

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

APRIL 7, 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 7, 2020, via videoconference.

### **SPECIAL MEETING -**

President Shad Beaty called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

### **Action Items –**

#### **Approve Bids for Asbestos Removal at Morton High School –**

The bid opening for the Morton High School Asbestos work was held on April 3, 2020. In conjunction with the Morton High School renovation of select areas, asbestos work is necessary. The work consists of removing asbestos-containing flooring and ceilings associated with the renovation of STEM labs, a conference room, a portion of a corridor and various classrooms.

Bids were received from four companies – Abel Plus Services, Inc., ARC Environmental, DEM Services, Inc., and Midwest Services. The base bids ranged from \$39,300 - \$59,840 with DEM Services, Inc. submitting the lowest bid.

The administration recommends that the Board of Education accept the bid from DEM Services, Inc. in the amount of \$39,300.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education accept the bid from DEM Services, Inc. in the amount of \$39,200

Roll Call Vote:            Yea 7            Nay 0

Motion carried.

#### **Approve Resolution for Emergency Suspension of Policy Due to COVID-19 Pandemic –**

With the extension of statewide school closures, school leadership teams continue to face a changing landscape and myriad of challenges. As conditions change rapidly with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, school boards may find it increasingly difficult to secure a quorum

necessary to make important decisions in a timely fashion. Boards may also need to suspend certain policies in order to give the superintendent the ability to quickly respond to these changing conditions. The Board of Education discussed this resolution at the March 26, 2020, Special Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Cross that the Board of Education approve the resolution from the Illinois Association of School Boards to suspend certain policies giving the Superintendent the ability to quickly respond to changing conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call Vote:        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 consideration of Personnel and Purchase/Sale of property. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call Vote:        Yea 7        Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote:        Yea 7        Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 6:20 p.m.

**Adjournment -**

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

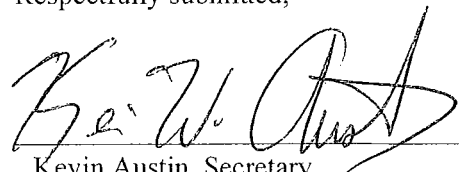
Voice Vote:            Yea 7        Nay 0

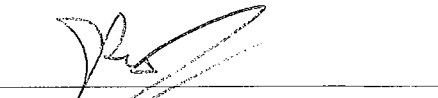
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Recorded by,

  
Emily Stubbs

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kevin Austin, Secretary

  
Shad Beaty, President