

**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**MARCH 3, 2009**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 3, 2009, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

**REGULAR MEETING -**

**Call to Order and Roll Call -**

President Linda Menold called the regular meeting to order at 6: p.m.

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

**Closed Session -**

Motion by Mr. Appen, second by Mr. Neeley, 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 7	Nay 0
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Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Appen, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0
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Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 6:34 p.m.

**Adjournment –**

Motion by Mr. Rassi, second by Mr. Appen that the closed session meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0
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Motion carried.

**REGULAR MEETING -**

**Call to Order and Roll Call -**

President Linda Menold called the regular meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance –**

The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Audience Presentations –**

There were no audience presentations.

**Reports –**

**Administrative –**

**709 Recognition –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that all District 709 students are being recognized for the month of March. He introduced the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team and congratulated them and Coach Yarcho for their undefeated season and for winning the Class 4A State Championship. Mrs. Menold presented Mr. Yarcho with a plaque recognizing his 400<sup>th</sup> win as a basketball coach for District 709. She thanked the students and parents for their hard work and for representing our District well.

**School Highlights -**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the School Highlights for February were included in the board member's packets. He thanked the administrators for their reports.

**Drug Testing -**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the drug testing is ongoing and the process is working well. No students have been identified to date. He noted his appreciation for the Board's support of this program.

**Freedom of Information Requests –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he has responded to two requests for information.

**Staff Recognition -**

Mrs. Menold reported that she and Dr. Kilpatrick presented certificates earlier in the day to Mr. Gordon, Mr. Crider and Mr. Wheat recognizing their efforts at announcing games during this past school year. She noted that different staff members will be recognized each month in this way.

**Board Committees–**

Mr. Neeley reported on the IASB Leadership Conference he attended recently in Chicago. He distributed literature he received at the conference to the Board members.

**Discussion Items –****District Survey Summary -**

Based on prior discussion at the previous Board of Education meeting concerning community surveys, Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed a summary of the last survey that was administered two years ago. Several areas for programs, processes or studies were suggested by survey respondents that already exist or are being pursued or were implemented. An effort to communicate this information to the community will be pursued through the District website and local newspapers.

He noted that the last survey was a general issue survey that covered many issues. Other surveys that could be conducted in the future would be a target survey that covers just one issue or a climate survey that asks how we are doing.

**Action Items –****Reappointment of Building Administrators, Director of Special Education and Director of Research and Information Systems –**

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaiser that the Board of Education appoint Lorna Sherwood, Jefferson School Principal; Robert Bardwell, Brown School Principal; Michael Saunders, Grundy School Principal; Sheila Taylor, Lincoln School Principal; Greg Crider, Principal at Morton Junior High School; Chris Carter, Asst. Principal at Morton Junior High; Dennis Johnson, Principal at Morton High School; Brian Gordon, Administrative Assistant at Morton High School; Greg Prichard, Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director at Morton High School; Brooke Merker, Administrative Assistant at Morton High School; Dana Ashby, Director of Special Education; and Dr. Troy Teater, Director of Research and Information Systems for the 2009-10 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.







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**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**March 3, 2009**

**I. CERTIFIED STAFF**

**A. RESIGNATIONS**

**B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS**

**C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS**

**D. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Amy Abbott – substitute teacher
2. Patrick Prina – substitute teacher
3. Jennifer Haag – substitute teacher
4. Paul Hohenstein – substitute teacher

**E. REHIRES**

**F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**G. RETIREMENT**

**H. DISMISSALS**

**II. EXTRA-DUTY**

**A. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Don Swearingen – resigned from his position as assistant boys track coach at Morton Jr. High School effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

**B. APPOINTMENTS**

**C. SUSPENSION**

**D. DISMISSALS**

**III. SUPPORT STAFF**

**A. RESIGNATIONS**

**B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS**

1. Holli Pfeifer – from secretary/receptionist at Morton Jr. High School to principal's secretary at Morton Jr. High School effective March 4, 2009.

**C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS**

**D. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Julie Wharram – secretary/receptionist at Morton Jr. High School effective March 4, 2009.

**E. REHIRES**

**F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**G. RETIREMENTS**

**H. DISMISSALS**