

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

AUGUST 2, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 2, 2016, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Michelle Bernier called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Audience Presentation -

Mr. Steve Rolinitis of Morton thanked the Board of Education for including a Lacrosse update on the agenda and for the consideration of adding boys and girls Lacrosse teams at MHS in the future.

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Hall noted there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

Administrative Welcome –

Dr. Hall welcomed the Administrators back for the 2016-2017 school year. She noted there are more students registered this year than have been in a long time. She also welcomed back support staff who will be instrumental in making this a very exciting new school year.

Fine Arts Update –

Mr. Patrick Mainieri, Assistant Band Director and Fine Arts Coordinator, gave an update on participation rates in the fine arts, curriculum of elementary music and Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center utilization.

Lacrosse Update –

Mr. Scott Jones, MHS Athletic Director, gave an update on the possibility of adding boys and girls Lacrosse teams in the future. He noted the IHSA is adding Lacrosse to the State Series in the spring of 2018. Mr. Jones has met and discussed start-up within the Mid-Illini Conference with Dunlap, Washington/Metamora; he has collaborated with local club

officials to discuss a start-up plan and possible implementation; he has researched costs to start a program and maintain it on a yearly basis; and he has discussed facility use/sharing with the Morton Park District management. Estimated start-up costs for boys and girls varsity teams would be \$30,000. He shared a proposed timeline for implementation:

- 2016-2017 – continue research and discussions with schools regarding team formations and scheduling.
- 2016-2017 – contact local schools regarding possible co-op agreements (depending on projected player rosters).
- 2016-2017 – meet quarterly with local Lacrosse club staff in order to monitor implementation.
- Spring 2017 – attend IHSA Lacrosse Informational meeting and complete schedule.
- Summer 2017 – interview/hire coaching staff, order supplies, uniforms, etc.

MPTV Update –

Dr. Hall reported the broadcast changes that will be implemented for the 2016-2017 school year for MPTV. The National Federation of High Schools of which Morton School District is a member and MPTV operates under, will now require school districts to charge viewers to watch the live streaming of high school athletic events. Dr. Hall noted that local broadcasts will remain free of charge, such as board meetings, concerts and MHS graduation. Information on subscription rates and packages are available on the District website. The District will receive a portion of the subscription rates; this revenue will be used to purchase new cameras and equipment.

Health Insurance Update –

Dr. Hall reported on the need to raise district employee health premiums beginning in September. Informational meetings have been held to relay this information to employees currently on District 709 health plans.

President's Report –

President Bernier reported that:

- the New Teacher Dinner took place earlier this evening prior to the meeting. The Board of Education welcomed 20 new teachers to District 709.
- the Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, August 4, to begin the Policy Customization process with an IASB representative.
- the application for the Governance Award from Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) has been completed and will soon be submitted.
- Morton School District will be presenting a workshop at the Central IL Valley Division meeting of IASB at the fall meeting. The topic of the workshop will be “Building Capacity Through Community Engagement.”
- a ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, August 12, at 10:00 a.m. at Brown

School for the new playground.

- Board members and Administrators will once again be volunteering on Thursday, September 15, at the Pumpkin Grille at the festival.

Agenda Building – Mr. Schmidgall asked that the Board have a discussion soon to prioritize future facilities work.

Discussion Items –

Review Task Board for Upcoming Year –

Dr. Hall reported that a few adjustments have been made to the Task Board for the upcoming year. This is a flexible document and can be adjusted throughout the year.

Board Process Policy Compliance-

Dr. Hall reported that all sections of the Board Process policies are being met and the board is in compliance. One revision was recommended. Instead of Board Self Evaluation every two to three years as currently stated, the wording will be revised to “annually.” After the revision is made, she and Mrs. Bernier will sign off in the Board Compliance binder.

Board of Education Code of Conduct #6 – Mrs. Scarfe –

Mrs. Scarfe reviewed the sixth point in the Code of Conduct for Board of Education members: *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.* Mrs. Scarfe noted she is proud of the current board of their efforts to be open, honest and respectful. Board members have made great strides in the past year.

