

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

May 22, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 22, 2012, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Tom Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Reports –

Administrative –

Special Education Update –

Ms. Dana Ashby reported that her department recently completed the Special Education Disproportionality District Self Assessment that was required by the Illinois State Board of Education . State Board Data indicated an under-representation of white students with an emotional disability. The District was not found to have an over-representation of any ethnicity in this or any other eligibility category. After the review, the ISBE found that although the District has disproportionality, it is not the result of inappropriate identification.

Ms. Ashby gave an overview of the District Special Education Profile based on 2010-2011 data. In the data, our district is compared to our Cooperative –Districts within TMCSEA, Unit Districts across the state and the State of Illinois. She reported that 90% of our students with an IEP are in general education over 40% of the day. 74.4% of students with IEP's meet or exceed on the ISAT/PSAE. Future considerations for special education will be Common Core Curriculum, teacher evaluations, improving RtI and the shifting roles of the special education staff because of RtI.

Dr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Neeley thanked Ms. Ashby for the excellent overview.

Facilities Update –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the new construction is well ahead of schedule. Due to the good weather, the buildings are enclosed. The work on the west wall at Jefferson School will begin after the Relay for Life on June 9.

Summer projects will include painting the high school gym, asbestos removal at the Jr. High, fire alarm work at the elementary buildings, concrete work and door closures.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he received a Freedom of Information request for the 2012-2015 teacher contract, the CORE contract and the Unicom contract.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that he recently attended an ISBE Board of Directors meeting. Much of the discussion at the meeting centered around the financial state of the state of Illinois. He asked Dr. Kilpatrick to discuss options for the school district if more funding is lost from the state. Dr. Kilpatrick noted that no large cuts can be made at this point for next school year. Programs need to be maintained, but some may need to have larger class sizes to maintain them. The district is fortunate to have reserves to rely on in an emergency.

Mrs. Kaiser thanked the district and board members for their kindnesses following the recent death in her family.

Mr. Neeley noted that the high school graduation was a great day and is payback to the board to see and hear of the accomplishments of the students. It was a proud day for the district.

Action Items -

Approve 2012 – 2013 Student Fees -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that at the May 8 board meeting the administration recommended no fee increases for the 2012-2013 school year except for student lunches. Last year fees were increased by approximately 8% for elementary, junior high and high school textbook rental and supplies and activity fees. In 2010-2011 these same fees were increased by 10%. These previous year fee increases were implemented as a result of State of Illinois funding cuts in General State Aid. Given the level of fee increases over the past few years, the administration is recommending that all fees, with the exception of lunch prices, remain at the same level as 2011-2012.

Lunch prices are recommended to increase by 5%. Lunch prices will continue to increase each year not only due to food costs, but also due to the federal requirement that we close the gap in the difference between our lunch prices and the federal reimbursement rate for free/reduced lunches.

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education approve the recommended student fees for the 2012-2013 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Food Service Management Contract –

State regulations require us to rebid the Food Service Management contract every five years and this current year, 2011-12 is the final year of our existing contract with Sodexo. The District requested bids to provide for the management and operation of our school food service program. The bid was for a one year contract with options to renew for four additional years. Nine companies were sent bid specifications with three companies submitting bids as follows:

	<u>Per Meal Rate</u>	<u>Contract Price</u>
• Arbor Management	\$2.585	\$726,136.83
• Sodexo	\$2.720	\$764,058.88
• A'viands	\$2.820	\$792,149.28

The contract requires that the existing Sodexo employees, with the exception of the Food Service Director, be given first consideration for hiring. Existing employees must be guaranteed the same rate of pay and number of hours.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that a new point-of-sale system will be implemented for the 2012-2013 school year. It will tie into the system used by the parents.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaeb, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Arbor Management of \$726,136.83 to provide for the management and operation of our school food service program.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Kilpatrick introduced the representatives from Arbor Management to the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approving and Signing Minutes of the May 8, 2012, Regular Meeting.
- Approve Asbestos Removal at Morton Junior High School.

Motion carried.

Approve Closed Session Minutes –

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Taylor, that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes from the May 8, 2012, regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the audio equipment for recording meetings has been ordered along with more microphones.

Mr. Neeley reported the possibility of a Community Engagement meeting in June. A co-chair of the core committee is being sought.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President