

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

MAY 5, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 5, 2009, in the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Linda Menold called the regular meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance –

The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Recognition –

Mrs. Menold recognized Mr. Chris Carter with a certificate of appreciation for his effort in obtaining a grant from the Morton Community Foundation for new doormats at the Jr. High School. Mr. Bill Schock was recognized for obtaining a grant from the Morton Community Foundation to be used at the Performing Arts Center. Ms. Erin Day received a grant from the Morton Community Foundation for a “Cook to Learn” unit for the PIP program at Lincoln School and a grant from the Peoria Autism Society for a sensory section in her classroom.

Action Items –

Canvass the 2009 Board of Election Results –

Motion by Mrs. Menold, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education declare Clint Heinold, Joyce Kaiser, Noah Menold and Thomas Neeley elected to serve four-year terms on the Board of Education; further that the “Abstract of Votes” received from the County Clerk be accepted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

The Board of Education welcomed Mr. Heinold and Mr. Menold as the newest members of the Board of Education.

Seating of New Board Members –

Mrs. Menold asked the newly elected Board members to affirm their duties as Board of Education members by repeating the Oath of Office.

Mrs. Menold welcomed the newly elected Board members.

Adjournment sine die -

Motion by Mr. Rassi, second by Mrs. Overcash, that the meeting be adjourned sine die.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Menold, President

Nancy K. Overcash, Vice President

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Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 5, 2009, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Pro tem Roger Kilpatrick called the reorganizational meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Members present: Mr. John Applen, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. Noah Menold, Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mr. Doug Riddle

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that he would serve as President Pro tem and Emily Stubbs would serve as Secretary Pro tem until new officers are elected.

Organization of New Board –

Elect President –

Dr. Kilpatrick asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Overcash nominated Mr. Thomas Neeley to serve as President of the Board of Education. After asking for any other nominations three times and there being none, Mr. Neeley was declared President by acclamation by Dr. Kilpatrick.

Elect Vice President –

Mr. Neeley asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Neeley nominated Mrs. Nancy Overcash to serve as Vice President of the Board of Education. After asking for any other nominations three times and there being none, Mrs. Overcash was declared Vice President by acclamation by Mr. Neeley.

Elect Secretary –

Mr. Neeley asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Riddle nominated Mrs. Joyce Kaiser to serve as Secretary of the Board of Education. After asking for any other nominations three times and there being none, Mrs. Kaiser was declared Secretary by acclamation by Mr. Neeley.

Set Time and Place of Regular Meetings –

Board members agreed to hold regular Board of Education meetings for the 2009-2010 year the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

Artwork –

Dr. Kilpatrick pointed out the new art piece now hanging on the Board room wall. He explained that Mrs. Menold had a vision of what the artwork should contain. He and Mrs. Menold commissioned artist, David Webster, who was able to beautifully create a collage of students and teachers in daily school activities. Mr. Webster was also the artist that helped create “The Den” at Brown School.

Mr. Neeley expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Menold and Mr. Rassi for their 16 years of service to the students of District 709.

Mrs. Menold and Mr. Rassi expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education. A reception in their honor was held at this time.

Audience Presentations –

There were no audience presentations.

Reports –

Administrative –

709 Recognition –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that Administrators and Substitutes are the focus of appreciation for the month of May. He expressed his thanks and appreciation for the Administrators and for all of the substitutes that are ready on short notice to fill in when needed. He encouraged those present to thank them on the accolades section of the District website.

School Highlights -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the principals’ School Highlights for April were included in the board member’s packets.

Drug Testing -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the first year of the drug testing process has gone well. No students have been identified to date. He will report at the June meeting the number of tests that were done throughout the school year and identify all the groups from the high school that were tested.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that there are no FOI requests to report.

Presidents Report–

Mr. Neeley thanked the board members for giving him the honor of serving this next year as President.

Discussion Items –

Elementary School Improvement Plans -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that each elementary school principal would be presenting their report on their School Improvement Plan.

Lettie Brown School – Mr. Bardwell –

Mr. Bardwell thanked the board members for giving him the opportunity to share the future plans for Brown School. He referred to the Executive Summary that was sent in the Board packets. He reviewed Brown's test scores, goals and action plan for 2009-2011.

Mr. Riddle reported that he had met with Mr. Bardwell to review Brown's SIP. He noted that the teachers and Mr. Bardwell are excited with the results they are seeing from the MAP testing and the ability to identify issues as soon as possible.

