

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.

Approve Contract with Keach Architectural Design –

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.

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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