

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 22, 2009, at Lettie Brown Elementary School.

BUDGET HEARING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. John Appen, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Noah Menold Mr. Doug Riddle

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the tentative budget has been on public display for over 30 days. He reminded the Board that the budget for this year in total is balanced. Due to the state of Illinois' deteriorating financial condition, it is still uncertain how much actual funding from the state will be available. Our district will have a delayed effect from the underfunding. Dr. Kilpatrick noted that the 2010-2011 year will be much more difficult.

There were no questions from the audience. Mr. Neeley declared the Budget Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING –

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Audience Presentations-

Mrs. Rachel Foster, 909 E. Kay St., Morton, IL and Mrs. Jenny Miller, 1053 Winter Haven, Morton, IL, spoke on behalf of modified full day kindergarten to be considered in Morton School District. They noted that the current teachers are doing a great job with the time they have, but feel it would be in the interest of the kindergarten students to extend their time at school to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. They also noted the reality of the current limited space constraints, but would like the matter to be considered during the facilities planning process. Mrs. Miller noted they are collecting signatures on an online petition.

Mr. Neeley thanked Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Miller for their presentation.

Reports –

Administrative –

Study Island –

Brown School teachers Mrs. Laurie Zehr and Mrs. Laura Stuber demonstrated the web based program, Study Island, being used throughout the elementary schools this year. Study Island is a provider of easy-to-use, Web-based standards mastery products. The program can be used at school or at home and is linked to the Illinois state standards. Results from MAP testing and ISAT are used to determine the category each individual student is assigned. Dr. Kilpatrick noted that Study Island works well with the MAP assessment and is a tool for RtI services for identified students.

Mr. Neeley thanked Mrs. Zehr and Mrs. Stuber for the demonstration.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there are no Freedom of Information requests to report.

Curriculum Review – High School –

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that the high school curriculum is tied to the School Improvement Plan. The high school staff will spend this school year using the results from the EXPLORE/PSAE/ACT assessments as targets for improvement. The staff will determine students below the benchmark, identify classes and subjects, and review the curriculum using the curriculum guide and curriculum mapping. They will collaborate on the findings and solutions.

Mr. Neeley thanked Dr. Kilpatrick for the excellent report. Mr. Appen commended the high school administrators and staff for the substantial amount of time that will be spent on this process to find ways to improve, even though their school already scores high on assessments.

Annual Curriculum Renewal –

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed the curriculum renewal targets planned for the next few years. This year 7-12 Social Studies will be reviewed. Next year K-6 Social Studies and 7-12 Science are scheduled. He also reviewed the schedule for curriculum mapping and textbook purchases. He pointed out that the State of Illinois has cut textbook loan funding and that will impact our textbook purchases in the near future.

Family Life and Sex Education Curriculum –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that according to Board policy 6:60, the Administration will periodically review the Family Life and Sex Education curriculum followed by Board of Education approval. He noted that the curriculum will be reviewed this school year and brought to the Board in the spring for approval. Any changes in the curriculum will be implemented in the 2010-2011 school year.

Facilities –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he is currently forming the Core committee for the facilities study. He is planning to schedule the first meeting within the next few weeks. The sub committees should be formed by next week, also. He plans to hold six meetings of the Core committee and try to complete the process by the end of the calendar year. He would also like to have contingency plans in place for additional space for next year if the enrollment continues to increase.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he has recently learned that IDOT will be resurfacing Jackson Street next year. The current plans involve removing parking spaces and adding a center turn lane. The school district would lose approximately 20 parking spaces. Dr Kilpatrick will be making inquiries at the Village offices to gather more information.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Mr. Applen had met recently with Scott Witzig, Director of the Morton Community Foundation, for an update. They appreciate the good discussion and now have a better understanding of the foundation.

Mr. Neeley reported that he recently had a meeting with Carol Jankowski. They discussed the importance of communicating issues concerning the facilities study to the public.

Mr. Neeley reported that he attended the band competition held at the high school on September 19. The event was very well attended and well organized. Mr. Applen commended the parent volunteers that were involved in making the event a success.

Committees –

Mrs. Kaiser reported that the public relations committee had met recently. They reviewed strategies in communicating the facilities study to the public.

Mrs. Overcash noted that the CAC report from the September 9 meeting was included in board member packets.

Discussion Items –

	Bills 9-4-09	Bills 9-18-09	Payroll 9-11-09
Ed. Fund	\$201,267.61	\$112,743.86	\$415,471.65
Bldg. Fund	37,979.31	121,312.25	32,402.68
Trans.Fund	3,282.75	10,033.79	15,095.23
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--		335,321.68
Fire & Safety	--	2,079.13	--

Approve July Treasurers Report
Approve FFA Trip

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for consideration of 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 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Applen 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 10:20 p.m.

Approve Personnel Report –

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

September 22, 2009

I. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Michael Crall** – substitute teacher
2. **Judy Strong** – substitute teacher
3. **Sara Stejskal** – Title I After School Tutor
4. **Heather Hochstettler** - Title I After School Tutor
5. **Kathy Rugaard** - Title I After School Tutor
6. **Dee Murphy** - Title I After School Tutor
7. **Karilyn Schlappi** - Title I After School Tutor
8. **Barb Novota** - Title I After School Tutor
9. **Kristi Hill** - Title I After School Tutor
10. **Mary Staley** - Title I After School Tutor
11. **Jami Kaisershot** - Title I After School Tutor
12. **Pam Everetts** - Title I After School Tutor
13. **Steve Klein** - Title I After School Tutor
14. **Marj Orth** - Title I After School Tutor
15. **Clara Jo Ogden** – Read 180 Program Director
16. **Andie Tinnes** – Title I After School Tutor
17. **Cindy Chambers** – Title I After School Tutor
18. **Nick Huffman** – Title I After School Tutor
19. **Christina Funk** – substitute teacher
20. **Jolynn Lottman** – substitute teacher
21. **Barbara Delaney** – substitute teacher
22. **Camie Risinger** – substitute teacher

E. REHIRES

F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G. RETIREMENT

1. **Luanne Stonewall** – retiring from her position as 5th grade teacher at Lincoln School effective December 18, 2009.

H. DISMISSALS

II. EXTRA-DUTY

A. RESIGNATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Mary Holmgren** – WYSE Sponsor at Morton High School effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. **Quentin Ackerman** – Freshman Class Sponsor
3. **Tess Overcash** – substitute cheerleading sponsor at Morton Jr. High School

C. SUSPENSION

D. DISMISSALS

III. SUPPORT STAFF

A. RESIGNATIONS

B. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

C. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Staci Loyd** – part time special education instructional aide at Brown School effective September 23, 2009.
2. **Caitlyn Anderson** – part time special education instructional aide at Morton Jr. High School effective September 23, 2009.
3. **Rodney Duneheew** – full time 3rd shift custodian at Morton High School effective September

23, 2009.

4. **Rhonda Konieczny** – substitute crossing guard at Lincoln School effective September 23, 2009.
5. **Amy Lacy** – substitute clerical aide
6. **Jana Densberger** – substitute instructional aide
7. **Mark Littlefield** – substitute instructional aide
8. **Greg Murphy** – substitute custodian

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