

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

April 9, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 9, 2019, at Lincoln Elementary School.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

Vice President Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Members absent: Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

Reports –

Superintendent's Report -

Dr. Hill reported:

- the Facilities and Finance Goals discussion will take place on a date to be determined in the month of June. This meeting will involve the community. The Achievement and Climate Goals discussion will take place in July.
- he had spoken at the Morton Chamber of Commerce Forecast Breakfast earlier in the day on the subject of Student Achievement.
- there will be an estimated \$500,000-800,000 surplus in the budget at the end of the fiscal year. He recommends making the funds available for the Jr. High project and suggested the board prioritize items in the 15-year plan at the June finance discussion.

Board Report –

Vice President Beaty commented on the meeting board members had with the Lincoln staff earlier in the evening. Board members enjoyed visiting with the staff and watching a video that featured Reading Workshop and full day kindergarten. Sixth grade students reported on their plastic recycling project.

Discussion Item –

Proposed 4-6 ELA Curricular Resource –

Dr. Teater explained that last year the Kindergarten through 6th grade teachers reviewed ELA curriculum resources to replace the current reading series, *Storytown*. The current reading series has a copyright date of 2008 and has been used for about 10 years. *Storytown*, was designed more for whole group instruction and does not easily lend itself to the Reading Workshop model. It was decided to purchase the Fountas and Pinnell literacy program for K-3rd grade and to wait another year on the 4th - 6th grade resources until more information was available. The 4th - 6th grade resources were not set to be released by Fountas and Pinnell until the 2019-2020 school year.

4th - 6th grade teachers have been able to see the quality of the materials from the K - 3rd grade implementation and desire to move forward with adopting the Fountas and Pinnell literacy program for next year. The release date for the materials will be in the fall, so we would arrange for delivery as soon as the materials are available. Most likely, the school year would start using current materials.

This recommendation and report was approved by the Curriculum Advisory Committee and Leadership team. The literacy program flyers will be placed on public display at the Morton Public Library for 30 days.

Recommendation: *Fountas and Pinnell. Classroom* - Resources estimate: \$150,000

Action Items –**Approve Bids for BFPAC HVAC System –**

Dr. Hill reminded the Board that the roof top units (RTU's) which make up the HVAC system at the Bertha Frank Auditorium are nearing the end of their life cycle (22-23 years old). Over the past several years, parts have become obsolete, and equipment efficiency is antiquated. Recently, we experienced failure of a heat exchanger in 1 of the 2 units that heat the auditorium seating area. As well as replacing RTU's, we will be installing a new roof on the lower auditorium which is where the RTU's reside. This is a result of the roof curbs/and exposed exterior ductwork, which are directly attached and directly above the lower roof. In doing the roof at the same time (22-23 years old), we gain the efficiency of having all HVAC equipment out of the way, so that roof work can be done unhindered. If we choose to do roof later (but in the near future), we would have to remove all exterior ductwork and associated insulation that we are installing as a part of HVAC project, thereby "doing this portion of work twice".

The base bid with 3 alternates ranged from \$494,893-523,400, with Mechanical Services Inc. submitting the low bid for both the base bid and the base bid plus alternates.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education accept the base bid plus Alternate Bids A1/A2/A3 from Mechanical Services Inc. in the amount of \$494,893.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 5

Nay 0

Absent 2 (Neeley, Schmidgall)

Motion carried.

Approve Bid for Grundy Roof -

Dr. Hill reviewed with the Board that the roofs at Lettie Brown, Grundy, and MEAC were damaged in the hailstorm on November 2, 2016. We have been working with Selective Insurance to define the scope of damage and engineer roof replacements. Lettie Brown and MEAC were completed last summer/fall, but due to time constraints, Grundy was not included. Selective Insurance granted us another year to perform this work. The Base Bids ranged from \$882,900 - \$986,000 with CAD Construction submitting the low Base Bid. The majority of this project will be reimbursed through the insurance claim. However, there will be some expense incurred by MUSD 709 that is outside the scope of roof replacement.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education accept the Base Bid from CAD Construction in the amount of \$882,900.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2 (Neeley, Schmidgall)

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Re-Appointment of Administrators for 2019-2020 School Year
- Approve Re-Employment of Professional Staff
- Approve Minutes of the April 2, 2019, Regular Meeting and the April 2, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 4-5-19
Ed. Fund	\$160,582.18
Bldg. Fund	24,566.94
Trans. Fund	16,161.23

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2 (Neeley, Schmidgall)

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel, and Student Discipline. (5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2 (Neeley, Schmidgall)

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2 (Neeley, Schmidgall)

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:36 p.m.

Dr. Hill noted that the newly elected board members will have to be sworn in by April 30, 2019, according to current statutes. President Neeley will have to call a special meeting on April 30th for this purpose. At that time, a reception will be held for outgoing board member, Mrs. Bernier. Mrs. Stubbs will notify the press and have it added to upcoming meetings on the website.

Adjournment –

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

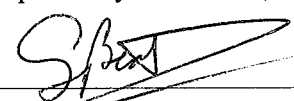
Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2 (Neeley, Schmidgall)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by,



Respectfully submitted,



Shad Beaty, V. President