

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

September 18, 2018

Minutes of the Budget Hearing held September 18, 2018, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

BUDGET HEARING –

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Tom Neeley called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: Dr. Shad Beaty, Dr. David Cross

President Neeley declared the Budget Hearing open for the purpose of answering questions from the public on the proposed 2018-2019 Budget. There were no audience questions or discussion.

President Neeley declared the budget hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 18, 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 7:03 p.m.

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

Members absent: Dr. Shad Beaty, Dr. David Cross

Dr. Hill reflected on the years Marcia Mays served at Morton School District. Countless lives were impacted by her leadership and compassion in her 26 years at Morton High School as a special education teacher. A moment of silence was observed in her memory.

Reports –**Administrative –****Update on District 709 Data Dashboard -**

Dr. Teater reported on the progress being made on the dashboard template with representatives from ECRA Group. The ECRA School Intelligence Platform consolidates all of a school districts performance data into a single integrated environment to support decision making. The platform provides a secure portal to deliver apps specifically designed to support the use of student data for specific district functions.

- School Improvement App – uses test scores we already have – representatives coming October 11 to review the first round of MAP tests.
- Personalized Learner Profile – engages educators, parents and students around a multi-dimensional definition for student success and college readiness. Tool for our counselors to track students from 7th grade. Parents can use the app to track student's college/career interests. Representatives will help set up the template on October 11.
- Dashboard – District mission, vision and goals. Metrics from state report card; goals objectives and strategies. Dr. Teater and Dr. Hill will attend a presentation this week with ECRA to set up the dashboard.

Mr. Neeley asked that the board be given a timeline when data will be available, and also asked that the board have input on template items to include. Dr. Teater noted administrators will have a better idea for a timeline after the October 11 meeting with the ECRA representatives.

President's Report –

President Neeley congratulated Jefferson School on its 90th anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 16. He noted his pleasure to be able to talk with past and present teachers and former students of Jefferson School.

President Neeley reported that the Board met earlier in the evening with Grundy School teachers. It was enlightening to hear from ECE through 6th grade staff. Grundy staff reported on:

- Full Day Kindergarten – Jeanette Grant and Julie Matlock – full day kindergarten off to a great start. Teachers are so grateful to the Board for approving full day—they are able to do Reader Workshop, math everyday instead of twice per week and have developmental play centers.
- Literacy Coaches – Mindy Wendling explained the school district's vision for the coaches – support and work alongside teachers; Readers Workshop students' procedures and expectations; benchmark testing of students in Readers Workshop; worked in planning to roll out Readers Workshop series – Fountas and Pinnell. She commended the teachers for all they have been able to do in the first month of school.

- Early Childhood Education classes – Bridget Joos and Ryan Gilhouse noted the ECE classes are new to Grundy this year. ECE serves 3-5 year olds with disabilities and developmental delays. They focus on social/emotional skills, self regulation, functional skills, academics and specific goals in the student’s individual education plan. The two teachers appreciate Mr. Saunders and the Grundy staff for the warm welcome extended to them.

Action Item -

Approve 2018-2019 Budget –

Dr. Hill reported that the tentative budget has previously been presented for review and has been on display for the past 30 days. A public hearing was held prior to tonight’s meeting with no public comments received.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 budget as presented.

Roll Call: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Neeley thanked Mrs. Getz for the work she spent preparing the budget.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight/Out of State Trip – MHS Boys Soccer Tourn. – Burlington, IA
- Approve Minutes of the September 4, 2018, Regular Meeting and the September 11, 2018, Facilities Committee Meeting.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 9-7-18	Bills 9-13-18	Bills 9-14-18	Payroll 9-14-18
Ed. Fund	\$145,261.63	\$50.00	\$31,047.55	\$553,271.07
Bldg. Fund	14,527.94	--	2,399.64	36,482.15
Trans. Fund	6,275.30	--	399.54	16,685.38
Capital Projects	47,165.30	--	--	--
TORT	91.41	--	1,597.00	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	429,624.04

Roll Call:

Yea 5

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel and Purchase/Sale of Property (**SILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18**)

Roll Call:

Yea 5

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:45 p.m.

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

Roll Call:

Yea 5

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

Adjournment -

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

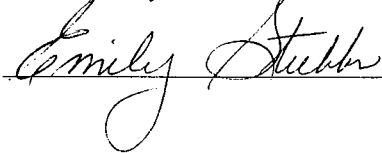
Voice Vote:

Yea 5

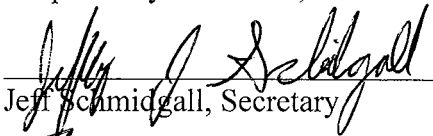
Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

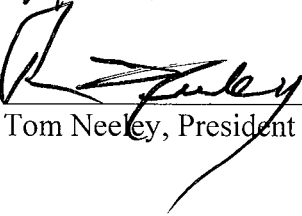
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Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary



Tom Neeley, President