

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

December 17, 2013

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

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Clint Heinold called the Special Meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Clint Heinold, Mrs. Michelle Bernier,
Mr. Shaun Bill, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Member arriving at 5:30 p.m.: Mr. Tim Taylor

Members absent: Mr. John Applen, Mr. Tom Neeley

Closed Session –

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Bill, 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 4 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 5:23 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment –

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

Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to be reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING –

President Clint Heinold called the special meeting back to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mr. Tom Neeley

Audience Presentation –

Mr. David King of 1984 E. Jefferson St., Morton, addressed the Board of Education concerning the cost analysis for Freedom of Information requests that is posted on the District website. He questioned whether the Board needed to act to approve such postings and how the amounts were decided. Dr. Hall responded that she used the hourly rate of the salaried administrator that responded to the requests. She also noted that the Board does not vote on information that is placed on the District website, but the Board did direct her to figure the costs and post them.

Reports –

President’s Report –

Annual Conference Reports –

Board members that attended the recent school board conference reviewed and shared information from sessions they attended. Each expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to attend.

Discussion Items –

Board Goals - Review -

Dr. Hall reviewed that the Board worked on their goals in June and had focused on one goal per month since August. She suggested putting the mission and goals at the top of each agenda starting with the January 14, 2014, meeting. The Board decided to again focus on one goal per month for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Hall noted that she will speak briefly to the staff at the January 6 inservice meeting and will give an update on the board’s goals and accomplishments. It was also decided to implement a different procedure for audience presentations. An index card for those wanting to address the Board will be available to fill out and give to the Board secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

2014-2015 School Year Calendar –

Dr. Hall reported that the calendar committee has met and is presenting a calendar for the

2014-2015 school year for Board discussion. She explained that an inservice day will be held on Columbus Day instead of Veteran’s Day as was the case this year. Feedback from teachers indicated their desire not to be in session on Veteran’s Day in order to give them the option to attend parades and/or ceremonies to honor veterans.

Blue Ribbon Ceremony –

Mr. Bill noted his appreciation to the Lincoln School PTO for the Blue Ribbon award assembly held recently. It is quite an accomplishment for the school and the assembly was very well done.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve and Sign Minutes of the November 19, 2013, Regular Meeting; the November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes; the December 3, 2013, Regular Meeting; and the December 3, 2013, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.
- Approve November Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 12-6-13	Bills 12-9-13	Bills 12-13-13	Payroll 12-6-13
Ed. Fund	\$23,416.78	\$8,170.00	\$213,602.49	\$435,996.66
Bldg. Fund	517.61	--	30,917.14	31,202.51
Trans.Fund	127.31	--	25,168.80	10,776.18
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	401,788.33
Fire & Safety	--	--	16,883.00	--
Tort	--	--	--	--

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

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Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:59 p.m.

Dr. Hall reported that the new bus facility is behind schedule due to delays by Ameren and iTV-3 following the November 17 tornado. The plan now is to move to the new facility over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. Overall, the construction has gone well.

Dr. Hall reported that she, Mr. Prichard and Mr. Carter met with MGSA representatives concerning the softball complex. There is a spring 2015 target for a fourth softball field. No monies have been committed from District 709 at this point, but are hoping for an intergovernmental agreement as with the baseball complex.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bernier, Secretary

Clint Heinold, President