

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

September 3, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 3, 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 6:33 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

**Audience Presentations** – MHS students Michael Erdmier, Zach Williams, Aaron Langenbach, Tyler Rolinitis, and Austin Getz each spoke individually in favor of a pilot E-Sports Club that would only play “E” (everyone) rated games. They answered Board members questions concerning screen time and making time for physical activity. Board members were impressed that the students had the courage and willingness to come back to them with another proposal. Dr. Hill thanked the students for generating solutions instead of complaining about results. The Board agreed through consensus to approve an E-Sports Club pilot for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Reports –**

#### Administrative –

##### Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hill reported there was one Freedom of Information request to report. The request and response are posted on the District website.

##### Superintendent’s Report -

Dr. Hill reported that:

- The start of school went well; he commended custodians, teachers, and administrators for a job well done.
- The Grundy roof is very close to completion; the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center HVAC units are installed and running.
- Carper Field video scoreboard should be ready for use at Friday’s football game.
- The Jr. High addition will be ready for occupancy mid to late December. Currently working on layout details. Phase 2 is in development; hopeful for a fall bid package.
- The security audit is complete and are awaiting the report.
- 68 bills related to education have been passed in both houses of the state legislature. Three were vetoed by the governor and 65 were signed into law. He and Mr. Neeley met recently with Mike Unes, of the Illinois House of Representatives, 91<sup>st</sup> District.

Their discussion included the amount of funding Morton School District receives from the state versus the number of mandates. They also shared with Mr. Unes the impact the \$15.00 minimum wage will have on the District.

**6<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment –**

Dr. Smock reviewed the 6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment report. The totals reported are:

- Elementary K-6 – 1,596 (up 15 students from 6<sup>th</sup> day 2018)
- Jr. High – 509 (up 31)
- High School – 974 (up 5)
- District Total – 3,154 (up 41)

Dr. Smock noted that Kindergarten classes are all at the max. Classes with 26 students have an all-day aide.

**Textbook and Instructional Materials Report –**

Dr. Hill noted that the annual list of district curricular materials is provided in the Board folder.

**Extra-Curricular Offerings and Participation –**

Mr. Mainieri reviewed participation numbers in clubs, activities, and athletics for the entire district. Participation continues to increase. He noted new clubs and possible clubs that are currently in the planning stages.

**Board Report -**

Mr. Neeley reported that he had recently attended the National School Board Conference in Chicago.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Out of State/Overnight Trip – MHS Boys Soccer – Burlington, IA
- Approve Minutes of the August 20, 2019, Regular Meeting; and the August 20, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 8-23-19</b>	<b>Bills 8-30-19</b>	<b>Payroll 8-16-19</b>
Ed. Fund	\$321,917.44	\$1,766.88	\$613,938.82
Bldg. Fund	187,489.72	--	59,234.64
Trans. Fund	2,486.06	20.00	9,582.16
TORT	83.10	--	--
IMRF Fund	--	--	28,812.65

Roll Call:                    Yea 7                    Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Security, Personnel, and purchase or sale of property.  
**(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call:                    Yea 7                    Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, 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 8:38 p.m.

**Adjournment -**

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

Voice Vote:                    Yea 7                    Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Recorded by,

Emily Shultz

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Austin  
Kevin Austin, Secretary

Shad Beaty  
Shad Beaty, President