

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 7, 2017, 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 6:34 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mr. Clint Heinold

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Hall noted there were three Freedom of Information requests fulfilled and may be viewed on the District website.

Game Ball Run Update –

Dr. Hall reported that the Game Ball Run is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, at Carper Field. Gates will open at 3:30 with the run at 4:30. There are currently 300 registered to participate. The Game Ball Run ceremony will take place on Friday, February 17, at the boys' basketball game versus East Peoria. A check will be presented to the Children's Hospital of Illinois from all of the fundraising that has taken place at each school in the district.

Overview of Technology Indicators –

Dr. Teater's presentation on the book, "Visible Learning" by John Hattie, introduced board members to information on using meta-analyses to ascertain whether or not, and to what degree, a goal is attained. This analysis can be used to indicate the benefit of the use of personal devices. Demonstrations of examples of use of personal computing will be brought to upcoming board meetings. The entire presentation may be viewed on MP-TV at the 2:40

point of the meeting.

President's Report –

President Bernier reported that the Board held a Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the evening. Board members brainstormed ideas as the initial step in formulating a long range facilities plan.

The Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, March 2, to continue review and revision of the Policy Manual.

Mr. Neeley reported on his attendance at the National School Board's Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. He was able to meet with numerous legislators on issues related to public education.

Discussion Items –

Board Compliance – Student Policies –

Dr. Hall reported that she has reviewed the Student Policies and has determined that the district is in compliance. She and President Bernier will sign the compliance form and place it in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

Board Goals Discussion – Facilities –

Dr. Hall reviewed the goal of Facilities:

Provide facilities conducive to student learning and growth, based on evolving needs, with the support of the community.

- The district will continue to discuss a long term facilities vision (minimally of 5-10 years) to accommodate projected growth and future needs. This plan will be accompanied by a financial plan to support the vision as well as financial support for the 5-year maintenance/capital improvement plan.
- Opportunities to partner with other local organizations for facilities projects will continue to be pursued through collaborative conversations and actionable plans where those opportunities fit the needs of the district.
- A construction grant application to the Capital Development Board will be started in FY 17.

Dr. Hall noted most of these items were addressed in the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier. She and Jeff Keach, along with other appropriate district personnel, will start the lengthy process on applying for a construction grant.

Board of Education Code of Conduct #12 – Mr. Neeley –

Mr. Neeley reviewed the twelfth point in the Code of Conduct for Board of Education members: *I will strive to keep my board focused on its primary work of clarifying the district purpose, direction and goals, and monitoring district performance.*

Mr. Neeley noted the role of the board is to set the standard and monitor district performance. In doing so, the board needs to be careful not to micro-manage.

1st Reading and Discussion of Revision of Policy 2:125 –

Dr. Hall reported that a revision of board policy 2:125 is being recommended in order to update this policy due to a change in legislation effective January 1, 2017. The policy implements the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. The new law prohibits reimbursements for entertainment expenses and requires school districts to regulate expenses and pass a resolution regulating how travel, meal, and lodging expenses are reimbursed for officers and employees.

Policy text is amended to inform the general public that school board members are volunteers and serve without compensation to help remedy a common misconception that school board members are paid. The rest of the policy outlines the logistics of implementing the new law.

The policy will be brought back to the Board for approval on February 21, as the resolution must be passed by March 1, 2017, to comply with the law.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve December Treasurer's Report
- Approve IMRF Resolution
- Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting; the January 24, 2017, Regular Meeting Closed Session; the January 31, 2017, Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting; and the January 31, 2017, Committee of the Whole Closed Session.

Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 1-27-17	Bills 2-3-17	Payroll 2-3-17
Ed. Fund	\$161,874.14	\$10,998.29	\$474,288.77
Bldg. Fund	61,446.17	723.02	31,152.98
Trans. Fund	3,452.92	173.25	13,532.82
Capital Projects	1,088,291.58	--	--
TORT	174.00	--	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	472,334.61

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mrs. Scarfe, 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 7:28 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 7:35 p.m.

Adjournment -

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

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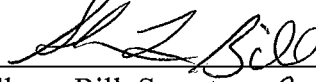
Voice Vote:

Yea 6

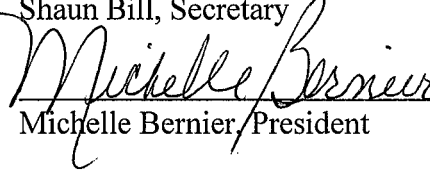
Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President