

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**JANUARY 11, 2011**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held January 11, 2011, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **REGULAR MEETING –**

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

### **Reports –**

#### **Administrative –**

##### **School Highlights –**

Dr. Kilpatrick commented on the December highlights and noted that December was a very busy month for all of the school buildings. Several of the board members pointed out all of the community fundraising that took place by the students and thanked students, staff and parents for their generosity.

##### **Facilities Update –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the architects will give a presentation at the January 18 board meeting. He also noted that with Board consensus, he will be pursuing an energy grant through the state board of education. The district can request up to \$250,000 of a total of \$9,000,000 that is being awarded. If our district would be awarded the grant, the boiler at the high school could be replaced or our digital energy systems in the other buildings need to be updated. It was the consensus of the Board to pursue the grant.

##### **Freedom of Information Requests –**

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

#### **President's Report –**

Mr. Neeley thanked the Board members for the work completed in 2010 and noted there is much work ahead in 2011. He reported that community members are coming forward to serve on the community committee for passage of the referendum. The names of the co-chairs will be announced at the next meeting.

Mr. Neeley reported that he attended the IASB Board of Directors meeting recently. Proposed legislation concerning education was a major topic along with the income tax proposals.

**Discussion Items –**

**Board Personnel Policies Compliance Report –**

Mr. Neeley reported that as part of the policy compliance monitoring practice, a review of the Instruction policies was conducted. After review, it is the Superintendent’s opinion that these policies are being followed and that the District is in compliance with those policies. Mr. Neeley will sign the policy compliance form and place it in the master compliance file in the district office.

**Action Items -**

**Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies -**

Motion by Mr. Menold, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 2:100, 2:160, 4:50, 4:60-E, 4:140, 5:290, 6:130, 6:320, 7:20, 7:90, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:285, 8:30, 8:30-E1, and 8:30-E2 and adopt those policies as presented and revised.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve Bids of Transportation Vehicles –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the district received 3 bids to purchase a new 12 passenger + 4 wheel chair position bus. Most all of the funding for this wheel chair bus is provided through the ARRA IDEA grant. The bids for the bus ranged from a high of \$101,015.00 to a low of \$91,922.00 from Midwest Bus Sales. The ARRA grant will cover approximately \$88,500 of the cost.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education accept the bid of Midwest Bus Sales for one 12 passenger + 4 wheel chair position bus.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Applen, that the Consent Agenda be approved as

follows:

- Accept 2010 Audit Report
- Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
- Review of Closed Session Minutes
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the November 16, 2010, Regular Meeting;  
December 7, 2010, Regular Meeting; December 20, 2010, Special Meeting.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 12-17-10</b>	<b>Bills 12-21-10</b>	<b>Payroll 12-10-10</b>	<b>Payroll 12-24-10</b>	<b>Payroll 01-07-11</b>
Ed. Fund	\$224,390.13	--	432,991.40	416,391.99	349,550.64
Bldg. Fund	107,986.28	24,142.53	34,996.60	30,338.94	30,717.48
Trans.Fund	43,601.73	--	11,967.95	14,647.97	5,264.88
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	382,894.99	372,582.23	343,619.21
Fire & Safety	8,234.54	--	--	--	--

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Menold, 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 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:06 p.m.



**Adjournment -**

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Heinold, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

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Thomas Neeley, President