MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JULY 20, 2015

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held July 20, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

SPECIAL MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

Action Items -

Approve Bid for Softball Field -

This action item died due to lack of a motion. Dr. Hall noted that the architect has made some changes and this project will be re-bid.

<u>Approve Contract with Keach Architectural Design –</u>

President Bernier reported that after Board discussion on July 7, 2015, regarding the urgent facilities needs in the district's buildings, Jeff Keach of Keach Architectural Design has brought forth a contract in the total amount of \$539,000 for approval as the board requested. This amount is approximately 6% of the total estimated costs of the work on the elementary, which preliminarily is estimated to be \$8 million. If approved, he will continue his design and drawing work related to these facility needs.

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education approve the contact with Keach Architectural Design.

Mr. Schmidgall voiced his concern that spending money for drawings at this time should not be the next step in the process without knowing what the financial costs will be and without having a financing plan. President Bernier pointed out that the urgent needs were identified in past meetings and the Board asked Mr. Keach to move forward with a contract for schematic drawings. She noted that having the drawings will make it easier to determine costs. The contract is written with five distinct stages, and board approval is necessary for Mr. Keach to move on to the next stage. Others agreed with the need to move forward to address the urgent needs. Options for financing the project will be presented in August.

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 1 - Schmidgall

Motion carried.

<u>Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Village of Morton and District 709</u> for Kay and Jackson Street Projects –

The intergovernmental agreement outlines the parameters and conditions for completing the projects on Kay Street and Jackson Street. The Village of Morton (VOM) will be bidding on these projects and District 709 will reimburse the VOM for the work. It is believed that this arrangement is in the best interest of the taxpayers and potentially represents a cost savings measure.

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Bill, that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Morton to complete the work on Kay and Jackson Streets.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda -

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

Approve Personnel Report

Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2015, Committee of the Whole – Finance Meeting, July 7, 2015, Regular Meeting and the July 7, 2015, Closed Session. Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 7-8-15	Bills 7-17-15	Payroll 7-3-15
Ed. Fund	\$29,046.81	\$133,999.88	\$373,945.16
Bldg. Fund	63,763.83	13,499.43	58,673.56
Trans. Fund	6,277.61	5,575.14	6,339.27
Payroll Accts. Pay.			315,764.76
Tort	625.00	128,589.00	

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment -

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the meeting be adjourned.					
	Voice Vote:	Yea 7	Nay 0		
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.					
			Respectfully submitted,		
			Shaun Bill, Secretary		
			Michelle Bernier, President		