

**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held November 15, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Audience Presentation –Bart Rinkenberger, Morton, thanked Board members for their service to the students and community.

**Reports –**

**Administrative –**

**Board Member Appreciation -**

Dr. Hall noted that November 15<sup>th</sup> is Board Member Appreciation day and November 14-18 is Board Member Appreciation week in the State of Illinois. She thanked the Board members for their dedication and service to the students and staff of District 709. She encouraged the community to contact Board members and thank them for volunteering for this important responsibility.

**Overview of Evidence Based Funding Model –**

Dr. Hall presented a video and an overview of the Evidence Based Funding Model (EBF) that got its start with the Vision 20/20 initiative. Due to the disparity of financial need of school districts throughout the state, a new funding model is needed. Key implications include:

- A unique adequacy target for each district – the level of funding sufficient for every child in a school district to have access to a high quality education
- An equitable determination of local capacity specifically related to the adequacy target. Equity is the responsibility of the state to ensure that every school district will receive sufficient funding from a combination of local, state and federal sources.

EBF will likely be discussed by Illinois Legislators in the spring 2017 session.

**Land Purchase Update –**

Dr. Hall reported that the school district recently closed on another portion of the land on S. Fourth Avenue and now owns 107 of 124 acres.

**Discussion of Annual Conference Selections of Workshops –**

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.

**President's Report –**

President Bernier reported on upcoming dates for Board Members to note:

- December 1 – Special Board meeting with Tom Leahy of IASB to review the survey results for the Superintendent search
- December 1 – 4:30 – 6:30 – Open House at Guardian Angel Home
- December 8 – Central IL Valley Division Winter meeting in Metamora

Dr. Beaty reported that the board met earlier in the evening with the Grundy staff. The discussion was very informative and enjoyable. As the board building representative for Grundy, he has always been impressed with the excellent atmosphere and family environment. The administration, staff, students and families of Grundy should be very proud.

Dr. Hall noted the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion Items –**

**Policy 2:220 – Board Voting Method –**

Dr. Hall reported that as part of the on-going policy manual customization process, the policy committee recommended bringing this policy, specifically the board voting method, to the board table for discussion. Currently the method for roll call voting is:

- 1) Person making the motion
- 2) Person seconding the motion
- 3) Remaining board members in alphabetical order
- 4) President last

Board members discussed different ways to call the roll. It was decided to have Mrs.

Stubbs, poll board secretaries at the school board conference as to their method of calling roll for votes.

**Policy 1:30 – Board and District Philosophy and Mission –**

Dr. Hall asked the Board for direction on possibly combining, consolidating and/or editing various philosophies, beliefs and mission statements found in board policy, on the district website and posted in buildings. After discussion of the differences, it was decided to align the website with Board policy and to leave the philosophy as is.

**2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Calendars –**

Dr. Smock reviewed the calendars for the next two years that were put together by the Calendar Committee. The committee had representation from administration along with teacher representation chosen by the Morton Education Association. He noted later starts to the school year made possible by shortening the first semester and adding those days to the second semester. The calendars will be brought back to the board for approval at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

Approve Personnel Report

Approve Out of State Trip – MJHS Choral Dept.

Approve Minutes of the November 1, 2016, Regular Meeting; November 8, 2017, Special Meeting; and the November 8, 2016, Closed Session.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 11-4-16</b>	<b>Bills 11-10-16</b>	<b>Payroll 11-10-16</b>
Ed. Fund	\$183,826.38	\$1,309.58	\$476,170.74
Bldg. Fund	13,642.12	--	32,103.41
Trans. Fund	15,497.22	--	15,004.13
Capital Projects	--	379,656.00	--
TORT	4,762.30	--	--
Payroll Account Payable	--	--	454,728.16

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Dr. Beaty, 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 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Heinold, 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 8:45 p.m.

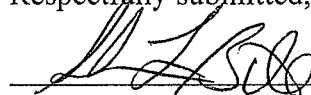
**Adjournment -**

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

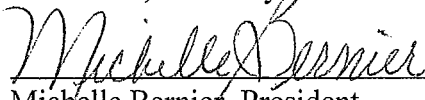
Voice Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President