

**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**AUGUST 2, 2011**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 2, 2011, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

**REGULAR MEETING –**

President Tom Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. Clint Heinold,  
Mr. John Applen, Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Tim Taylor

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Bernier, 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 7:11 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaiser 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 7:30 p.m.

The Board and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reports –**

**Administrative –**

**Substitute Teacher Pay –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that area school districts were recently surveyed for their current substitute teacher rates. As Morton School District's rate of \$80 per day plus board paid TRS is in the range of the districts surveyed, it is his recommendation that the rate stay the same for the 2011-2012 school year.

### **Facilities Update –**

Dr. Kilpatrick shared a rough timeline for facilities improvement alternatives. August will be spent taking site visits for portable classrooms, develop usage for the portable classrooms and determine additional facility cost information including:

- Cost to add classrooms only
- Cost to add Grundy gym only
- Explore other options for gyms
- Individual cost of each elementary plan
- Affects of new middle school on elementary needs
- Analysis of K-4 buildings and 5/6 building & PE accommodations

Dr. Kilpatrick recommended consideration of an outside community engagement consultant.

Late August to Early September:

- Interview community engagement consultants
- Select community engagement consultant and develop engagement plan

September to Mid November:

- Develop alternative options
- Use the community engagement process to “test drive” options with the public

November:

- Based on community engagement process, define preferred option

December:

- Board approves option for implementation

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

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

### **President’s Report –**

Mr. Neeley reminded board members of the self evaluation meeting scheduled on Saturday, August 20. A field representative from the Illinois School Board Association will facilitate the meeting.

Mr. Neeley reported he had recently attended an IASB directors meeting. A major topic of discussion was the issue with the state not funding ROE Superintendents’ salaries since July. All are hopeful for a resolution with the Governor soon.

**Discussion Items –**

**Board Process Policy Compliance –**

Mr. Neeley reported that as part of the policy compliance monitoring practice, a review was conducted of the section dealing with Board Process Policies. The Compliance Monitoring provides for a review of whether we are operating according to our current written policy or the reasons for any deviations. The review for the current section indicates the board and administration is complying with current policy. Mr. Neeley will sign the compliance monitoring form and place in on file in the Superintendent’s office.

**Board of Education Task Board –**

Mr. Neeley noted that the task board is a fluid, living document and additions and changes are made as needed throughout the year. Board members were asked to review it and note needed revisions.

**Action Items -**

**Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy, Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 -**

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education conduct a Second Reading of the selected Board Policies from sections 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and adopt those policies as presented and revised.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

Approving and Signing Minutes of the June 25, 2011, Special Meeting; June 25, 2011, Board Retreat; July 5, 2011 Regular Meeting; and July 20, 2011 Special Meeting.

Approve June Treasurer's Report

Approval of Bills and Payrolls

	<b>Bills 7-29-11</b>	<b>Payroll 7-22-11</b>
Ed.Fund	\$78,158.77	\$332,327.44
Bldg.Fund	54,983.94	47,456.08
Trans.Fund	1,147.09	3,608.27
Payroll Accts Pay	--	288,425.40
Fire & Safety	34,360.34	--

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Neeley announced to the audience that there are parties interested in the Board vacancy. The Board will determine the process and appoint a new board member at the August 16 board meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Kaiser, 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 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Heinold, 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 9:33 p.m.

**Approve Personnel Report –**

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

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve Closed Session Minutes –**

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education approve the June 25, 2011, Special Meeting closed session minutes; July 5, 2011, Regular Meeting closed session minutes; and July 20, 2011, Special Meeting closed session minutes.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Adjournment -**

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

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clint Heinold, Secretary

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Thomas Neeley, President