

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

May 20, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 20, 2014, at the Berth Frank Performing Arts Center.

### REGULAR MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Shaun Bill, Mr. John Applen,  
Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Member absent: Mr. Tim Taylor

### Reports –

#### Administrative –

##### State of the District Address –

Dr. Hall gave the first annual State of the District Address. She focused on the Board's five goals and the progress that has been made within those goals.

- **Achievement** – alignment with and integration of New Illinois State Standards; professional development and articulation meetings for staff; personal devices initiative; RtI: consistency in practice; all day kindergarten at Jefferson utilizing Title I funding; coordination of ELL (English language learners) services across the district; progressing on a plan for daily PE at elementary buildings for 2015.
- **Facilities** – land purchase; transportation facility; Facilities Advisory Committee recommendations; heating project at MHS; organized, consistent approach to maintenance and capital projects; hiring Director of Operations.
- **Finance** – tax abatement agreement coming forth for approval; have maintained highest financial rating from ISBE; have presented board with 5 year financial projections (January 2014); continue to run a balanced budget in the operating funds.
- **Climate** – first year for new teacher evaluation plan; second year for principal evaluation plan; continue to hire high quality teachers, as evidenced through the teacher evaluation process; wellness initiative, focusing on promoting and enhancing the health and wellbeing of our employees and dependents.
- **Communication** – review of a Board goal each month at Board meetings; Key Communicators – 4 times per year; State of the District Address; live streaming of board meetings; a focus on providing information to our public about local and statewide issues that impact our schools.

The complete presentation is available on the [homepage](#) of the District website.

**President's Report –**

Mrs. Bernier noted that committee reports will be given at this point of each meeting. Mrs. Scarfe reported that she and Mr. Taylor attended the Key Communicators meeting on May 13 at Grundy School. There was a large number of attendees, many of whom were interested in the Common Core initiative. She noted her appreciation for community members using this opportunity to reach out to the school district in this type of setting.

**Action Item –****Approve Bids for Jefferson Intercom Replacement –**

Dr. Hall reported the intercom system at Jefferson Elementary School is very old and in need of replacement. The majority of the wiring for the current system dates back to the 1950's with the main control console and the classroom speakers being replaced approximately 20 years ago. There are areas in the building where announcements and warnings cannot be heard. The bids requested were for both equipment and labor to install and the project will be paid from the Tort Fund. The companies that submitted bids were Foster-Jacob, Tech Electronics and Thompson Electronics. The bids ranged in price from \$61,995 - \$87,350 with Thompson Electronics submitting the low bid.

Mr. Applen spoke to the issue of hiring non-union businesses. He noted that the district is required by law to take the lowest responsible bid and the district is also required to pay prevailing wage. Mr. Neeley noted the intercom is a safety issue for the staff and students at Jefferson School.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Thompson Electronics for \$61,995.

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

Approve Personnel Report

Approve Minutes of the May 6, 2014, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session

Minutes of the May 6, 2014, Regular Meeting.

Approve IHSA Membership Renewal

Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 5-9-14</b>	<b>Bills 5-16-14</b>	<b>Payroll 5-9-14</b>
Ed. Fund	\$14,002.05	\$369,271.90	\$448,766.70
Bldg. Fund	--	12,719.08	33,972.01
Trans. Fund	--	17,923.17	12,317.59
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	413,068.73
Fire & Safety		50,558.75	--

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Adjournment -**

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

Voice Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shaun Bill, Secretary

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Michelle Bernier, President