

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

AUGUST 4, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 4, 2009, at Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

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

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there have been no Freedom of Information requests since last reported.

Substitute Teacher Pay Report –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the substitute teacher rate will remain at \$80.00 per day plus Board paid TRS. He noted that area school districts were surveyed recently and our rate is competitive with their pay rates.

Facilities Update –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported on work that was completed or will be completed in all of the school buildings by the start of the new school year. Mr. Neeley noted his appreciation of the staff involved with the summer work.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the 3-year air conditioning project will be completed by the beginning of the school year. There will be no need for a heat schedule this year.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he is still adding names to the list of possible members of the various facilities process committees. Those people will be contacted soon and committees will then be formed.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Mr. Heinold had recently attended the IASB school finance training for new board members.

Transportation Committee –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the transportation committee had recently met. It is the intent of the committee to start earlier next year to solicit bids for new busses. The committee also reviewed current information available to verify the district is in compliance with state guidelines and that policy was implemented in a consistent manner.

Mr. Applen commended Mrs. Weigle and Mrs. Getz on their work in compiling the information needed for reviewing the compliance guidelines.

Discussion Items –

Draft Policies – Web 2.0 -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that Board Policy 5:XXX on staff and Web 2.0 technologies and Board Policy 7:XXX on students and Web 2.0 technologies were reviewed during the April 7, 2009, board policy meeting. He noted the changes made since the first draft. The policies will be assigned numbers and adopted at a future meeting. Administrative procedures will be drafted after the policies are adopted.

Board Process Policies –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that a review was conducted as part of the policy compliance monitoring practice of the section dealing with Board Process Policies. The review determines whether we are operating according to our current written policy and also determines if the current policies need to be revised to reflect current practice or changes in law or legal recommendations. The review indicates we are complying with current policy. Mr. Neeley will sign off on the compliance form and it will be placed in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

Board of Education Task Board –

Mr. Neeley pointed out that some items were moved to different months on the Task Board. He noted that it is a working document and changes may be made periodically.

Action Items –

Approve Tentative 2009-2010 Budget and Schedule Public Hearing –

Dr. Kilpatrick used a Power Point presentation to explain the tentative budget for 2009-2010. He noted that the tentative budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee. He explained that the most dramatic change this year is the reduction of income from the State of Illinois. Depending on the timing of revenue receipts primarily from the State of Illinois, the budget could be better or worse. The number of projects will be limited this year due to our anticipated revenues.

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the Tentative Budget and put it on display for 30 days before final adoption.

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget, place it on display for thirty days, and schedule a budget hearing for September 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Brown Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approving and Signing Minutes of the June 2, 2009 Regular Meeting; June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting; July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting.
- Approve June Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 7-24-09	Payroll 7-17-09	Payroll 7-31-09
Ed.Fund	\$103,896.13	\$371,545.98	\$391,767.85
Bldg.Fund	65,440.47	49,704.09	53,915.25
Trans.Fund	3,129.66	5,241.77	5,188.31
Payroll Accts Pay	--	253,083.06	123,162.19
Fire & Safety	22,180.07	--	--

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for consideration of 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 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Riddle 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 9:47 p.m.

Approve Personnel Report and Closed Session Minutes –

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Menold to approve the personnel report as presented and approving of the June 2, 2009, Regular Session Closed Session minutes; June 23, 2009, Regular Meeting Closed Session minutes; and July 14, 2009, Regular Closed Session minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Abstain 1 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Administrative Reports –

Mr. Smock shared the agenda he is using for the New Teacher Orientation that is currently underway.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that on Wednesday, August 19, the administrators will host a luncheon at the high school for the entire staff. Following the luncheon, Dr. Todd Whitaker, professor and author, will speak in the Performing Arts Center. He invited the Board members to attend and distribute to the teaching staff books authored by Dr. Whitaker.

Adjournment -

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President

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PERSONNEL REPORT

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I. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Brooke Merker** – resigned from her position as Administrative Assistant at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

1. **Marjorie Johnson** – from Science teacher at Morton High School to Administrative Assistant at Morton High School effective August 5, 2009.

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Shannon McClure** - Germantown Hills, IL
Education: BS, Illinois State University
Major: Biology Education
Experience: 2 yrs. Morton High School; 1 yr. Hartsburg-Emden JH/HS
Assignment: Science Teacher – Morton High School

E. REHIRES

1. **Pam Everetts** – Part Time Title I aide at Grundy School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENT

H. DISMISSALS

II. EXTRA-DUTY

A. RESIGNATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Luke Overcash** – Freshman Boys Basketball coach at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. **Jodi Henricks** – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach at Morton Jr. High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
3. **Molly Thompson** – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

C. SUSPENSION

D. DISMISSALS

III. SUPPORT STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Dianne Roche** – resigned from her position as full time library aide at Morton High School effective August 1, 2009.
2. **Theresa Goodspeed** – resigned from her position as crossing guard at Lincoln School effective July 9, 2009.
3. **Michelle Moushon** – resigned from her position as crossing guard at Jefferson School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Steve Klein** – part time Special Education instructional aide at Jefferson School for the 1st semester of the 2009-2010 school year.
2. **Ashley Alderfer** – part time RtI instructional aide at Grundy School for the 2009-2010 school year.

E. REHIRES

1. **Cindy Chambers** – part time class size/class load instructional aide at Lincoln School for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. **Rick Skowronski** - part time special education instructional aide at Morton Jr. High School for the 2009-2010 school year.
3. **Heather Hutson** - part time special education instructional aide at Morton Jr. High School for the 2009-2010 school year.
4. **Jan Braskich** – part time special education instructional aide at Morton High School for the 2009-2010 school year.
5. **Allisa Hawkinson** – part time special education instructional aide at Morton High School for the 2009-2010 school year.
6. **Stacy Grawe** – part time special education job coach/bus aide at Morton High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

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