MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

MARCH 17, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 17, 2009, at Morton High School.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Linda Menold called the regular meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Linda Menold, Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser,

Mr. John Applen, Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mr. Gary Rassi, Mr. Doug Riddle

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees, student discipline, purchase of property, litigation and/or negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 4:58 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mrs. Overcash, 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 5:58 p.m.

Adjournment -

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Applen that the closed session meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

<u>REGULAR MEETING -</u>

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Linda Menold called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Linda Menold, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mrs. Overcash,

Mr. John Applen, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. Gary Rassi, Mr. Doug Riddle

Mrs. Nan Reynolds, Student Council Supervisor, reported on upcoming activities being planned by the High School Student Council. March 23 – 27 is has been designated St. Jude Week which will include various activities to raise awareness and funds for cancer patients. Their goal is to raise more than the \$12,500 raised last year. Saturday, April 25, is set aside to honor local veterans. All veterans are invited to attend a breakfast at the high school.

Reports -

<u>Administrative</u> –

National Merit Scholar Program Presentations -

Mr. Johnson introduced Emma Roth, a National Merit Commended student. Of the 1.5 million students tested nationwide, she is ranked among the top 4% in the country. Mrs. Menold thanked her parents and district staff for their contributions to Miss Roth's success.

Mr. Johnson introduced Emily Felker, a National Merit Semi-Finalist. She ranks in the top 1.5% of those tested nationally. She now has the opportunity to compete for National Scholarship money. Miss Felker plans to continue her education at the University of Illinois. Mrs. Menold thanked Miss Felker and her parents and expressed her appreciation to our staff for providing her the opportunity to excel.

Freedom of Information Requests -

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

Board Committees –

Mrs. Menold thanked Mr. Johnson and his staff for the meeting held earlier in the evening with the Board of Education. She expressed her appreciation for the large turnout by the teachers and their involvement in not only academics, but also the activities of the students.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the School Improvement Plans will be reported on in May by the principals. He encouraged the board members to meet with the principal of the school they are assigned to this year prior to the May meeting. Mrs. Menold encouraged board members to take the opportunity to visit their assigned school at any time throughout the year to keep

up with current activities in the buildings.

Mrs. Kaiser reported that the March CAC report is included in the board members folders.

A policy discussion meeting was added to the April 7 Board of Education meeting to begin at 5:30 p.m.

<u>Discussion Items –</u>

Discipline Handbook Update -

Dr. Teater presented the recommended changes to the discipline handbooks for students at all levels. He noted that the Discipline Committee met on March 16 to discuss the recommended changes. The handbooks will be approved at the April Board of Education meeting.

Board Retreat Plan -

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed items for discussion for the Board of Education retreat planned for Saturday, April 25. Those items include:

- Review Board's mission, beliefs and goals
- Review Administrative strategies for the upcoming year
- Provide timelines to the Board
- Prioritizing
- Long term objectives
- Dashboard
- Ends policies

Board members will receive pertinent information prior to the meeting. Mrs. Menold noted that the newly elected Board members will be invited to attend the retreat.

Facilities Update –

Dr. Kilpatrick gave a recap of the facilities update meeting that was held on Friday, March 13, for the Board of Education. The Board met with the architects that have been reviewing each of our buildings this past school year to determine needed areas of improvement. Different options were presented to the board with a cost analysis. The board will now need to decide on the best 2 or 3 options to take to the staff and the community for their input. A meeting date was set for Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Class Rank Report –</u>

Dr. Kilpatrick introduced Ms. Marjorie Johnson, Science Department Head at Morton High School. As a part of her Administrative Internship, she completed a study on Class Rank in high schools. Her findings indicate that in high achieving schools, students whose class rank is in the middle of the class often have at or near a 3.5 grade point average. Showing their class rank on

their transcript many times is detrimental to their success in being accepted to the college of their choice. Ms. Johnson stressed that she was not making a recommendation, but wanted to share her findings with the board.

Board members shared their appreciation with Ms. Johnson for her effort involved in the study. Dr. Kilpatrick noted that the administration will study the idea next school year and have a discussion with the Board of Education in late fall.

Action Items –

Approve Emergency Warning Siren Agreement –

Motion by Mr. Rassi, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education approve the resolution and agreement with the Village of Morton for easement for location of the early warning sirens at Morton High School, Lettie Brown Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School.

Mr. Neeley expressed his disappointment in the type of pole used for the siren. His desire would have been a more aesthetically pleasing pole for school property. The Board agreed that the Superintendent would communicate to the Village of Morton the desire to have a more aesthetically pleasing pole in the future on school property.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0

Approve High School Dual Credit Courses –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Neeley that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Illinois Central college to offer the MHS Advanced Chemistry class for dual credit with that of Chemistry 130 at ICC, the MHS Music Theory class for dual credit with that of Music 136 at ICC, the MHS Economics I class for dual credit with that of Economics 111 at ICC, and the MHS Honors Earth Science class for dual credit with that of Earth Science 116 at ICC.

