

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 24, 2009, at Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Linda Menold called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Linda Menold, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. John Applen, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. Gary Rassi, Mr. Doug Riddle

Members absent: Mrs. Overcash

Reports –

Administrative –

Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center Rates -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the rental rates for the performing arts center will be reviewed using anticipated data. A recommendation will be brought to the Board in May. He noted that a cost analysis was used last fall to set the rates and it was decided at that time to review and set rates each May for the following school year.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he has received no freedom of information requests

Board Committees –

Mrs. Menold thanked Mr. Saunders and his staff for the meeting held at their building earlier in the evening. She noted that it was good to hear from the teachers about their experiences this year with RtI. Dr. Kilpatrick added that it is valuable for the board and administrators to learn how RtI has helped the students and united their staff.

Mrs. Kaiser reported that the February CAC report is included in the board members folders. She noted that much time is involved in the textbook selection process and she appreciates the teachers' time involvement in the very rigorous process.

Discussion Items –**New Textbooks -**

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that a summary of the textbooks being recommended for purchase for the Jr. High and High school was included in the board members' meeting packets. The textbooks for the High School are: *Economics* by Pearson; *Pre-Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic* by Pearson/Addison Wesley; *Lifetime Health* by Holt McDougal; *Chemistry in the Community* by American Chemical Society; *Biology* by Prentice Hall. The textbooks for the Jr. High are: *Mathematics Course 2* by Holt McDougal; *Pre-Algebra* by Holt McDougal; *Physical Science, Concepts in Action* by Prentice Hall.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the focus of the funds from the State Textbook Loan program this year are for purchasing textbooks for the Jr. High and High School. The district makes up the difference from the amount allocated from the state. The textbooks have been reviewed by CAC and the Administrative Council and are now being recommended to be put on display for thirty days at the public library.

Survey Philosophy –

Board members and Dr. Kilpatrick had a discussion concerning community surveys given in the past and when to conduct a survey in the future. The need to develop a survey that is not too broad and focuses on issues not currently being worked on was suggested. All agreed that if a survey is to be conducted, a task force should be formed to formulate the survey.

Action Items –**Approve AP Calculus Course –**

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked Mr. Johnson and high school math teacher, Mrs. Durand for their success in achieving Advanced Placement designation for the Calculus course. Mr. Johnson added his appreciation to Mrs. Durand and math teacher Mrs. Stone. This is the first advanced placement course accepted and represents the achievements of one of the targets for the high school this year.

Motion by Mr. Rassi, second by Mrs. Kaiser that the Board of Education approve that the high school Calculus course be given the Advanced Placement designation for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

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I. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Lana Hart** – resigned from her position as 1st grade teacher at Brown School effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Currently on leave of absence)
2. **Kimberly McGuire** – resigned from her position as 3rd grade teacher at Grundy School effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
3. **Jill Niemi** – resigned from her position as Math teacher at Morton High School effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Abby Mason** – substitute teacher
2. **Andra Manczur** – substitute teacher
3. **Terry Stubbs** – substitute teacher
4. **Joanna Spaulding** – substitute teacher
5. **Suzanne Brock** – substitute teacher

E. REHIRES

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENT

H. DISMISSALS

II. EXTRA-DUTY

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Jason Thiry** – resigned from his position as assistant boys track coach at Morton High School effective for the 2008-2009 school year.
2. **Matt Yarcho** – resigned from his position as Varsity Golf coach at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
3. **Samantha McKee** – resigned from her position as Building Webmaster at Lincoln School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
4. **Mark Cox** – resigned from his position as assistant freshman football coach at Morton High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Kevin Hodel** – Assistant boys track coach at Morton High School for the 2008-2009 school year.
2. **Sara Sorenson** – Spring musical choreographer at Morton High School for the 2008-2009 school year.
3. **Don Swearingen** – Head track coach at Morton Jr. High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

C. SUSPENSION

D. DISMISSALS

III. SUPPORT STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Kelly Vandiver** – resigned from her position as part time computer lab aide at Grundy School effective February 27, 2009.
2. **Alexis Cornish** – resigned from her position as part time special instructional aide at Morton High School effective February 27, 2009.

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Marty King** – substitute crossing guard
2. **Stacy Reinhofer** – substitute instructional aide
3. **Jodi Walter** – part time computer lab aide at Grundy School effective February 25, 2009.

E. REHIRES

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENTS

1. **Nancy Meldrum** – retiring from her position as principal’s secretary at Morton Jr. High School effective February 27, 2009.

H. DISMISSALS