



**REGULAR MEETING -**

**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 –**

**Administrative –**

**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.

### **Discussion Items –**

#### **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.

#### **Class Rank Report –**

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









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**Adjournment -**

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. **Courtnei 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

1. **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**