

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

June 4, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held June 4, 2019, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall, Mr. Kevin Austin,
Mr. Tim Braker, Dr. David Cross, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests –

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

Recognition of 7th Grade Boys Track Team -

Mr. Carter and Coach Alex Bishop introduced the 7th Grade Boys track team that placed 2nd overall at the IESA State Meet. Board members congratulated them on representing MJHS and Morton well.

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 Office of Student Support Services. 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. These instances are carefully documented and reported to parents and to the Morton 709 Office of Student Support Services. Staff participates in an 8-hour training and then is re-certified every 2 years in a 4-hour training.

Cash Management Report –

Mrs. Getz gave a history of the district treasurer position that she now holds. She reported on banking and investment services noting that cash management involves:

- Ensuring that funds are available on a day to day basis to cover payroll and accounts payable.
- Investing the money that is not required for day to day operations in accordance with Board policy and State law.
- Maintaining safety of principal, sufficient liquidity, obtaining the highest return and maintaining a diversified portfolio

Monies are maintained in three types of accounts:

- Operating bank accounts– non-interest bearing
- Liquid money market accounts– interest bearing
- Term investments– interest bearing at a higher rate than money market accounts.

The job of the District Treasurer is to maintain the right balance of non-interest bearing funds to interest bearing funds and to match the maturities of term investments to the day to day operations need.

Mrs. Getz reviewed:

- Cycle of receipts of revenue
- Allowable investments per School Code
- Investments by institution
- Collateral Requirements

Operating Bank Accounts – a portion of the district’s available cash is placed in non-interest bearing operating bank accounts to cover the payroll and accounts payable expenditures. The district has 8 operating accounts, all at Morton Community Bank. It is customary on commercial accounts for there to be many charges for transactions. When bidding the banking services, we asked for pricing for 25 types of transactions. In 2009, Morton Community Bank, PNC and Regions Bank all submitted bids for banking services. The cost bid to the district was approximately \$1,200/month from PNC and Regions Bank. Morton Community Bank bid \$0. Since 2009, the district has not paid any fees to MCB for banking services.

E-Sports Report –

Mr. Mainieri explained a new extracurricular opportunity that could be made available for MHS students. Currently eSports is administered by the Illinois High School E-Sports Association (IHSEA). The IHSEA endeavors to create and foster competitive eSports programs in all Illinois high schools by providing assistance, organizing tournaments, and presenting information to schools and advisors. These programs cultivate talents in potentially underserved populations and provide a pathway to college scholarships and careers in the gaming industry. The IHSA is currently developing a state series for the 2020-2021 school year. Tournaments take place at home and are played via Discord chat channel. Mr. Mainieri emphasized that games played are of the non-violent nature. Having this extracurricular opportunity will be an option for students not now engaged in other sports or activities.

Dr. Hill asked for a proposal to form a team be brought back to the board for discussion and approval at a future meeting.

Substitute Teacher Pay Report –

Dr. Smock reviewed a history of substitute teacher costs over the past five years. He noted an overall decline this past year in total costs. This decrease may be attributable to the fact that, through Morton Moving Forward, the district began utilizing early release days rather than hiring subs to replace teachers during professional development activities. Based on the 2018-19 figure of \$218,898, a raise of \$1/hour to \$13.50 would mean an approximate additional cost of \$17,500 per year. Dr. Smock noted that the district will eventually have to get to \$15/hr. by 2024-25. The substitute pay was last raised in 2016.

Crisis Plan Update –

Dr. Smock reported that the Crisis Plan committee met on May 15 for its annual review meeting. The committee reviewed each school building's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures and each building's compliance with the school safety drill programs. The purpose of the annual review is to review and update the aforementioned plans, protocols, and procedures. Those attending consisted of Dr. Hill, Dr. Smock, Dr. Teater – D.O., Scott Jones, Jamie Adolphson and Rosie Durand – MHS; Lee Hoffman – MJHS; Faith Waterfield, Mike Finck – Brown; Michael Saunders, Jessica Gunn – Grundy; Kate Wyman, Nadine Worstell – Jefferson; Michelle Peterson, Michelle DeBoer – Lincoln; Carlie Owens – Morton Academy; Mark Ehlke – Morton Police/School Resource Officer; Joe Kelley – Morton Fire Chief.

