

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

APRIL 28, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 28, 2009, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

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. Nancy Overcash, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser,
Mr. John Appen, Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mr. Gary Rassi, Mr. Doug Riddle

Reports –

Administrative –

Crisis Management Committee Update –

Dr. Teater reported on the Crisis Management Committee meeting that was held on April 6. He noted that Morton Fire Chief Joe Kelly was present along with Michael Levine. There are no suggested changes for the plan. He outlined some concerns that were discussed at the meeting that will be looked into for next school year.

- Traffic pattern at Lincoln School for before and after school
- Security card readers at the high school
- Intercom system at the high school
- District wide drill – change the time of day drills take place

Tax Increment Financing-

Dr. Kilpatrick reported on tax increment financing (TIF) and its impact on taxing bodies. He distributed a handout prepared by the National Association of Realtors that gave the history of TIF. He explained that he wanted to give an overview of TIF and Enterprise Zones to the board, as the school district may be impacted by either of these options in the future depending on decisions made by the Village of Morton. Dr. Kilpatrick will give an overview of Enterprise Zones at an upcoming meeting.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he has responded to a request from Methodist Hospital for information on the insurance proposals.

Board Committees–

Mrs. Menold reported that the Board of Education met earlier in the evening with the Special Education staff. She expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Ashby and her staff for their attendance. It is exciting to hear what is taking place with the District's special education students and the staff's enthusiasm for their success.

Mrs. Kaiser noted that the April CAC report was included in board member packets.

Discussion Items –

3rd – 6th Grade Science Textbook Adoption -

Mr. Smock reported that the textbook adoption committee has completed the very thorough process of selecting science textbooks for 3rd through 6th grades. He noted that the committee made sure the books fit our curriculum and our students. The recommended textbooks have received CAC approval and the committee is now asking for Board approval to place the books on public display for 30 days.

Mrs. Kaiser expressed her appreciation to the committee for all their work and efforts in the textbook adoption process.

Closed Campus –

Mrs. Menold noted that the Board members recently received a packet from the administration on options for closing the campus at Morton High School. Dr. Kilpatrick gave his recommendation to close the campus for the 2009-2010 school year for Freshman and Sophomores only, as the 4 period lunch that would handle all students eating at school has not yet been negotiated. His recommendation includes modifications of food offerings and meeting place (courtyards) enhancements for students.

Board discussion centered around security and safety of the students and communicating that this decision would not be a punitive action toward students. Mr. Johnson added that safety logistics are difficult if the campus is not eventually closed completely. He stressed that he is an advocate for options to make staying at school during the lunch period more appealing to students. He has worked with Sodexo on food ideas and would like secure doors and to have the courtyard areas completed.

The board members agreed that this issue has been discussed and researched many times over the last several years and if the change was going to take place, they wanted to take action at this meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Applen, that Discussion Item B be moved to Action Item C.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

April 28, 2009

I. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Brian Gordon** – resigned from his position as Assistant Principal at Morton High School effective at the end of his current contract, June 30, 2009.

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Ericka Pearson** – substitute teacher
 2. **Ashley Tucker** – special education summer school teacher
 3. **Holly Dixon** – special education summer school teacher
 4. **Erin Day** – special education summer school teacher
 5. **Amanda Cross** – special education summer school teacher
 6. **Nadine Worstell** – special education summer school tutor
 7. **Candice Harvey** – special education summer school tutor
 8. **Candy Robosky** – special education summer school tutor
 9. **Corrine Wolfe** – special education summer school tutor
 10. **Nan Birky** – summer school speech pathologist
 11. **Nan Rupert** – summer school speech pathologist
 12. **Janine Weyland** – summer school teacher
 13. **Jackie Seaton** – summer school teacher
 14. **Jami Kaisershot** – summer school teacher
 15. **Heather Hochstettler** – summer school teacher
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2. **Dominique Allison** - East Peoria
Education: BS, Illinois State University
Major: Early Childhood Education
Experience: Student Teacher, Woodrow Wilson School, East Peoria
Assignment: Early Childhood Teacher, Jefferson School
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3. **Corinne Wolfe** - Peoria, IL
Education: MS – Illinois State University
Major: Special Education
Experience: 1 yr. - HS Sp. Ed. Teacher – Gages Lake, IL
2 yrs. – Elementary Teacher International Schools
Assignment: Special Education Teacher – Grundy School

E. REHIRES

1. **Nola Gannaway** – part time Family Consumer Science teacher at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENT

H. DISMISSALS

II. EXTRA-DUTY

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Jamie Zwaga** – resigned from her position as Yearbook Advisor at Morton Jr. High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. APPOINTMENTS

C. SUSPENSION

D. DISMISSALS

III. SUPPORT STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. **Katrina Belsley** – resigned from her position as part time instructional aide at Grundy School effective April 20, 2009.

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. Diane Kirk – summer school special education instructional aide – JH/HS
2. Diane Conklin – summer school special education instructional aide – JH/HS
3. Ginny Cody – summer school special education instructional aide – JH/HS
4. Elaine Hansen – summer school special education instructional aide – JH/HS
5. Kerry Van Gundy – summer school special education instructional aide – JH/HS
6. Heather Hutson – summer school special education instructional aide – JH/HS
7. Kris Stieglitz – summer school special education instructional aide – elementary
8. Sheri Mitchell - summer school special education instructional aide – elementary
9. Elena Weber - summer school special education instructional aide – elementary
10. Clara Jo Ogden - summer school special education instructional aide – elementary
11. Amanda Cheatham - summer school special education instructional aide – elementary
12. Jennifer Perez – summer school special education job coach
13. Laura Schmidgall – summer school instructional aide
14. Chelsea Moyer – summer school instructional aide
15. Lauren Cox – summer school instructional aide
16. Janet Hughs – summer school instructional aide

E. REHIRES

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENTS

H. DISMISSALS