

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

March 3, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 3, 2020, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 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 were two Freedom of Information requests in February. The requests and the District response are available on the [District website](#).

Recognize MJHS Boys 7th Grade Basketball State Finalists –

The Board of Education recognized the 7th Grade Boys Basketball team. The team was a state qualifier in the IESA Class 4A State Tournament and earned 3rd place honors. Coach Jamie King introduced the team and noted each member is a leader on and off the court. The team had a 24 – 0 record going into the tournament.

Superintendent's Report –

Strategic Planning/Board Retreat – Board members discussed the format for their planning and goal setting this year. It was decided to have the same format as last year with discussion of goals split between two meetings during the summer. Dates will be decided at the March 17 meeting.

Standards Based Reporting – Dr. Hill reported on work across the district developing a Standards Based approach to reporting student progress. This type of reporting is currently being used in K-2. A few teachers at the high school are also using this type of reporting. Board members asked for more discussion and feedback before any changes in student progress reporting are made throughout the district.

Legislative Roundtable – Dr. Hill reported he attended the Morton Chamber of Commerce Legislative Roundtable with Senator Brady and Representative Sommer in attendance. One of the issues discussed was the possibility of legislation for regionalization of the minimum wage. Senate Bill 3396 would provide for minimum wages based upon a percentage of the otherwise

required minimum wage, depending upon the region of the State. The legislation establishes six regions for purposes of determining the minimum wage.

MHS Career Day – scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, with many businesses represented.

Lady Potters Basketball – representing MHS at the IHSA Class 3A State Tournament Final Four playing in the first round this Friday at 1:00 p.m.

MJHS Progress Report –

- Remodeling of Resource room 110 into a Science classroom.
- Remodeling of Science room 117 into office space.
- Sign at new main entrance will be completed soon with nicer weather predicted.
- Conversion of old office space into instructional space and faculty lounge is underway.
- Replacing HVAC in Phys. Ed rooms 113 and 114
- Converting current faculty lounge room 112 into classroom space.
- Team room 103 was converted to a classroom. A new team meeting room is included in the new office.
- Gym addition – construction is under way.

Discussion Items –

Arbor Management/Bethel Lutheran School Agreement-

In order to offer higher quality food service for their students, Bethel Lutheran School will be entering into a food service contract with Arbor Management, the District's food service provider. Bethel Lutheran School would like to utilize Morton CUSD 709 facilities to allow Arbor to fulfill their part of the contract. Arbor will be utilizing the kitchen at Morton High School as well as a district vehicle for transportation of the food to Bethel Lutheran School.

Bethel Lutheran School agrees to pay Morton CUSD 709 \$250.00 per month for use of the kitchen and vehicle for transportation. Breakdown is as follows:

- Transportation – 4 miles/day @ \$.575/mile @ 20 days/month - \$46.00
- Kitchen – use of kitchen/month - \$204.00

Arbor will use the same menu and prepare 5% more food than what is prepared for the district's students. This is a one-year agreement for the 2020-2021 school year and will be assessed after one year.

Board members agreed if this will not place undue stress on the staff or facilities, it is a good will gesture for our colleagues at Bethel Lutheran School.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve December Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Overnight Trip – MHS Student Council State Convention – Springfield, IL
- Approve Minutes of the February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting, and the February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills

	Bills 2-21-20	Bills 2-28-20
Ed. Fund	\$263,056.82	\$47,502.94
Bldg. Fund	49,688.54	124,231.04
Trans. Fund	13,053.77	6,094.79
IMRF Fund	--	--

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:26 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 9:00 p.m.


Adjournment –

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

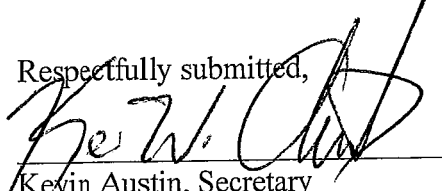
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

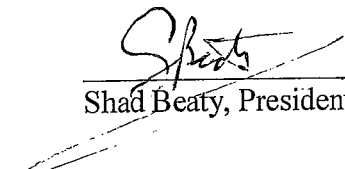
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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shaq Beaty, President