

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

June 5, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held June 5, 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 6:02 p.m.

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

#### Reports –

##### Administrative –

##### Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Hill reported there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

##### District Office Summer Hours –

Dr. Hill noted that the summer hours for the district office will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

##### Recognition of Kirk Edwards –

The board of education recognized and thanked Kirk Edwards for his five years of service to the school district as an assistant principal/dean at Morton High School. Mr. Edwards has taken the position as principal at Eureka High School.

##### Drug Testing Update –

Dr. Hill reported that a drug testing update with results for Morton High School is provided to the Board of Education annually. He explained that students are randomly selected to be tested from a pool of those in activities and those that have a parking pass.

##### Physical Restraint Update –

Current data on physical restraint for the district was provided to the Board by the Special Education Department. Staff is trained to use verbal de-escalation first, but restraint is sometimes necessary for the safety of the student being restrained and for the safety of other

students in the classroom. Staff participates in an 8-hour training and then is re-certified every 2 years in a 4-hour training.

**External Counselor Report –**

Dr. Hill reported on the early intervention provided by Illini Family Counseling to MHS students. A summary of contacts made with students throughout the school year was provided. Dr. Hill noted the school district is fortunate to be able to offer this service and support to high school students and their families.

**President’s Report –**

President Neeley reported he will be attending a workshop in Lisle, IL. Author Phil Boyle will be presenting on his book entitled “Preserving the Public in Public Schools.”

**Discussion Item –**

**Board Policy Compliance – Community Relations –**

Dr. Hill reported that he has reviewed the Community Relations policies and has determined that the district is in compliance. He and President Neeley will sign the forms and place them in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

**Action Items -**

**Approve Food Service Truck Bid –**

Dr. Hill reported that the district needs to replace the box truck used for the food service program. This truck is used solely to transport food, supplies and equipment from the high school to each of the other buildings. The current truck is a 2007 Isuzu and has approximately 38,000 miles. Though the mileage is low, the current truck has multiple problems due to rust, age and the type of miles that occur. The truck makes frequent stops and starts and is only driven short distances between locations. The district sent request for bids to five dealers and received only one bid. The specifications for the truck are unique since a 16’ body along with a lift gate is needed.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education accept the bid from CIT Isuzu Trucks, including trade-in, for \$42,119 for the medium duty truck.

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve JH Band Overnight Trip –**

Dr. Hill reported that the MJHS band has been invited to compete at the Heritage Festival in Chicago next school year in the spring. This is a nationwide contest for both middle school and high school bands. The contest will provide the students and directors with feedback from 3 adjudicators as well as an onstage clinic with one of the judges. This would give our students the opportunity to receive instruction from some of the best band directors in the country. The band department would select 48 jazz band and concert band students for this honor. The cost for each student would be around \$380, which includes food, lodging for two nights, transportation, and a few additional activities. The band booster club would help with some of the cost, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick would work with them and possibly the Morton Community Foundation to assist students who have the desire, skill, and behavior to be selected as one of the 48 but not the family finances. The board discussed this item at the May 15, 2018, board of education meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education approve this unique opportunity for the MJHS band to compete at the Heritage Festival in Chicago, IL.

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Neeley noted this is not precedent setting. It is an honor and rare opportunity for the MJHS band to be selected to participate. It will be an outstanding experience for the students.

**Approve Roof Replacement at Lettie Brown and MEAC –**

Dr. Hill reported that the roofs at Lettie Brown, Grundy and the Morton Education and Administrative Center were damaged in the hailstorm on November 2, 2016. We have been working with Selective Insurance to define the scope of damage and engineer replacement roofs. Working with Selective through the process of design and bidding we have finalized the process and received bids for Lettie Brown and MEAC. Due to time constraints, we are not able to complete the Grundy Elementary roof during the summer of 2018.

Bids for the Lettie Brown and MEAC roof replacement were received from three companies - CAD Construction, Kreiling Roofing and Wyman Roofing. The combined base bids ranged from \$458,076 - \$560,000 and the base bid with alternates ranged from \$493,074 - \$619,800 with Kreiling Roofing submitting the low bid for both the base bid and the base bid plus alternates.

The majority of the roof work will be reimbursed through the insurance claim. However, there were several additional components that need to be done at the same time during the re-roofing process. The value of this additional work is approximately \$125,000.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education accept the base bid plus alternate bid A1, A2, A4, B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5 from Kreiling Roofing in the amount of \$493,074.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve April 2018 Treasurer's Report
- Approve Facility Rental Fees
- Approve Overnight/Out of State Trip – HS Wrestling
- Approve Overnight Trip – MHS JV and Varsity Cheer
- Approve Support Staff Salaries – 2018-19
- Approve Administrators Salaries – 2018-19
- Approve Life Safety Extension of Time
- Approve Submission of General State Aid and Transportation Claims
- Approve Treasurers for 2018-2019 School Year and Adopt Treasurer Resolution
- Approve Resolution Designating Depositories and Signatories
- Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans and Transfers
- Approve Complaint Managers
- Approve Resolution to Set Fees for Freedom of Information Act
- Approve Hazardous Bus Routes
- Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Approve Gift Acceptance Report
- Approve Review of Closed Session Minutes
- Approve Minutes of the May 15, 2018, Regular Meeting; the May 15, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session; the May 17, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting; and the May 22, 2018, Special Meeting.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 5-15-18</b>	<b>Bills 5-18-18</b>	<b>Bills 5-25-18</b>	<b>Bills 6-1-18</b>	<b>Payroll 5-25-18</b>
Ed. Fund	\$230,000.00	\$62,256.18	\$5,866.05	\$304,156.79	\$533,281.07
Bldg. Fund	--	69,329.39	--	30,864.56	34,881.08
Trans. Fund	--	857.69	--	1,351.61	17,509.08
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	--	479,125.03

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

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 Sale/Purchase of Property (**5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18**)

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

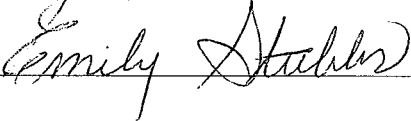
**Adjournment -**

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

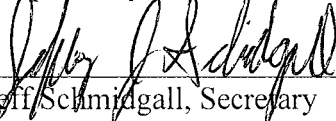
Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Recorded by,

  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary

  
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Tom Neeley, President