

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

APRIL 3, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held April 3, 2012, at Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 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

Audience Presentations –

Mr. Timm Geiger, 120 N. Indiana Ave., Morton. Mr. Geiger is the President of the Morton Band Boosters. He pointed out the benefits of the band program for students and achievements of the band in recent years. He discussed issues and concerns concerning funding of the program by the district.

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked Mr. Geiger for providing the information prior to the meeting that he planned to present. He noted that he has been working with Mr. Neavor that past few months to fund instrument repairs and new band uniforms. The district has rented a lift for the past two years for the marching band use. After researching costs of lifts, the district will be purchasing a used lift to be used by the band and the district maintenance department.

Mr. Neeley thanked Mr. Geiger for providing the information prior to the meeting and noted the board's appreciation for the band boosters.

Reports –

Administrative Report -

School Highlights –

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked the principals for their highlights for the month of March. He pointed out that ISAT testing has been completed.

Construction Timeline –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the construction on the three elementary buildings is on schedule. He reviewed the timeline provided by the construction manager. He noted that bi-weekly meetings for updates are taking place with the construction manager.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there was one freedom of information request concerning the food service contract bid. The request was for the rates of the current vendor.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Dr. Kilpatrick recognized Mrs. Ripka and Ms. Rudin earlier in the day. They were commentators on Channel 20 for Lady Potter basketball games this year.

Mr. Neeley reported he will be representing the school board in Springfield with a contingent from the Morton Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the transportation committee met recently. An 8 passenger van has been bid out and ordered through a program that was offered by the government. Bids will go out soon for an 84 passenger bus and a 34 passenger bus. Ridership continues to be monitored in order to assist in updating routes.

Discussion Items –

Discipline Handbook Changes –

Dr. Teater reported that the discipline handbook community met on March 19 to review the recommendations for revisions. He noted revisions in the areas of bullying, sexual harassment, and unacceptable internet use and absences at the Jr. High and High School. The revisions have been approved by the attorneys. The board will be asked to approved the handbooks at an upcoming meeting.

Concerning the athletic code, Dr. Kilpatrick explained that a coach, in consultation with the principal, is allowed to set a higher standard than the activity code, as long as the students and parents are made aware. No changes in the activity code are planned at this time.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the March 20, 2012, Regular Meeting
- Approve February 2012 Treasurer's Report

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 03-23-12	Payroll 03-30-12
Ed. Fund	\$169,017.10	\$414,769.75
Bldg. Fund	90,700.19	32,768.52
Trans.Fund	19,309.33	13,765.94
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	146,014.44
Fire and Safety	--	--

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

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

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Applen 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 8:16 p.m.

Approve Personnel Report –

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 1

Motion carried.

