025 school year. RANDEE SLOAN seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.</p> | <p>ROBERTS
REASSIGNMENT</p> |

- o. **EMPLOYMENT PARAS:** Following the superintendent's recommendation, RYAN LUTER made a motion to APPROVE the employment of Rebecca Davis and Helen Webb as paraprofessionals for the 2024-2025 school year. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.
- p. **LAY JH BASEBALL COACH:** Following discussion regarding the training requirements for coaches and the superintendent's recommendation, RANDEE SLOAN made a motion to APPROVE the employment of Jeremy Lovekamp for lay junior high baseball coach for the 2024-2025 school year. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.
- q. **FENCING QUOTES:** Mrs. Justus gave the board members information on the fence being paid through the security grant funds and showed the board members where the fence would be as well as under the grandstands. Discussion followed of adding ground rods and the quotes received. RYAN LUTER made a motion to APPROVE the quote from Spade Construction but adding concrete to corners, . RANDEE SLOAN seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.
- r. **POLICIES:** Following information given and the superintendent's recommendation, PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to APPROVE the following policies: CKAH Use of Automatic External Defibrillator; CKAH-P Sudden Cardiac Emergency Response Plan; FGBD Student Athletes and Activities Name, Image, and Likeness; and Cardiac Emergency Response Plan and Protocol for Schools. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.

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WEBB

LOVEKAMP

FENCING
QUOTES

POLICIES

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **PURPOSE:** President Shane Parli stated that the proposed executive session be held for the purpose of discussion regarding evaluation of Board of Education/Superintendent goals and expectations.
- b. **CONVENE:** PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to CONVENE in executive session at 8:06 p.m. STEVE CARR seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes.
- c. **OPEN SESSION:** President Shane Parli acknowledged the board returning to open session at 8:43 p.m.
- d. **MINUTES COMPLIANCE ANNOUNCEMENT:** Clerk Randee Sloan read aloud the executive session minutes compliance announcement. The board of education convened into executive session at 8:06 p.m. and reentered open session at 8:43 p.m. Present in executive session were President Shane Parli, Vice-President Phil Berkenbile, Clerk Randee Sloan, Member Steve Carr, and Member Ryan Luter. Also present during the executive session was Superintendent Lori Justus and Elementary Principal Christy Williams

EXECUTIVE
PURPOSE

CONVENE

OPEN

MINUTES
COMPLIANCE

The board of education met in executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding evaluation of Board of Education/Superintendent goals and expectations per 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (1). No other matters were discussed, and no votes or action were taken.

MINUTES
COMPLIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

X. NEW BUSINESS: None.

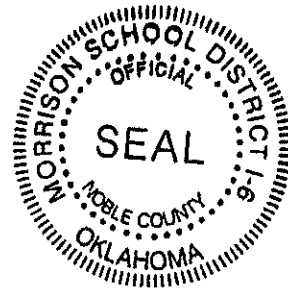
XI. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:45 p.m., PHIL BERKENBILE made a motion to ADJOURN. RYAN LUTER seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Randee Sloan-yes, Ryan Luter-yes, Steve Carr-yes, Phil Berkenbile-yes, and Shane Parli-yes. Motion passes. Meeting Adjourned.

President

Shane Parli

Clerk

Randee Sloan



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August 9, 2024

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RE: Textbook Fund Flexibility Statutory Waiver/Deregulation Application

Please find the attached copy of our textbook fund flexibility statutory waiver/deregulation application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 580-724-3341 or by email at lorijustus@morrisonps.com.

Thank you,

Lori Justus
Superintendent
Morrison Public Schools