

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**February 6, 2018**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 6, 2018, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call –**

In the absence of President Neeley, Vice President Shad Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall, Mr. Kevin Austin,  
Dr. David Cross, Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

Member absent: Mr. Tom Neeley

**Audience Presentations** – Three Morton residents addressed the Board of Education individually concerning all-day Kindergarten. They urged board members to consider the implementation of all-day Kindergarten at Lettie Brown, Grundy and Lincoln Schools in the near future.

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **Freedom of Information Requests -**

Dr. Hill noted there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

##### **Gameball Run Update –**

Dr. Hill informed board members that Gameball Run is taking place on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at Carper Field. The Gameball Run ceremony and game is on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Potterdome at 6:30 p.m.

##### **Discussion Item –**

##### **Morton Moving Forward – Year 1 Overview/Strategy 3 – Increase Focus on College/Career Readiness and Post High School Options–**

Dr. Hill reviewed the timeline of Morton Moving Forward:

- December 5 – Overview and Strategy 1 – Systemic Focus on Reading
- January 16 – Strategy 2 – Intentional Transition to Secondary

- February 6 – Strategy 3 – Increased Focus on College and Career Readiness
- Strategy 4 – Organizing and Investing in Professional Learning discussed in all presentations.

Observations of Morton Moving Forward:

- We have identified goals that are lofty, challenging and motivating
- We understand what other districts like us provide to help students learn and how that differs from our current programs.
- The strategies/actions represent a new vision for Morton 709 with broad themes of differentiation, student engagement and a personalized path to success.

Guidance Counselor Holly Riggins and Assistant Principal Deidre Ripka reviewed the current roles and responsibilities of the three counselors currently at MHS. They shared how the counselors' roles would expand with the recommended two additional counselors by 2019.

- More frequent contact with students
  - ◆ Focused on career exploration
  - ◆ Group and individual meetings
- Expanding social/emotional groups
  - ◆ Executive functions, children of trauma, healthy boundaries
- Expanding job shadowing opportunities
  - ◆ Morton Mentor
- Expand Career Week/College Fair
- Expand career certificate opportunities
- Expand Strong Start (early college—ICC)
- Expand Dual Credit (early college—MHS)

The entire presentation can be viewed on [MPTV](#) at 14:20.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Dr. Cross, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Approve Personnel Report  
Approve December Treasurer's Report  
Approve Minutes of the January 23, 2018, Regular Meeting and the January 23, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session

## Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 1-26-18</b>	<b>Bills 1-31-18</b>	<b>Bills 2-2-18</b>	<b>Payroll 2-2-18</b>
Ed. Fund	\$210,183.66	\$638.12	\$5,442.17	\$502,171.10
Bldg. Fund	72,169.94	--	596.21	33,384.60
Trans. Fund	2,798.13	--	63.51	16,350.47
Capital Projects	79,123.69	--	--	--
TORT	522.00	--	--	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	465,924.75

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel, Purchase/Sale of Property and Negotiations.

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Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m.

**Adjournment -**

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Austin, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Recorded by:

Emily Stutts

Submitted by,

Jeff Schmidgall  
Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary

Shad Beaty  
Shad Beaty, V. President