Mrs. Menold expressed her appreciation to the staff for the efforts involved in the process of making these courses dual credit with ICC.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Approve Textbooks for High School Dual Credit Courses -

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the HS *General Chemistry* textbook, HS *Essentials of Geology* textbook, HS

beginning with the 2009-2010 school	ol year.	c Language & Fundamentals textbook
Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0
Motion carried.		
Approve Resolution for Non-re-en	mployment of Educ	ational Support Personnel –
Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second resolution of the non-reemployment	•	t the Board of Education approve the Support Personnel.
Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0
Motion carried.		
Approve Resolution for Non-re-en	mployment of Profe	essional Staff –
Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by resolution of the non-reemployment	-	the Board of Education approve the Staff.
Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0
Motion carried.		
Approve Budget Calendar –		
Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by N 2010 budget calendar.	Ir. Neeley, that the I	Board of Education approve the 2009-

Approve High School Gym Air Conditioning Bid -

Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried.

Dr. Kilpatrick explained that air conditioning the high school gymnasium was considered due to the fact that the high school system is a demand load system that uses large chiller units. The load on the classrooms can be reduced when necessary and the load transferred to the gym. The bid was designed to include new air handlers in the gym and the piping for the cooling system. As the existing air handlers are original to the building and are having significant maintenance issues, it appears they should be replaced in the near future. The actual cost of extending the air conditioning into the gym is a lower amount by that difference in the air handler cost.

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion by Mrs. Menold, second by Mr. Neeley, that the Board of Education approve the award of Alternate Bid 2 of the air conditioning project for Morton High School to PIPCO in the amount of \$168,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approving and Signing Minutes -

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mrs. Overcash, that the minutes of the of the December 2, 2008, Regular Meeting; December 2, 2008, Regular Meeting Closed Session; December 15, 2008, Regular Meeting; December 15, 2008, Regular Meeting Closed Session; January 13, 2009, Regular Meeting; January 13, 2009, Regular Meeting Closed Session; January 20, 2009, Regular Meeting; January 20, 2009, Regular Meeting Closed Session; February 3, 2009, Regular Meeting Closed Session; February 9, 2009, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Bills and Payroll –

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Neeley, that the Board of Education approve the bills and payroll as follows:

	Bills 3-06-09	Payroll 3-13-09
Ed. Fund	\$127,305.01	\$412,563.42
Bldg. Fund	21,503.31	28,795.57
Trans.Fund	31,673.53	12,278.54
Payroll Accts. Pay.		342,992.77
Fire & Safety	62,190.00	

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Other –

Mrs. Overcash reported that a farewell dinner for Mrs. Menold and Mrs. Rassi will be held on Monday, April 27, with details to follow.

Closed Session –

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Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mrs. Overcash, 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 9:55 p.m.

Approve Personnel Report –

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education approve the personnel report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Expulsion of Student 09-2 –

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mrs. Overcash, that the Board of Education expel Student 09-2 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and continuing through the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment -	-
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Roll Call Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0
Motion carried. The meeting adjour	ned at 10:00 p.m.	
	Respec	ctfully submitted,
	Iovea	Kaiser, Secretary

Linda M. Menold, President

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

PERSONNEL REPORT

March 17, 2009

I. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

- 1. **Lee Hoffman** resigned from his position as 5th grade teacher at Lincoln School effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- **B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS**
- C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS
- D. APPOINTMENTS
 - 1. Beth McDaniel substitute teacher
 - 2. Bill Muzzarelli substitute teacher
 - 3. **Courtni Bean** substitute teacher
 - 4. **Karen Thomas** substitute teacher
 - 5. Kristin Lucas substitute teacher
 - 6. Kathy Venhuizen substitute teacher
 - 7. **John Osterman** substitute teacher
 - 8. Randy Harding substitute teacher

E. REHIRES

- 1. **Lori Simpson** 1st grade teacher at Brown School for the 2009-2010 school year.
- F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- G. RETIREMENT
- H. DISMISSALS

II. EXTRA-DUTY

- A. RESIGNATIONS
- **B. APPOINTMENTS**
 - 1. **Kristen Schick** Assistant Track Coach at Morton Jr. High School for the 2008-2009 school year.
- C. SUSPENSION
- D. DISMISSALS

III. SUPPORT STAFF

- A. RESIGNATIONS
- **B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS**
- C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS
- D. APPOINTMENTS
 - Melanie Wallace part time Special Education instructional aide at Morton High School effective March 18, 2009.
 - 2. **Gabriela Kirk** substitute instructional aide.
- E. REHIRES
- F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- G. RETIREMENTS
- H. DISMISSALS