

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

March 18, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 18, 2014, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Clint Heinold called the regular meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

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

Members present by telephone: Mr. Shaun Bill

Members absent: Mr. Tim Taylor

Reports –

Administrative –

Acknowledgements –

Dr. Hall acknowledged the passing of USMC Major Reid Nannen, son of former MHS teacher Dale Nannen. Major Nannen lost his life due to a pilot training accident in Nevada this month. In the marines since 2004, he served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. He was a great American and a great serviceman. The district sends its condolences to Dale and Mary Ann Nannen and the entire family.

Dr. Hall acknowledged the passing of Roberta (Bert) Larson, former Morton Elementary District 644 school board member (10 years) and Morton Unit District 709 school board member (4 years). She served twice as President of the 644 school board and served several years on the Tazewell/Mason Counties Special Education Association Board of Directors. Dr. Hall read a resolution passed by the Morton 709 school board in April of 1974 commending Mrs. Larson for her years of service to Morton schools. It was also noted that Mrs. Larson was the first woman to serve on the Morton 709 school board. Her life was one of dedication to community service and her family is to be commended for allowing her to serve in this way throughout the years.

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hall reported that Mr. Chris Martin requested the district's food service contract with Sodexo. That request has been fulfilled and the [response](#) is on the district website.

A second request came from Mr. Lenny Jarrett asking for all electronic correspondence using the word "Dillard" since February 13, 2014. The request was denied as it is unduly burdensome. The [response](#) is on the district website.

President's Report –

Grundy Teacher Meeting -

President Heinold thanked Mr. Saunders for hosting the meeting with the Grundy teachers earlier in the evening. Board members especially appreciated the small group setting format provided for the meeting . Positive activities along with concerns were discussed.

Discussion Items –

iPad Lease –

Dr. Teater provided an historical overview of the district's personal devices initiative. The goal is for implementation of personal computing devices for the 2014-2015 school year that will enrich the curriculum and promote the development of 21st century skills for each student. He reported that ongoing professional development for staff is taking place along with visits to school districts that are currently using personal computing devices in their curriculum. Dr. Teater noted that he is finalizing a 3-year lease for Apple iPads. It is easier to budget with a lease and at the end of the lease a decision can be made to continue with iPads or to change to another type of device depending on the technology at the time. Currently there is \$235,000 budgeted for the lease. The Board of Education will be asked to approve the iPad lease at a meeting in April.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Resolution for Non-Re-Employment of Professional Staff
- Approve Resolution for Non-Re-Employment of Educational Support Personnel
- Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2014, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session
- Minutes of the March 4, 2014, Regular Meeting.

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Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bernier, Secretary

Clint Heinold, President