

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JULY 5, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held July 5, 2011, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Noah Menold, Mr. Tim Taylor

Members absent: Mr. John Applen, Mrs. Michelle Bernier

The Board and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports –

Administrative –

Summer Facilities Work –

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed projects taking place at all of the buildings this summer including:

- Brown – water heater replacement, east wing hallway ceilings, lavatory faucets, east wing circulating loop, tuck pointing – gym NE corner
- Grundy – bathroom ceilings, asphalt sealing, backup generator, lounge ceiling tile
- Jefferson – concrete-SE entrance, middle café entrance and possibly SW entrance, replace 4 exterior doors, tuck point south half of west wall masonry/window head repair
- Lincoln – library storage area, landscape south wing-west wall, tuck point gym north wall
- Jr. High – floor tile abatement and replacement, gym painting, concrete-NE corner, locker repair and paint, water heater replacement
- High School – 2nd and 3rd floor west wall masonry and floor metal work, concrete dumpster area and canopy area, remodel book room for special education, asbestos removal for ceilings and tile and replace tile
- District Office – maintenance on boiler, concrete areas between buildings and bury downspouts

Total cost of the projects will be between \$350,000 and \$400,000. Some of the work is covered by bonds and some by life safety.

Administrators' Retreat –

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed issues discussed at the administrators' retreat held in June.

Topics for discussion included:

- Common core standards being revised by the state
- Curriculum Renewal process – becoming obsolete with curriculum mapping. The process is being revised
- Facilities – where do we go from here?
- Technology replacement process, students' personal devices and student email
- Redesign of Challenge Program

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there were no Freedom of Information requests.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley thanked board members for their participation in the Board of Education retreat held in June. He reviewed topics discussed including review of Board mission, beliefs and goals, Administrative targets – RtI, curriculum, instruction and professional development, future planning – facilities, and Board targets – incorporating new state laws into employee evaluations, financial concerns, Web 2.0 technologies in classrooms, reading comprehension, and facility plans.

Discussion Items –

First Reading and Discussion of Various Policies from Sections 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 –

Mr. Neeley reported that a revision of various board policies from Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 is being recommended in order to update our policies to current practice related to review and advice from legal counsel. The recommendations for revisions are being presented by the Administration and the Policy Committee to the Board of Education for discussion and a first reading. The policies will be presented for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Menold, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approve Transportation Claim
- Approve Auditor for 2010-2011 School Year
- Approve May Treasurer's Report

Approval of Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 6-17-11	Bills 6-30-11	Bills 7-1-11	Payroll 6-10-11	Payroll 6-24-11
Ed.Fund	\$306,754.21	\$173,018.62	\$182,784.01	\$356,874.37	\$362,981.49
Bldg.Fund	75,878.27	51,415.80	11,475.15	40,321.75	48,323.47
Trans.Fund	9,940.02	127,678.52	24.00	9,327.63	7,494.10
Payroll Accts Pay	--	--	--	371,205.74	403,705.95
Fire & Safety	873.10	--	--	--	--
Bldg./Trans. Ins.	--	--	289,317.00	--	--

Approving and Signing Minutes of the June 7, 2011, Regular Meeting

Roll Call:

Yea 5

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Administrative Report –

Dr. Kilpatrick discussed a pilot restructuring in the 2nd grade at Lincoln School to better accommodate the needs of those children. The Board agreed to a modification that would provide for accelerated classroom restructured sections for math and science individually. Different students may be in the different section as their abilities dictate.

Dr. Kilpatrick announced that one year ago he gave the Board notice of his intention to retire at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. He noted that it has been an honor to work for District 709 and there is much yet to be done and he looks forward to accomplishing the goals and plans set for the upcoming year.

Mr. Neeley expressed his appreciation for Dr. Kilpatrick's vision and taking the district to a higher level during his tenure as superintendent.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Heinold, 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 5

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:07 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

Approve Personnel Report –

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Closed Session Minutes –

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Menold, that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes from the June 7, 2011, regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Menold announced he will soon be turning in his letter of resignation as a Board member. He will be moving out of the school district to attend law school in the fall.

Adjournment -

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Heinold, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President