

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 20, 2011, at Lincoln Elementary School.

### **REGULAR MEETING –**

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

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

### **Reports –**

#### **Administrative –**

##### **Annual Curriculum Targets –**

Mr. Smock reviewed the Curriculum Rotation Chart. For the 2011-2012 school year, the K-6 Math Core Curriculum will be studied. The study for 7-12 Social Studies which began last year will be finalized this year. K-2 math textbooks were purchased for use this year. Grade 3-6 will be purchased if it is determined the textbooks align with the new Common Core Standards. The Board discussed implementation of the national Common Core Standards. Full implementation of the standards must be by 2013. Mr. Smock commended the math department at the high school for taking the initiative to start planning for the new standards now.

At the request of the Board, Dr. Kilpatrick will invite Mrs. Shirley Carlson from Mid-Illini for a presentation on the Common Core Standards.

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

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there were no Freedom of Information requests.

#### **President's Report –**

Mr. Neeley reported that the Board met with the Lincoln teachers earlier in the evening. He expressed the Board's appreciation for the time the teachers spent with them and noted there are many new programs and initiatives being used this year. He asked Mrs. Taylor to elaborate on the 6-Traits writing model for grades 3-6. She noted that the model is being used throughout the district.

**Discussion Items –****Facilities Plan –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the Brown, Grundy and Lincoln principals have responded to his request for their ideas of how new classrooms would be utilized at their buildings. He reviewed their plans with the board. Ultimately, the additional classrooms will get students out of the hallways. Dr. Kilpatrick will present a package for approval at the October 4 board of education meeting.

He noted that Mr. Smock is currently studying the feasibility of making Jefferson a 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade building. He will present results of his analysis at the October 4 meeting.

**Action Items –****Second Reading and Approval of Policies from Sections 2, 5 and 8 –**

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education conduct a Second Reading of the selected Board Policies from sections 2, 5, and 8 and adopt those policies as presented and revised.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve Intergovernmental Agreement –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported he has been working with legal counsel and meeting with the Morton Youth Baseball Association (MYBA) and the Morton Park District to reach an intergovernmental agreement for the construction and renovation of baseball fields to serve varsity and other high school level baseball programs. The agreement helps to define current operating terms and priority of usage of the fields. In addition, the agreement provides for responsibilities for future maintenance of both fields. Another component of the agreement is the definition of responsibilities for the various construction or renovation or renovation components. The agreement defines those parts for which Morton CUSD 709 has already released contracts and also provides for the establishment of funds from the District for use by MYBA to complete the project. The Morton Park District will be meeting in October to consider approval of the agreement. If there are any substantive changes, Dr. Kilpatrick will bring them back to the board for approval.

It was agreed by the board to amend paragraph 4 of section 4.1 to read:

“...any disputed *capital repairs*, maintenance, repair, or replacement services and whether such *capital repairs*, maintenance, repair, or replacement service is necessary.”

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Morton Park District and the Morton Youth Baseball Association for the construction and reconstruction of fields at Westwood Park to provide facilities for the Morton High School baseball program as amended.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve IASB as Consultant for Superintendent Search
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the August 2, 2011, Regular Meeting, August 10, 2011, Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 16, 2011, Regular Meeting, August 20, 2011, Committee of the Whole Meeting, and September 6, 2011, Regular Meeting.
- Rejection of Bids
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 9-9-11</b>	<b>Payroll 9-16-11</b>
Ed. Fund	\$76,079.09	\$400,151.91
Bldg. Fund	12,025.05	36,225.56
Trans.Fund	10,601.01	13,040.69
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	380,162.16
Fire & Safety	43,418.00	--

Roll Call:                              Yea 7                              Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, 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 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Bernier, 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 8:35 p.m.

**Approve Personnel Report –**

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

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve Closed Session Minutes –**

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes from the August 2, 2011, regular meeting; August 10, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting; August 16, 2011, regular meeting; August 20, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting; and the September 6, 2011, regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

For the benefit of the new board members, Dr. Kilpatrick briefly reviewed the procedures for random drug testing at the high school.

**Adjournment -**

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Clint Heinold, Secretary

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Thomas Neeley, President