

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

November 5, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held November 5, 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 6:32 p.m.

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

### Reports –

#### Administrative –

##### Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hill noted there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

##### Recognition of MJHS Cross Country – State Finals –

The Board of Education recognized the MJHS Cross Country team for its accomplishments at the recent 3A State Meet. Overall State Champion – Josh Weeks; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Yonas Wuthrich; Boys team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall; Top 25 receive medals - Girls team – Arlie Akers – 6<sup>th</sup> place; Emma Belsley – 20<sup>th</sup>.

##### Board Member Recognition -

Dr. Hill thanked Board of Education members for their service and noted that November 15<sup>th</sup> is Board Member Appreciation Day.

##### Illinois School Report Card --

Dr. Teater explained that in the past, under the No Child Left Behind Act, only student test scores were used to track student growth. Under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), multiple indicators are used.

Elementary:

- ELA Proficiency – 7.5%
- Math Proficiency – 7.5%
- ELA/Math Growth – 25%
- ELL Proficiency – 5%
- Science Proficiency – 5%

- Chronic Absenteeism – 20%
- Climate Survey – 5%

High School:

- ELA Proficiency – 7.5%
- Math Proficiency – 7.5%
- Graduation (4,5,6 yr.) - 50%
- ELL Proficiency – 5%
- Science Proficiency – 5%
- Chronic Absenteeism – 10%
- Climate Survey – 6.67%
- 9th Grade on Track – 8.33%

He noted that all of our schools are in the top two tiers with Morton Jr. High School and Morton High School rated exemplary and all others commendable. The State Report Card can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/district.aspx?source=profile&Districtid=53090709026>

**Discussion Item –**

**2019 Auditors Report -**

Lindsey Samp of CliftonLarsonAllen reported the findings of the recent audit conducted on the district's finances. She noted a clean unmodified opinion, which is the best that can be given. The district's profile per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is shown as "Recognition," which is the highest designation a district can receive from ISBE. There were no findings, current or prior.

Ms. Samp acknowledged the business office for its thorough preparation and success of the audit.

**2020-2021 School Calendar –**

Dr. Smock reviewed the process used to determine the first day of school which is based upon when finals are given prior to Christmas break. The committee attempts to come close to an equal number of days in each semester with 1<sup>st</sup> semester having a few less. Early dismissal days will continue on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of September when the early dismissal day will be Friday, September 18 (Pumpkin Festival).

Dr. Smock noted that the District Calendar Committee has administrative representation along with teacher representation chosen by the Morton Education Association. The Board will be asked to approve the calendar at its November 19th meeting.

**Action Item –**

**Approve 2020-21 Proposed Budget and 2019 Tentative Levy –**

The administration has completed the initial tentative budget for the 2020-2021 school year and the tentative Levy for 2019. Details of that information were provided during the October 15 Board of Education meeting. A public hearing will be held for the purposes of inviting public comment at the December 17, 2019, regular meeting. Final approval of the Levy resolution will be sought at that meeting.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 proposed budget and 2019 tentative levy.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve August Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Auditor’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 10-17-19</b>	<b>Bills 10-25-19</b>	<b>Bills 11-1-19</b>	<b>Payroll 10-11-19</b>	<b>Payroll 10-25-19</b>
Ed. Fund	\$30,744.51	\$55,611.86	\$384,788.42	\$813,243.13	\$757,912.71
Bldg. Fund	3,882.36	9,047.61	186,685.49	45,618.06	45,845.84
Trans. Fund	311.52	1,277.83	17,400.93	23,684.57	22,877.21
TORT Fund	--	2,607.00	66.00	--	--
IMRF Fund	--	--	--	46,622.29	42,012.57

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Purchase/Sale of Property and Personnel.

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, 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 8:14 p.m.

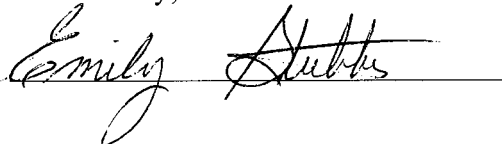
**Adjournment –**

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

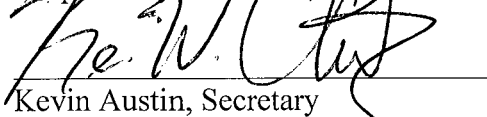
Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

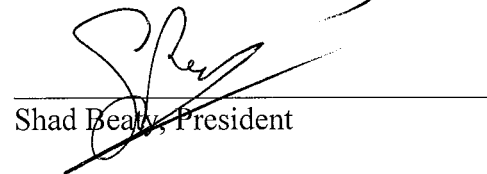
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kevin Austin, Secretary

  
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Shad Beatty, President