

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

AUGUST 16, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 16, 2016, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

Vice President Kelly Scarfe called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mrs. Michelle Bernier

Reports –

Administrative –

Recognition of 7th Grade Girls Track Team – State Champions –

The Board of Education recognized the 7th Grade Girls Track Team that was crowned State Champion in the spring. Coach Don Swearingen introduced team members who were present at the meeting. He noted there were several individuals and a relay team who also earned state championship status.

Recognition of Lettie Brown PTO –

The Board of Education recognized the Lettie Brown PTO for their efforts in raising funds and installing new playground equipment at the school. PTO members along with many other volunteers were involved in the installation prior to the start of school. A ribbon cutting for the new playground was held on Friday, August 12. Dr. Hall thanked PTO President Jessica Kapustka for her leadership in organizing the project.

Enrollment Update –

Dr. Hall reported that the district enrollment on the first day of school was 2,995. This is the highest enrollment in the district since 1983. This number is ahead of the enrollment projections provided by the Cropper GIS report two years ago.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley reported on the Policy Committee meeting that took place August 4. The

committee met with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for its first consultation on policy review. The meeting consisted of a series of questions concerning the operation of the board and administration, as policies will be tailored to our district. The next meeting with the IASB representative is scheduled for December.

Mr. Neeley reported on the National School Board Association (NSBA) Summer Leadership Seminar he recently attended. Topics at the conference, attended by over 6,000 school boards, included local control and funding for public education.

Discussion Items –

Bethel Lutheran Church Property –

Board members discussed the possibility of purchasing the property on the corner of Jackson and Missouri Streets. Reasons were given for and against the purchase. The Board is seeking community input on whether purchase of the property would be of value to the district and fiscally responsible at this time. The entire discussion may be viewed on MPTV at the 23:30 point of the archived recording.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight Trips – Volleyball, Golf, Madrigals and Girls Tennis
- Approve Minutes of the August 2, 2016, Regular Meeting, and the August 2, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.
- Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 8-5-16	Bills 8-12-16	Payroll 8-5-16
Ed. Fund	\$138,414.32	\$72,455.58	\$392,930.07
Bldg. Fund	34,241.77	273,010.62	50,799.72
Trans. Fund	5,469.78	2,850.66	4,084.09
Capital Projects	--	335,653.91	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	341,994.35

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Dr. Beaty, 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 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

Dr. Hall reminded Board members of the groundbreaking planned for all of the elementary school additions in one location. It will take place at Grundy School on Thursday, August 18, at 4:30 p.m.

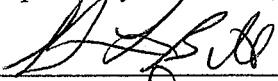
Adjournment -

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

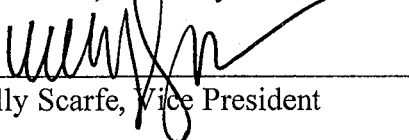
Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Kelly Scarfe, Vice President