

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**April 24, 2018**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 24, 2018, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call –**

President Neeley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall,  
Mr. Kevin Austin, Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

Member absent: Dr. David Cross

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **709 Above the Line Recognition – Jami Kaisershot -**

The Board of Education recognized Jami Kaisershot, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Grundy School, for 709 Above the Line – Student Collaboration. A video was shown of her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math Challenge Students using recycled materials to build “skyscrapers.” The students were separated into teams and collaborated using physics and engineering to complete the Skyscraper project.

##### **PTO Reports –**

PTO Presidents from Jefferson School (Amy Jones), Lincoln School (Stacy Litersky), and Morton High School (Christina Smith), reported on their PTO activities and purchases for their buildings this past school year.

President Neeley expressed his appreciation to the PTO’s for all they do for the students and schools.

##### **President’s Report –**

President Neeley noted the Board met with the Jefferson School staff prior to the meeting. He noted it is always beneficial and enjoyable to meet with staff in their buildings.

**Discussion Item –**

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Dr. Beaty, that the Board of Education add a Discussion Item to the agenda for the purpose of discussing the addition of a Technology Manager to the staff.

Roll Call Vote:            Yea 6                            Nay 0                            Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried.

**Technology Manager –**

Dr. Hill explained the need for a Technology Manager. In order to allow the Director of Curriculum and Technology, Dr. Teater, more time to focus on curriculum, instruction and teacher professional development, the administration is recommending increasing the duties and responsibilities of a current technology staff member. Dr. Teater will continue to oversee the technology department, but the technology manager will take on the day-to-day operations.

**Action Item -**

**Approve Director of Student Activities and Engagement –**

It is the administration’s recommendation to add the Administrative position of Director of Student Activities and Engagement for the purpose of connecting every 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student in District 709 to an extra-curricular experience that fosters connection to the school community and increases college and career readiness. The Director will also be charged with developing, implementing, directing, monitoring, evaluating and promoting the High School’s activities and clubs as well as the District’s visual and performing arts programs, representing the programs within the community and providing administrative supervision and technical support. Dr. Hill noted, if approved, the position will be posted and filled for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mrs. Bernier that the Board of Education approve the administrative position of Director of Student Activities and Engagement effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call:            Yea 6                            Nay 0                            Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Auditor for 2017-18
- Approve March Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the April 17, 2018, Regular Meeting and the April 17, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 3-20-18</b>
Ed. Fund	\$48,097.81
Bldg. Fund	33,236.28
Trans. Fund	--
Capital Projects	--
TORT	--

Roll Call:      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Beaty, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel, and Negotiations. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call:      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:42 p.m.

Adjournment –

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

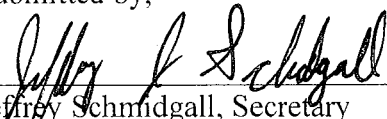
Voice Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

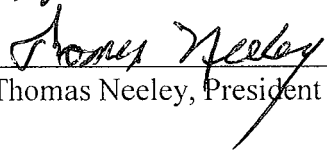
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Jeffrey Schmidgall, Secretary

  
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Thomas Neeley, President