

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

September 18, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 18, 2012, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

PUBLIC HEARING -

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Thomas Neeley called the Public Hearing to order at 7:04 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

Mr. Neeley declared the Public Hearing open for the purpose of approving the 2012-2013 Budget.

Dr. Hall noted the budget to be approved is the same as the tentative budget that was approved at the August 7 board of education meeting. The budget has been on display for 30 days in the District Office along with a Power Point on the District website.

There were no audience questions or discussion.

Mr. Neeley declared the public meeting closed at 7:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Tom Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 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 –

Administrator and Teacher Compensation Report –

Dr. Hall reported that the Administrator and Teacher Compensation Report must be presented to the Board of Education, published on the District website and reported to the Illinois State Board of Education by October 1. It is also required to include IMRF employees whose salary and benefits are over \$75,000. Dr. Hall thanked Brenda Heppard and Dr. Teater for their efforts in gathering the information for the report.

709Connect Update –

Dr. Hall reported that the next 709Connect meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 25. The topic will be on school finance titled “Property Tax, Sales Tax, Tax Caps, Oh My!” There will be two guest speakers – Howard Crouse, former Naperville 203 Business Manager who now works for PMA will be speaking on tax caps; and Anne Nobel of Stifel Nicolaus will be giving an overview of the county wide facilities sales tax issue. The chosen topic is a result of feedback gained at the first two 709Connect meetings.

Dr. Hall noted that a decision needs to be made on extending the Unicom Arc contract through the end of the process in December. The original contract was scheduled to end in August. Since there was no activity in July, Unicom Arc did not invoice the district for that month and extended the contract through September. There is an option in the contract for extension, and it is Dr. Hall’s recommendation that it be extended for the months of October, November and December, with December being pro-rated. With much of the work yet to be done, the Board agreed to the extension.

Mr. Neeley noted that the community engagement process has given the community the opportunity to come forward with their ideas and feedback, though he has been disappointed in the number of people attending.

Labor Management –

Dr. Hall reported that the Labor Management committee will be meeting on September 19, at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Neeley noted he will attend to represent the Board of Education.

President’s Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that the Board of Education met earlier in the evening with the Grundy teachers. The demographic information provided by Mr. Saunders was excellent information and the Board members requested receiving similar information from the other principals.

Mrs. Kaiser reported that the report from the recent CAC meeting was provided to board members in their Drop Box.

Action Items –**Approve 2012-2013 Budget –**

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 school district budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

Approving and Signing Minutes of the September 4, 2012, Regular Meeting and the September 5, 2012, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 9-7-12	Payroll 9-14-12
Ed. Fund	\$112,175.10	\$416,409.83
Bldg. Fund	59,009.32	35,174.37
Trans.Fund	12,317.13	12,972.05
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	393,998.02
Fire & Safety	--	--

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Personnel Report –

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Applen, 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. Kaeb, that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes from the September 4, 2012, regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Applen, 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 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, 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 7:46 p.m.

Dr. Hall asked Board Members to consider changing the first Board of Education meeting in November to another date, as November 6 is election day.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President