Action Items –

Approve Tentative 2016-2017 Budget and Schedule Public Hearing –

Dr. Hall noted there were a few changes to the tentative budget since it was first reviewed by the Board of Education at the July 12, 2016, meeting. The changes in the O&M Fund only, are as follows:

- The 2nd payment from Morton Park District for the athletic field tennis courts in the amount of \$121,500 was added to revenue
- The payment to the Village of Morton for the use of the Apostolic Church parking lot in the amount of \$220,000 was added to expenditures
- Asbestos work at the Junior High was increased by \$26,950
- Block wall repair in the High School band room was increased by \$10,000

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Neeley, that the Board of Education approve the 2016-

2017 Tentative Budget, place it on display for thirty days, and schedule a budget hearing for September 6, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Morton Public Library –

This agreement was discussed at the July 12, 2016, Board of Education meeting. It will allow District 709 students living outside of the library district to be issued library cards. This one-year agreement will be reviewed prior to renewing for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Scarfe, second by Mr. Bill, that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Morton Public Library.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Non-Resident Attendance in District –

Per Board Policy 7:50, the Board of Education can approve a request for a non-resident student to attend the Morton Schools. It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the request that the Board of Education has received, per the guidelines and parameters outlined in this policy.

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education approve the non-resident tuition student per Board Policy 7:50.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Bids for Addition to Lettie Brown, Grundy and Lincoln Schools –

The bid opening for Phase Two of the Urgent work was held July 27, 2016. This Phase includes the additions to Lettie Brown Elementary School, Ward Grundy Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School.

The five companies that submitted bids were Core Construction, Johnco Construction, Peoria Metro Construction, River City Construction and Williams Brothers Construction with prices ranging from \$6,636,300 to \$7,331,000. Peoria Metro Construction submitted the low bid with a contract time of 320 days.

These bid prices include the alternate bids to provide the school mascot in the center of each basketball court, replace the existing classroom intercom system at Lettie Brown and Ward Grundy schools, provide two additional volleyball post sleeves and one additional volleyball net system in each gymnasium, provide increased pipe sizes for the new heating hot water supply and return mains at Ward Grundy and Lincoln Schools and replacement of existing light poles along the west side of Lincoln School.

Dr. Hall noted the bids came in \$2,000,000 under budget. The need to issue the second batch of bonds will be assessed in the future.

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education accept the base bid and alternate bids B1, B2B, B3, G1, G2B, G3, G4, L1, L3, L4 and L5 from Peoria Metro Construction for a total of \$6,636,300.

Roll Call: Yea 6 Abstain 1 (Heinold) Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight Trip - Band
- Approve Transportation Claim
- Approve June Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting; July 12, 2016, Regular Meeting, and the July 12, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.
- Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 7-15-16	Bills 7-22-16	Bills 7-29-16	Payroll 7-22-16
Ed. Fund	\$117,715.36	\$38,873.29	\$105,315.40	\$386,543.97
Bldg. Fund	83,979.02	535,724.85	37,503.03	48,286.62
Trans. Fund	12,763.14	--	7,132.82	4,751.49
Capital Projects	--	128,750.81	54,304.16	--
TORT	129,004.00	--	--	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	337,414.41

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Bill, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for consideration of appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees, student discipline, purchase/sale of property, litigation, negotiations and/or school building safety and security. (5 ILSC 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:40 p.m.

Dr. Hall reported there is a groundbreaking planned for all the elementary school additions in one location. It will take place at Grundy School on Monday, August 22, at 4:30 p.m.

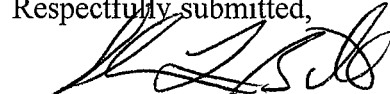
Adjournment -

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

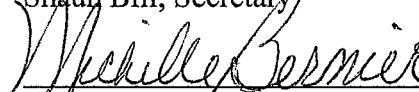
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President