

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**September 17, 2013**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 17, 2013, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **PUBLIC HEARING -**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call –**

President Clint Heinold called the Public Hearing to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Tim Taylor, Mrs. Michelle Bernier  
Mr. John Applen, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Member absent: Mr. Shaun Bill

Mr. Heinold declared the Public Hearing open for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2013-2014 Budget.

Dr. Hall reviewed the tentative budget that was approved at the August 6 board of education meeting. She noted there have been no changes to the budget since that time. 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. Heinold declared the public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING –**

President Clint Heinold called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Tim Taylor, Mrs. Michelle Bernier  
Mr. John Applen, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Member arriving late: Mr. Shaun Bill – arrived at 7:45 p.m.

**Reports –**

**Administrative –**

**Dr. Judy Harris Helm Presentation –**

The Board of Education heard a presentation from Dr. Judy Harris Helm on Mind Brain Education. Dr. Helm helps schools integrate research through her consulting company, Best Practices, Inc.— website [www.bestpracticesinc.net](http://www.bestpracticesinc.net). She is a national and international speaker and trainer on best practices in education. Her presentation included what children need for success in the 21st century, an overview of how the brain functions while learning and how school design effects learning.

**President’s Report –**

Board President Clint Heinold reported that the Board of Education met earlier in the evening with members of the High School teaching staff and administrators. The Board meets annually with staff from each school in the District. Tonight high school department heads gave encouraging reports of their progress with Common Core State Standards and other recently implemented initiatives.

**Action Item –**

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Neeley, that the Board of Education approve the 2013-14 school district budget.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Neeley thanked Dr. Hall and her staff for their arduous work in preparing the budget.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the September 3, 2013, Regular Meeting, and the September 3, 2013, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 9-6-13</b>	<b>Payroll 9-13-13</b>
Ed. Fund	\$109,702.35	\$430,673.14
Bldg. Fund	46,956.19	30,728.66
Trans.Fund	11,628.05	13,072.27
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	387,472.04
Fire & Safety	197,064.13	--
Tort Fund	1,849.13	--

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, 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. (5 ILSC 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Scarfe, 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 10:15 p.m.

Dr. Hall reported that attorney Mike Tibbs has recommended that the Board rescind the 50% tax abatement recently approved for Morton Auto Auction since they have announced they will not be expanding their operation in Morton at this time. This will be an action item on the October 1 agenda.

Dr. Hall reported that attorney Mike Tibbs does not recommend signing an inter-governmental agreement for blanket approval of tax abatements. This will be a discussion item on the October 1 agenda.

**Adjournment -**

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

Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Bernier, Secretary

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Clint Heinold, President