

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**APRIL 25, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 25, 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 7:25 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 Presentations –**

Joel Dickerson, Morton Park District Director and Mark Johnson, Morton Park District Board Member, announced that there will be a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, April 26, renaming the varsity baseball field at Westwood Park to “Mike McDonald Field.” The ceremony will take place prior to the Morton High School/Pekin High School baseball game.

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **Welcome Open House for Dr. Jeff Hill-**

President Bernier announced there will be an Open House for the community to meet Dr. Hill on Thursday, April 27, from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Eli’s Coffee Shop.

##### **PTO Reports – Lettie Brown, Lincoln and MHS –**

PTO Presidents from Lettie Brown (Jessica Kapustka), Lincoln School (Beth Bradley), and Morton High School (Stephanie Stalter), reported on their PTO activities and purchases for their buildings this past school year.

President Bernier thanked them for their support.

##### **Morton Community Foundation Grants –**

Dr. Hall reported that the Morton Community Foundation recently announced its grant awards for 2017. Over \$8,000 was awarded to organizations throughout the school district. Dr. Hall expressed her gratitude to the Foundation and its contributors for their ongoing support of Morton School District.

**Recognition of MP-TV Volunteers –**

MP-TV volunteers were recognized for their assistance in broadcasting live sporting events throughout the school year via the NFHS Network. Communications Coordinator Amy Greiner noted that without them running cameras and announcing games, there would be no broadcasts. Representing the sixteen volunteers were – Tim Cooper and Marcus Greiner. Dr. Hall noted that Mrs. Greiner added live “Tweets” via Twitter this year during games.

**State Budget/Evidence Based Funding Model Update –**

Dr. Hall reported that bi-partisan legislation has been introduced to change the education funding model for the state of Illinois. She also explained how a proposed property tax freeze would negatively impact the school district with the current lack of funding from the state.

Dr. Hall noted that in 1998-1999 3.5 million dollars was received from the state. In comparison, 1.3 million was received for 2016-2017. Payments that help fund transportation and special education have dropped from 4 payments per year to three, with 1 million dollars owed by the state to Morton School District.

**President’s Report –**

President Bernier reported that the Board met earlier in the evening with the Lettie Brown staff. The Board viewed a video of different grade levels at Brown learning computer coding, differentiated education for guided math and a science day that was held recently.

Mrs. Scarfe reported on the CAC meeting that was held on April 19. Teachers presented on a 1 – 6 grade science resource, “Mystery Science,” that was piloted this year. Dr. Teater will present it to the Board at the May 2 meeting.

Mr. Neeley reported on workshops he attended at the National School Board Conference in March.

Mrs. Bernier noted she will be out of town for business during the May 2 Board of Education meeting. She thanked Mr. Bill, Mr. Heinold and Mrs. Scarfe for their service to the students and community as members of the Board of Education.

**Consent Agenda –**

Dr. Hall introduced Mr. Matt Franks. He will be hired in tonight’s personnel report as the new Social Studies teacher at MHS and the Varsity Boys Basketball coach.

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

Approve Personnel Report  
 Approve Administrative (2.5%) and Support Staff (3%) Salary Increases for 17-18  
 Approve Minutes of the April 4, 2017 Regular Meeting and the April 4, 2017, Closed Session.  
 Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 4-7-17	Bills 4-21-17	Payroll 4-14-17
Ed. Fund	\$145,898.38	\$79,839.14	\$489,189.47
Bldg. Fund	42,002.02	263,917.90	31,997.70
Trans. Fund	21,603.14	106,408.66	14,211.90
Capital Projects	34,613.05	2,082.84	--
Payroll Account Payable	--	--	463,829.90

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

Motion carried.

**Adjournment -**

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the meeting be adjourned.

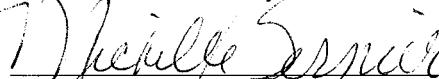
Voice Vote:                          Yea 7                          Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President