

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

OCTOBER 16, 2007

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held October 16, 2007, at Morton Jr. High School.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

Vice President Nancy Overcash called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. John Applen,
 Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mr. Gary Rassi, Mr. Doug Riddle

Members absent: Mrs. Linda Menold

Pledge of Allegiance –

The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Presentations –

Penelope Garrison, 419 N. Main St., Morton, addressed the Board concerning the color change at Morton Jr. High School. She feels the entire situation was not handled properly. She expressed her concern for the clothing requirement changes made immediately after the color change was approved. Dr. Kilpatrick noted he is working with the Jr. High administrators on a detailed timeline for all of the replacements this year. He will respond to Mrs. Garrison soon.

Reports –

Administrative –

Read 180 –

Ms. Ashby and Mr. Johnson gave a Power Point presentation on a reading intervention program the District has recently purchased. They reported that they have visited a school in the northern suburbs that currently uses Read 180 in their curriculum and held a training day for some of our teachers on September 18. It is their desire to initially start with a small class in January, 2008. The course will have to be approved by the Board of Education prior to initiating the class.

Mrs. Overcash thanked them for their informational presentation.

Summer School Report -

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed the Title I summer school report submitted by Mr. Bardwell. He noted the number of students served and that many students made gains in their reading achievement scores. He is recommending that next year summer school be held at Grundy School due to its proximity to the Administrative Offices at the Educational Service Center.

Board Committees –

Mrs. Overcash reported that the Board members met earlier in the evening with the Jr. High school teachers and that it was a good meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the teachers for attending and thanked the Jr. High administrators for hosting the meeting.

Curriculum Advisory Committee –

Mrs. Kaiser noted that the report for the October meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is included in the board member packets.

Discussion Items –

Board of Education Task Board -

Dr. Kilpatrick referred to the Task Board that is included in the Board member packets. He noted that the Task Board and Annual Reporting Board have been combined into one document. Dr. Kilpatrick stressed that it is a working document that can change with time. The Task Board will be brought to the Board for approval at the next Board of Education meeting in November.

Action Items –

Approve Treasurer's Report –

Motion by Mr. Rassi, second by Mr. Neeley that the Board of Education approve the July 2007 and August 2007 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Bills and Payroll –

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mrs. Overcash that the Board of Education approve the bills and payroll as follows:

	Bills 10-5-07	Payroll 10-12-07
Ed. Fund	\$110,978.96	\$381,295.90
Bldg.Fund	139,872.71	27,563.00
Trans.Fund	17,992.18	14,085.44
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	344,835.89
Fire & Safety	157,506.30	--

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Personnel Report –

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mrs. Kaiser that the Board Of Education approve the personnel report as revised.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Reports -

Dr. Kilpatrick reminded Board members of the Superintendent’s Chat that was rescheduled to Tuesday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. The location is to be determined.

Adjournment -

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Riddle, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Nancy Overcash, Vice President