Discussion Items -**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 Beaty will sign the forms and place them in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

MHS Scoreboard Project –

Dr. Hill reported that the current stadium scoreboard was damaged in a storm last fall and the plan is to upgrade the scoreboard to a video scoreboard and place it at the southwest end of the athletic complex. The school is required to put down 25% of the total cost at the onset of the project. Currently half of the start-up cost has been secured via insurance dollars from the damaged scoreboard. Representatives from NEVCO and Slam Dunk Sports Marketing were in attendance to further explain to the Board the design and specs, cost, and marketing of ads for the proposed video scoreboard.

Action Items –**Approve 4-6 ELA Curricular Resource –**

Dr. Teater explained that last year 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 a delivery date would be arranged 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 were placed on public display at the Morton Public Library for 30 days. No public comments were received.

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

Motion by Mr. Austin, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Fountas and Pinnell *Classroom* for 4th – 6th grades for the estimated cost of \$150,000.

Roll Call - Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve MJHS Phase 2 –

Based on discussion at the May 21 board meeting, the board has interest in proceeding with Phase 2 of Option K at MJHS. The district would pay for Phase 1 and 2 through a combination of deferring budgeted maintenance, using 2.5 million from reserves as well as surplus from other budgeted line items. Phase 2 includes – gymnasium, locker rooms, and storage space.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Neeley, that the Board of Education approve MJHS Phase 2, Option K.

Roll Call - Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution Allowing for Intervention Regarding Assessment of Property – Farm and Fleet –

This resolution allows the district legal counsel to provide intervention at the PTAB regarding the assessment of property – Farm and Fleet, 150 E. Courtland St.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education approve the resolution allowing district legal counsel to provide intervention at PTAB regarding assessment of property at 150 E. Courtland St.

Roll Call - Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution Allowing for Intervention Regarding Assessment of Property – Kroger –

This resolution allows the district legal counsel to provide intervention at the PTAB regarding the assessment of property – Kroger, 1001 W. Jackson St.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education approve the resolution allowing district legal counsel to provide intervention at PTAB regarding assessment of property at 1001 W. Jackson St.

Roll Call - Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Facility Rental Fees
- Approve Overnight/Out of State Trips – MHS JV and Varsity Cheer; MHS Madrigals
- Approve Title I Plan
- Approve Administrators Salaries – 2019-20
- Approve Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay
- Approve Life Safety Extension of Time
- Approve Submission of General State Aid and Transportation Claims
- Approve Treasurers for 2019-2020 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 Resolution for Non-Re-Employment of Support Staff
 Approve Minutes of the May 21, 2019, Regular Meeting; and the May 21, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
 Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 5-24-19	Bills 5-31-19	Payroll 5-24-19
Ed. Fund	\$2,877.44	\$450,610.85	\$579,706.48
Bldg. Fund	--	86,164.04	37,050.04
Trans. Fund	--	12,071.03	19,034.61
TORT	--	180.00	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	454,687.41

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel, Safety and Security, Purchase or Sale of Land, and Student Discipline. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, 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 10:05 p.m.

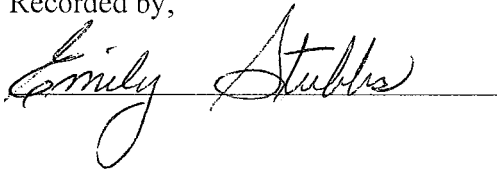
Adjournment –

Motion by Mr. Rinckenberger, second by Dr. Cross, that the meeting be adjourned.

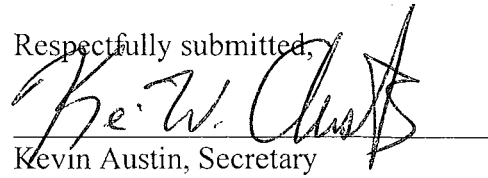
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

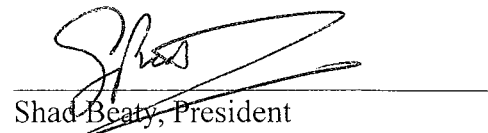
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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Beaty, President