

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

August 27, 2012

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 27, 2012, at Grundy School Conference Room.

SPECIAL MEETING –

President Tom Neeley called the special meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. John Applen, Mrs. Michelle Bernier,

Representative Keith Sommer was present to meet with board members, Dr. Hall and Carol Jankowski.

Items discussed included:

- Cost shifts to districts for pensions.
- The State encourages school districts to have reserves, but those that do have reserves have funds from the state taken away.
- Reliance on local property taxes due to lack of state funding.
- Senate Bill 7 – PERA – new evaluation regulations. The expectations by the state were unreasonable given the unpreparedness on their end.

Representative Sommer gave his commitment to continue to be an ally to education in the legislature. He encouraged school board members and all those with an interest in public education to be involved at the state level and make their voices heard.

Adjournment -

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Neeley, President