

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

October 1, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held October 1, 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 6:31 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 noted there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

##### Recognition of Principal Appreciation Week–

Dr. Hill reported that National Principal Appreciation Week is October 20 - 26. He and the Board expressed their appreciation for the principals and administrators for all they do for their staff and students each day.

##### Superintendent's Report -

Dr. Hill reported that:

- The Teaching and Learning Council (formerly CAC) met on September 18 with 60 participants. The council is charged with:
  - Building a common vision
  - Increasing the leadership capacity of staff
  - Creating a foundation for continuous improvement

Topics discussed included:

- Vision for student success
- Teacher leadership and evaluation
- E-learning days

The Council is scheduled to meet in December, March and June of the upcoming year.

- The Robotics team has received funding from Caterpillar through the efforts of Tim Koch, CAT STEM Program Manager.

- He recently attended the IASA (IL Assoc. of School Admin.) Annual Conference in Springfield.

**Discussion Item –**

**Facilities Update – Keach Architects -**

Jeff Keach of Keach Architects gave an update on the plans for Phase 2 at the Jr. High. He presented a 3D computer model and floor plan of the addition design. The model illustrated what it would look like with and without the Alternate Bid lobby portion. A sound system and acoustic treatments on the walls will be included in the bid package.

Mr. Rinckenberger asked if enough windows are included looking from the lobby area into the gym. He also asked to obtain the cost of putting the water detention underground.

The project will go out for bids in early November with a contract to approve at the December board meeting.

The Jr. High office addition should be ready to move into by the end of this calendar year. After the office has moved, the existing office space will be remodeled into classroom space and a teacher's lounge.

Mr. Keach reviewed the plans for next summer:

- Brown – pavement replacement on the playground
- Jefferson and Lincoln – a section of roof needs to be replaced along with some interior doors.
- High School – west gym roof replacement.
- High School capital improvements – convert designated spaces into STEM labs and weight room expansion. Plan documents for these projects are being prepared.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

Approve Personnel Report

Approve Minutes of the September 24, 2019, Regular Meeting; and the September 24, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 9-27-19</b>	<b>Bills 9-27-19</b>
Ed. Fund	\$53,032.88	\$424.68
Bldg. Fund	66,038.91	--
Trans. Fund	10,238.52	--

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Security and student discipline.

**(SILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:41 p.m.

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

**Adjournment -**

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

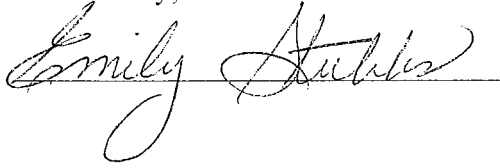
Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

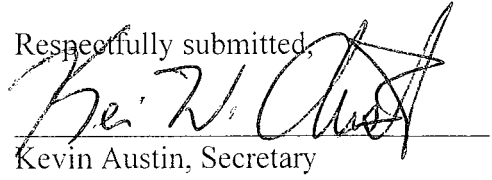
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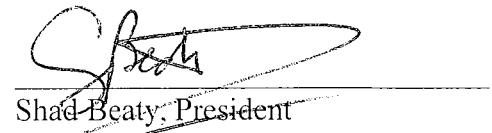
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kevin Austin, Secretary

  
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Shad Beaty, President