

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

APRIL 20, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 20, 2010, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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 –

Crisis Management Update –

Dr. Teater reported that the school district is required to meet with first responders yearly to update the Crisis Plan. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3. Each school building will report drills held this past school year. A summary report of the updated Crisis Plan will be given at the October Board of Education meeting.

Facilities Plan –

Dr. Kilpatrick distributed two possible timetables for completion of the long-range facilities plan. One outlined steps through August 2010 and the other took a longer approach through April 2011. Dr. Kilpatrick also distributed a draft of plan options for the Board to review prior to making their decision. It was agreed that Dr. Kilpatrick will make an administrative recommendation for the Board to consider at the next Board meeting.

Freedom of Information Requests –

There are no Freedom of Information requests to report.

President's Report -

Mr. Neeley reported that the Board had met with the Special Education staff earlier this evening. It was an excellent meeting and the Board learned of many new things currently happening and events and programs to look forward to within the Special Education Department.

Mr. Heinold reported that Bradley University is hosting an Education Symposium on Wednesday, April 21, at the Civic Center. CORE Construction provided funding for several to attend from Morton School District.

Discussion Items –

High School Drug and Alcohol Survey –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the high school recently received the results of the 2010 Illinois Youth Survey conducted by the Illinois Department of Human Services that addresses questions to participating high school students about the use of alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, and others. Dennis Johnson reviewed the summary of the survey that is administered to 10th and 12th grade students. Dr. Kilpatrick noted that while we are naturally aware that there are issues with some of our students, it is also important to note that our issues are considerably lower. The district will continue to actively address these issues to provide education to students, staff and parents. The administration will consider offering the survey at the Jr. High level in the future.

Mr. Neeley thanked Mr. Johnson for the report.

Action Items –

High School Summer School –

As reported at recent meetings, Dr. Kilpatrick noted that the high school faculty has worked on a proposal for a summer school program for high school students. After review and discussion, it is proposed that this summer the program begin using the APEX credit recovery system. This process will allow the district to better gauge the number of students interested, but yet offer a program that can be supported by the tuition that would be charged. Dr. Kilpatrick reported that students will also be able to attend summer school at Pekin High School.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education approve the summer school program for Morton High School for the summer of 2010.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

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Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Abstain 1

Motion carried.

Adjournment -

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President