

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JUNE 2, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held June 2, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

## REGULAR MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Shaun Bill,  
Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

## Reports –

### Administrative –

#### Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hall reported there has been one request by Mr. David King for copies of the contracts of Dr. Hall, Dr. Smock and Dr. Teater. She noted the contracts were posted on the District website on May 27.

#### District Office Summer Hours –

Dr. Hall reported the summer hours for the District Office will be 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

#### Drug Testing Update –

Dr. Hall reported that a drug testing update with results for Morton High School is provided to the Board of Education twice per year. There are approximately 600 students in the pool of candidates for random drug testing. A total of 269 students were tested throughout the 2014-2015 school year.

#### Dress Code Update –

Dr. Hall reported there are no recommended changes to the dress code at this time.

#### Physical Restraint Update –

Current data on physical restraint for the district was provided to the Board by Ms. Dana Ashby. Physical restraint is used for student safety. Staff is trained in conducting these restraints correctly.

#### Swimming Co-Op Update –

This is the first year of the swimming co-op between Morton, Washington and East Peoria High

Schools. The Board was presented with the number of students who participated and the cost to the District, as well as possible improvements. Mr. Prichard received positive feedback from parents.

**President's Report –**

Mrs. Bernier reported on the self-evaluation which the Board recently participated in with Reatha Owen, the Field Services Director of the IASB.

Mrs. Bernier reported that the Facilities and Finance Committee meetings fall under the Open Meetings Act and will now be Committee of the Whole meetings. The meetings will be published and open to the public. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be July 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Committee assignments for the next year are:

- Communications Committee: Mrs. Scarfe and Mr. Bill
- Policy Committee: Dr. Beaty and Mr. Neeley
- Transportation Committee: Mr. Bill and Mr. Heinold
- Safety Committee: Mr. Schmidgall
- Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Scarfe

Building assignments for the next year are:

- Brown: Mr. Neeley
- Grundy: Dr. Beaty
- Jefferson: Mrs. Scarfe
- Lincoln: Mr. Bill
- Jr. High: Mr. Heinold
- High School: Mrs. Bernier, Mr. Schmidgall

Dr. Hall reported that on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the 14-15 school year for teachers, all district employees were given recognition for years of service in five-year increments. High School special education teacher, Megan Levitt, was awarded the Master Potter award for the 2014-2015 year. At this same meeting, the MHS Boys' Basketball Team was recognized by Children's Hospital of Illinois with the Joey Stowell Youth Award for its fundraising efforts and contributions to the hospital through Game Ball Run.

**Discussion Items –**

**Board Policy Compliance – Community Relations**

Dr. Hall reported that she has reviewed the Community Relations policies and has determined that the district is in compliance. She and President Bernier will sign the forms and place them in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

**Code of Conduct #6 –**

President Bernier noted there are 12 points on the Code of Conduct for Board of Education members. The sixth point was reviewed this month. It states: "I will encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and will participate in board discussions in an open, honest and respectful manner, honoring differences of opinion or perspective."

**Facilities Cost Analysis Study – Keach Architectural Design –**

An in-depth presentation was given by Jeff Keach of Keach Architectural Design regarding the cost analysis study. The work on this cost analysis report was approved by the Board of Education on March 17, 2015. Also involved in preparing the report were Midwest Engineering, Zumwalt and Associates and Midwest Construction. Board members were provided with a 112-page booklet with the information presented. A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Education is planned for Tuesday, June 23, at 6:00 PM for further discussion. Dr. Hall expressed appreciation for the work involved in preparing the report. The entire presentation is available on MP-TV at the 19:30 point of the meeting.

**Action Items –****Approve Discipline Handbooks –**

At the May 5, 2015, Board of Education meeting, the motion to approve the Discipline Handbook revisions for the 2015-2016 school year was tabled. At the May 19, 2015, Board of Education meeting, the Board discussed the addition of the following to all handbooks:

*Access to Student Social Networking Passwords & Websites - School authorities may require a student or his or her parent or guardian to provide a password or other related account information in order to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website if school authorities have reasonable cause to believe that a student's account on a social networking website contains evidence that a student has violated a school disciplinary rule or procedure.*

An Administrative Procedure was written to guide the search process, should it be needed, in regard to social media passwords. In addition the following wording will be added to the beginning of each handbook:

*Further information about issues related to students' rights can be found in the Board Policy Handbook, Section 7.*

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Beaty, to bring back to the table the Discipline Handbook revisions.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0



High ELA. The textbooks have been on display for 30 days at the Morton Public Library for public comment with no comments received.

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education approve the proposed instructional resources for HS Art, Physics, Pre-Algebra and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA courses.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

Approve Personnel Report

Approve Administrative and Support Staff Pay Increase

Approve Liability Insurance Renewal

Approve Life Safety Extension of Time

Authorize Submission of General State Aid and Transportation Claims

Approve Treasurers for 2015-16 School Year and Adopt Treasurer Resolution

Approve Resolution Designating Depositories and Signatories

Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans and Transfers

Approve Complaint Manager

Approve Resolution to Set Fees for Freedom of Information Act

Approve Hazardous Bus Routes

Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution

Gift Acceptance Report

Review Closed Session Minutes

Approve April Treasurer's Report

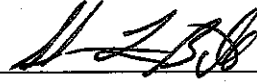
Approve Student Fees for FY 16

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement and Resolution – ROE 53 Regional Safe School Program

Approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2015, Regular Meeting; the May 19, 2015, Closed Session Minutes; the Minutes of the May 21, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting; and the May 21, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting Closed Session Minutes.




Respectfully submitted,



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Shaun Bill, Secretary



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Michelle Bernier, President