

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held December 15, 2008, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **SPECIAL MEETING –**

President Linda Menold called the Special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Linda Menold, Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mr. Thomas Neeley,  
Mr. Doug Riddle, Mr. Gary Rassi

Members arriving late: Mr. John Applen – arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Members absent: Mrs. Joyce Kaiser

### **Approve Student Assistance for Band Trip –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the high school band has been invited to march in the Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. on January 20, 2009. This is an historic event and a great honor for the band to be chosen. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students. He explained that the band boosters will raise a large portion of the funding for the trip. After estimating the cost if our district transported the students and staff, he is recommending that the Board of Education approve funding \$85.00 per student for an approximate total of \$10,000.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to contribute \$85.00 per band student, to each band student, to help fund their trip to Washington D.C.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mrs. Menold expressed her appreciation to Dr. Kilpatrick for the proposal. It is a good way for the District to give back to the students.

### **Closed Session -**

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Rassi, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees, student discipline, purchase of property, litigation and/or negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:12 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Rassi, second by Mr. Applen, 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 7:35 p.m.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there are several districts in the county that are pushing to get the county wide sales tax on the April ballot for referendum. He noted that over half of the districts in Tazewell County have passed resolutions in favor of the referendum. Dr. Kilpatrick has not asked for a resolution from our board since our district is still in the process of formulating a facilities plan. The issue could be on the ballot regardless of whether our district passes a resolution. Our district would have to pass a resolution by the January 13, 2009, meeting date. Dr. Kilpatrick reminded the board members that the county wide sales tax can only be used for building projects or to purchase land.

**Approve Personnel Report –**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Riddle, that the personnel report be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Adjournment -**

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Overcash, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

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Linda Menold, President

**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709****PERSONNEL REPORT****December 15, 2008****I. CERTIFIED STAFF****A. RESIGNATIONS****B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS****C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS****D. APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Christine Stewart** – Bloomington, IL  
Education: MS – Arizona State University  
Major: Special Education  
Experience: 8.5 yr. – Gilbert, AZ Public Schools; 1 yr. – Bloomington Public Schools  
Assignment: A.M. Early Childhood Teacher – Jefferson School
2. **Marian Barnum** – substitute teacher

**E. REHIRES****F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE****G. RETIREMENT****H. DISMISSALS****II. EXTRA-DUTY****A. RESIGNATIONS****B. APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Greg Terhark** – Homework Club sponsor at Morton Jr. High School effective for the 2008-2009 school year.
2. **Jennifer Pillman** – Adventure Club sponsor at Morton Jr. High School effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

**C. SUSPENSION****D. DISMISSALS****III. SUPPORT STAFF****A. RESIGNATIONS****B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS****C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS****D. APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Kim Ellis** – Title I after school tutor at Jefferson School.
2. **Pamela Kemp** – part time special education instructional aide at Lincoln School effective January 5, 2009.
3. **Corinne Wolffe** – part time special education instructional aide at Lincoln School effective January 5, 2009.
4. **Dawn Schrock** – substitute clerical and instructional aide.

**E. REHIRES**

1. **Cassie Meiss** – part time special education instructional aide at Lincoln School effective January 5, 2009.

**F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE****G. RETIREMENTS****H. DISMISSALS**