

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

November 18, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held November 18, 2014, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Reports –

Administrative –

Board Member Appreciation –

Dr. Hall noted that November 15 was School Board Member Appreciation Day. On behalf of the entire Leadership Team, Dr. Hall thanked the school board members and expressed her appreciation for their service to the public schools of Morton.

Recognition of Dr. Craig Smock –

Dr. Hall recognized Dr. Craig Smock for recently receiving his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Western Illinois University.

School Report Card -

Dr. Teater noted the link on the District website to the District Report Card. There is a vast amount of information available, but he focused on the growth charts and explained how they are to be interpreted.

709Connect: Facilities Report –

Dr. Hall gave a summary of the four recently held 709Connect: Facilities meetings. She thanked Angel Fisher and Timm Geiger for facilitating the meetings. She also thanked board members, Kelly Scarfe and Shaun Bill, communications coordinator, Carol Jankowski and data specialist, Jill Springer who compiled all of the information after each meeting.

Mr. Geiger noted his appreciation for Dr. Hall and the significant work she completed before, during and after each of the meetings. He noted there were 328 total participants between the four meetings. Verbatim feedback is posted on the district website.

Dr. Hall reviewed the overall broad summary that included responses to questions asked in the meetings. The summary is posted on the district website.

Dr. Hall noted the next steps are to:

- offer building tours to the community.
- hold a Town Hall Meeting in January focusing on facilities.
- have the Board have further discussion of feedback in January.
- make the decision of how to proceed by the end of February.

Board members discussed the importance of deciding on a long-term plan so a course of action can be put in place.

The entire presentation can be viewed on MP-TV beginning at the 16:30 point of the recording.

Board Reports --

President Bernier reported that the Board of Education met earlier in the evening with the Jefferson School staff. She noted it was a very informative and enjoyable meeting.

Discussion Item --

Conference Selections --

The upcoming IASB School Board Conference is an excellent opportunity for school board members to obtain training and professional development now required by law. The conference includes workshops, general sessions and an exhibit hall. The board members discussed individual workshops they are interested in attending in order to coordinate attendance to maximize exposure to the information available at the conference.

Consent Agenda --

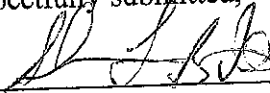
Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Minutes of the November 4, 2014, Regular Meeting and the November 4, 2014, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

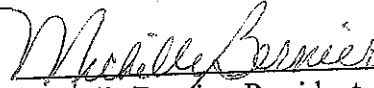
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Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President