

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 21, 2010, at Jefferson Elementary School.

### **BUDGET HEARING -**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call -**

President Thomas Neeley called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. John Applen, 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 reported that in the budget presented at the August 17, 2010, meeting, nothing has changed and all of the funds reflect a balanced budget for this next year.

There were no questions from the audience. Mr. Neeley declared the Budget Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING –**

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **Annual Curriculum Targets –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that curriculum renewal is being incorporated with curriculum mapping. The Jr. High and High School are using their curriculum maps to complete the Social Science renewal this year. Revisions in the sex education curriculum are being completed and will be brought to the Board at a later time.

##### **Facilities –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he has met with Keach and Associates/PSA Dewberry architectural firms to define the scope of the project before negotiating with them. The principals have also met with the architects to define each buildings needs. He stressed that it will be important to build flexibility into the design to be able to add classrooms or restrooms at a later time or if bids come in lower than anticipated.

**Freedom of Information Requests –**

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

**President’s Report –**

Mr. Neeley reported that the Board members had met earlier in the evening with the Jefferson teachers. He expressed his appreciation to the teachers and Mrs. Sherwood for giving their time outside of the school day. The Board received valuable input and information from the teachers.

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Dr. Kilpatrick have attended the PTO meetings at Jefferson, Lincoln and the Jr. High. At the meetings, they shared the plans for Phase I and expressed to those in attendance the need for community volunteers. Mr. Neeley noted that they took the opportunity to thank each PTO for all they do for their schools.

**Committees –**

It was noted that minutes from the September CAC meeting were included in the Board folders. The Communication Committee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, September 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the MEAC.

**Discussion Items –**

**Facilities – Construction Manager or General Contractor –**

Mr. Heinold presented information as to the differences and the advantages and disadvantages of employing a construction manager to oversee the bidding and remodeling or working with a general contractor that handles those aspects with their individual sub-contractors. He compared value, cost, schedule and risk. Dr. Kilpatrick will bring his recommendation to the Board within the next month.

**Action Items –**

**Approve 2010-2011 Budget -**

Mr. Neeley thanked Dr. Kilpatrick and the Administrators for the work involved in addressing funding issues and presenting a balanced budget.

Motion by Mr. Appen, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education approve the 2010-2011 school district budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve High School Dual Credit Course –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that a series of meetings have occurred with ICC in regard to recognizing Morton High School’s Advanced Speech class for dual credit from ICC. As a result of comparing the course descriptions, goals and objectives, it has been determined that Advanced Speech at MHS can be offered for dual credit - high school graduation credit and transferrable college credit from Illinois Central College beginning in the fall of 2010.

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mrs. Overcash, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Illinois Central College to offer the MHS Advanced Speech class for dual credit with that of Communications 110 at ICC.

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Menold, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approve FFA Trip
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 9-10-10</b>	<b>Payroll 9-17-10</b>
Ed. Fund	\$164,203.54	\$407,165.11
Bldg. Fund	57,654.96	33,322.45
Trans.Fund	16,307.39	12,823.93
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	361,807.83
Fire & Safety	12,550.00	--

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.



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Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

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Thomas Neeley, President