

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

AUGUST 17, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 17, 2010, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Applen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Reports –

Administrative –

Summer Work –

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed all of the custodial and maintenance work done over the summer in all of the district facilities. He noted that the district is making sure everything is up to date and in compliance. He also reported that the high school gym floor replacement will be completed in about three weeks.

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Dr. Kilpatrick recently completed a walk-through of all of the buildings. He asked Dr. Kilpatrick to pass on his and the Board's appreciation for all of the maintenance and custodial crew's hard work.

Pumpkin Festival –

Dr. Kilpatrick reminded the Board members that they will be volunteering in the festival food tent on Thursday, September 16, from 4:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Curriculum Review - Elementary –

Mr. Smock reported that he is continuing the elementary curriculum review that was started this summer with a committee of teachers. After meeting with the administrators and the Board members involved in curriculum, he will present to CAC and then bring it back to the Board in a month or two.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported there have been no Freedom of Information requests.

President's Report -

Mr. Neeley reported that legal counsel will attend the September 7 board meeting to advise board members on their role during a referendum.

Mr. Neeley reported that as a member of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Boards, he will be serving on the audit committee at the end of August.

Discussion Items –

First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy, Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 –

Mr. Neeley explained that many of the revisions of these policies are due to statute changes. Dr. Kilpatrick added that Policy 6:185 is a new policy. It is an optional policy we were advised to have in place for remote classes (virtual courses). Our APEX internet program could be considered a remote class.

Action Items –

Approve Tentative 2010-2011 Budget and Schedule Public Hearing –

Dr. Kilpatrick presented the 2010-2011 tentative budget that has been reviewed with the Finance Committee. He reported that the budget is balanced at this time, but there are many unknowns. He reviewed the reductions that have been put in place for the current school year and noted that the plan is working well. Dr. Kilpatrick credited the administrators for their work on the budget last spring.

Mr. Neeley commended Dr. Kilpatrick and the administrative team for their efforts on balancing the budget. He noted it is always the goal of the Board to balance the budget. A solid financial base assures a good education for our students.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the 2010-2011 Tentative Budget, place it on display for thirty days, and schedule a budget hearing for September 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

