

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

July 10, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held July 10, 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 6:10 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.

President's Report –

President Neeley reported:

- He will be a participant on the committee for IL Vision 2020 as it determines next steps.
- He will serve on the IASB Resolutions Committee and will be hearing proposed resolution presentations in Lisle, IL this month
- The IASB Executive Committee met recently and discussed issues facing the state.

Discussion Item –

Tazewell County Schools Facilities Sales Tax – Anne Noble, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. –

Ms. Anne Noble of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. gave a presentation to the Board concerning the County Wide Facilities Sales Tax proposal. She explained that this is an alternative source of funding for public schools in Illinois for facilities renovations or new construction. The sales tax is paid by anyone spending money in the county and excludes cars, trucks, ATVs, boats and RVs, mobile homes, unprepared food, drugs (including over-the-counter and vitamins) farm equipment and parts, farm inputs, services. The maximum that can be taxed is 1% in ¼% increments.

Ms. Noble noted that revenue proceeds can be used for:

- Pay as you go capital projects – sales tax can be saved up over time, there is no time limit.
- New bonds can be issued for current capital needs and then the bonds can be supported with the sales tax revenue.
- Existing debt issued for capital purposes can be retired with sales tax revenue.
- Or any combination of the above.

Morton School District's estimated annual revenue would be \$2,033,267. When school boards representing more than 50% of the resident student enrollment in the county adopt resolutions, the Regional Superintendent certifies the question to the County Clerk to be placed on the ballot at the next scheduled election. November 6, 2018, election timeline is as follows:

- School District Passes Resolution – no later than August 20, 2018
- County Clerk Certifies Resolution – no later than August 29, 2018
- County Clerk publishes Notice – Between Sept. 7 and Oct. 26, 2018
- Election Day – November 6, 2018
- File w/ IL Dept. of Rev. to enact tax – no later than May 1, 2019
- Sales Tax goes in to effect – July 1, 2019
- Reg. Supt. receives funds from state – approx. 90 days after July 1, 2019
- District Receives new sales tax revenues – October 2019

Review of Revised Jr. High Plans –

Jeff Keach of Keach Architects presented modifications made to the preliminary design at the Jr. High that was introduced to the board at the June 12 committee of the whole meeting. The revised plans incorporate input from the village regarding traffic flow and water retention.

Cropper Enrollment Projections Update –

Dr. Hill noted that the original Cropper Demographic and Enrollment Projection Study was completed and presented to the Board of Education in February of 2014. Four years have passed and the school district has since passed a referendum to address urgent space needs, the construction for which took place in 2017. An update would assist the board in planning future facility needs. He recommended that approximately \$9,000 be spent for the update. The board agreed to move forward with the study.

Action Items -

Approve Non-Resident Student Per Board Policy 7:60 –

Dr. Hill noted that per Board Policy 7:60, the Board of Education can approve a request for a non-resident student to attend the Morton Schools. It is the recommendation of the

superintendent to approve the request that the Board of Education received, per the guidelines and parameters outlined in this policy.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education approve the non-resident student per Board policy 7:60.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Non-Resident Tuition Student per Board Policy 7:60 – 5th year request -

Dr. Hill reported that Delavan Unit School District’s Special Education Coordinator requested that Morton CUSD 709 consider again accepting a tuition student for the MHS Life Skills program for the 2018-19 school year. Delavan does not operate its own Life Skills program. Given yearly approval, this student has attended the MHS Life Skills program since the 2014-15 school year. The recommended tuition rate of \$15,070 is based on the per pupil cost to operate the Life Skills program during the 2017-18 school year as reported to ISBE through program cost centers and personnel reporting.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education approve the admission of a Delevan High School student with special needs into Morton High School for the 2018-2019 school year at a tuition rate of \$15,070.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve IASB Board of Directors – 2nd Year –

Mr. Tom Neeley has served as Vice President of the IASB Board of Directors this past year. The term is typically two one-year terms, which then is typically followed by the designation of two one-year terms as President, and then immediate Past President of the Association for an additional two one-year terms.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education approve Mr. Neeley to serve in the position of Vice President of the IASB Board of Directors for a second one-year term.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve May 2018 Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Overnight Trip – MHS Volleyball, Summer Camp, Champaign, IL
- Approve Minutes of the June 5, 2018, Regular Meeting; the June 5, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session; the June 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting; and the June 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 6-8-18	Bills 6-8-18	Bills 6-15-18	Bills 6-22-18	Bills 6-25-18	Bills 6-29-18	Bills 7-3-18	Bills 7-6-18
Ed. Fund	\$3,733.11	\$15,103.74	\$354,121.73	\$975.34	\$560.00	\$234,728.88	\$546,566.97	\$6,317.32
Bldg. Fund	2,572.50	597.39	69,477.72	--	--	160,094.72	--	397,777.05
Trans. Fund	--	63.42	34,619.67	--	--	60,338.03	--	--
Capital Projects	--	--	405.00	--	--	142,587.00	--	--
TORT	--	--	--	--	--	65.00	350,761.00	--

	Payroll 6-8-18	Payroll 6-22-18	Payroll 6-29-18	Payroll 7-6-18
Ed. Fund	\$475,316.11	\$452,069.79	\$31,789.38	\$418,315.49
Bldg. Fund	44,769.78	51,995.06	--	54,152.75
Trans. Fund	9,064.59	6,816.90	21.99	8,005.38
Payroll Accts. Pay.	391,906.42	374,566.78	12,520.30	284,520.83

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:40 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

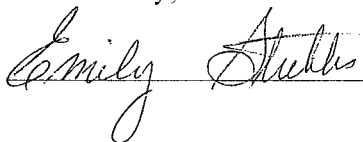
Adjournment –

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

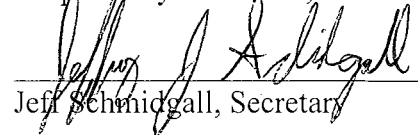
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

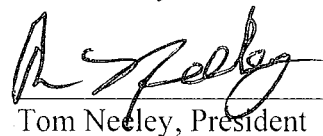
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Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary



Tom Neeley, President