Mr. Appen commended Mr. Bardwell on the way he has dealt with the space issues at Brown School.

Ward Grundy School – Mr. Saunders –

Mr. Saunders reviewed his Executive Summary that was sent in the Board packets. He reviewed test scores and noted improvement targets for 2009-2011. Grundy staff will continue the implementation of MAP, RtI, Guided Reading and other forms of differentiated instruction. Beyond academics, Mr. Saunders noted that in the past 7 years there has been a 71% turnover in his staff. His primary focus will be to orient new staff to the culture of District 709 and Grundy School.

Mr. Neeley reported that he met with Mr. Saunders prior to this meeting. He is especially impressed with how his school plans to use MAP results.

Jefferson School – Mrs. Sherwood –

Mrs. Sherwood pointed out that Jefferson School's overall percentage of ISAT Meets and Exceeds in 2008 was 92.8%. They received the 2008 Illinois Excellence Award for three years of Exemplary Academic Performance. She pointed out the 2009-2011 improvement targets. Mrs. Sherwood reported that her teachers find MAP testing invaluable.

Mr. Menold and Mr. Heinold met with Mrs. Sherwood prior to this meeting. Mr. Heinold noted that he was impressed with the amount of testing data available. Mr. Menold agreed and added that the teachers are taking great advantage of the tools available to them.

Lincoln School – Mrs. Taylor –

Mrs. Taylor reviewed the Executive Summary she prepared for the Board packets. She pointed out that the new Reading series implemented this year has helped with writing. Goals for 2009-2011 include continuing implementation of MAP, RtI, development of differentiated instruction and to continue the process of curriculum mapping. Mrs. Taylor noted that she conducts a parent survey every year that is a wonderful tool and offers great insight.

Mrs. Overcash reported that she met with Mrs. Taylor prior to this meeting. She appreciates how the administrators work as a team. At their meeting, she reviewed the parent survey with Mrs. Taylor and noted that 83% of Lincoln parents responded. Mrs. Overcash thanked Mrs. Taylor for taking the time to meet with her.

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked each of the principals for their presentations. He noted that they all do an outstanding job working with their staffs, especially with the new initiatives implemented in recent years. MAP is a proactive test and our staff is using the data well and continue to learn new ways to use it. He reported that the Jr. High and High School administrators will report at the May 19 meeting and Ms. Ashby will report for Special Education at the June 2 meeting.

Approve Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Applen that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approve Bills

	Bills 5-1-09
Ed. Fund	\$211,390.97
Bldg. Fund	108,252.77
Trans.Fund	24,405.28
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--
Fire and Safety	730.00

Amend 2008-2009 School Calendar
Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
Approve 2009-2010 School Board Meeting Calendar
Approve Sodexo Renewal
Approve March Treasurer's Report

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion Carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Applen, 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

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:45 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 10:17 p.m.

Action Item -

Approve Personnel Report –

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the personnel report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment -

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

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Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E. Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas M. Neeley, President

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

PERSONNEL REPORT

May 5, 2009

I. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Gail Kruse** – substitute teacher
2. **Francine Williamson** - Morton, IL
Education: BS, Eastern Illinois University
Major: Elementary Education
Experience: 2 yrs. – Jr./Sr. High School Sp. Ed. Teacher – Washburn
6 yrs. – JH Sp. Ed. Teacher – Dee-Mack
Assignment: Special Education Teacher, Jr. High School

E. REHIRES

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENT

H. DISMISSALS

II. EXTRA-DUTY

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Mark Cox** – resigned from his position as Jr. Class Sponsor at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Lucas Allen** – Chess Club sponsor at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

C. SUSPENSION

D. DISMISSALS

III. SUPPORT STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Chase Smith** – summer custodian
2. **Matthew Bunten** – summer custodian
3. **Taylor Reinhofer** – summer custodian
4. **Eric Calmer** – summer custodian
5. **Jessica Kerby** – summer custodian
6. **Adam Smith** – summer custodian
7. **Hannah Zimmerman** – summer custodian
8. **Alex Bradford** – summer custodian
9. **Aleta Anderson** – summer custodian
10. **Natalie Harkless** – summer custodian
11. **Molly Spinder** – summer custodian
12. **Joel Park** – summer custodian
13. **Charlene Tucker** – substitute clerical aide

E. REHIRES

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