

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 1, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### REGULAR MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 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

### Audience Presentations –

Mike Vlahos of Morton addressed the Board concerning the long term facilities plan. He encouraged Board members to make a decision soon. He noted it has been two years since the Facilities Advisory Committee started meeting and then presented its recommendation in March of 2014. The community needs to know the Board's vision for Morton School District.

### Reports –

#### Administrative –

##### Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hall reported that Nicholas Jack and the IEA made Freedom of Information requests. The requests and the responses are posted on the District website.

##### Communicable Disease Plan –

Dr. Smock reported that the communicable disease policies are reviewed each year. The district is pro-active in attempting to prevent outbreaks of disease

##### Summer School Update –

Elementary Summer School included 47 students. A regression comparison will be completed using end of year 2014 and beginning of year 2015 Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessments. Data is currently being compiled.

The high school reported a very successful summer school. MHS students passed 25 out of 27 classes for a passing rate of 93%. These courses are taken for credit recovery and one senior completed two courses and was able to graduate.

**Extra-Curricular Offerings -**

The high school provided an annual report to the Board on the number of extracurricular activities and the number of participants for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Textbook and Instructional Materials Report –**

The annual report of textbooks and instructional materials used throughout the district was provided to the Board.

**Overview of CAC Activities/Curriculum Targets/Curriculum Renewal Process –**

Dr. Teater reviewed the curriculum timeline. He explained that Curriculum Mapping that began last year, continues and includes content, skills, assessment and resources used. Last year's goal was to create a master map in writing and review the master map for ELA and Math. This year the emphasis will be on exploring Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Jr. High and High School science teachers met this past summer to begin studying the science standards and articulation meetings will continue throughout the school year. A science assessment will be given this spring, but Dr. Teater is awaiting more detailed information.

Dr. Teater noted that CAC members include the Lead Teachers from each grade and building. They will be report back to their buildings at staff meetings.

**Enrollment Update –**

Dr. Smock reviewed enrollment data including past and present enrollments from the local private schools. He compared current actual enrollment numbers to predictions from two years ago.

**Tech Update –**

Dr. Teater reported on plans to improve and increase communication with parents concerning iPad use by students. Plans include:

- Hall of Fame – a Webpage to display students' exemplary work using the iPad
- Facebook – used to display students' exemplary work, report important updates and celebrations of SAMR (substitution/augmentation/modification/redefinition)
- Newsletters – display student's exemplary work, celebrations of SAMR, report important updates

He noted he and the technology specialists were available at each of the Meet the Teacher Nights to answer parents' questions.

Beginning September 24, tech classes will be available for parents. They include:

- “My Kids Brought Home an iPad, Now What?” – Thursday, September 24

- “GAPE” – experience Google Classroom – Thursday, November 12
- “Integrating Technology with Family Life” – Thursday, January 28
- “Technology Showcase” – Tuesday, April 26

All classes will be from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

A tech ticket system for afterhours support for iPads will be set up. Parents will be notified when this help desk is available.

#### **Facilities Update –**

Dr. Hall reported there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony prior to the first home football game on Friday, September 4. Current and former board members involved in the decision to renovate the athletic facility are invited, along with the architect and contractor.

Sunday, October 4, 5:00 p.m., has been set for the dedication of the Joal Stanfield Tennis Complex.

#### **President’s Report –**

President Bernier reminded Board members of their volunteer time at the Pumpkin Grille at the festival. She also encouraged Board members to attend the Central Illinois Valley Division meeting in Tremont on October 7.

Mr. Neeley reported on the IASB Board of Directors meeting he recently attended.

#### **Discussion Items –**

##### **Board Goals Discussion – Achievement and Facilities –**

Dr. Hall reviewed the Board goals of achievement and facilities. The goal of achievement states: *“In order to ensure all students have opportunities to achieve their potential, our academic programs will maintain the highest standards and expectations for learning.”* In a climate of increased emphasis and time spent on standardized testing, the board recognizes that the ultimate goal of a K-12 education is learning, growth, achievement and acquisition of the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful and contributing member of our society after graduating from high school.

The goal of facilities states: *“Provide facilities conducive to student learning and growth, based on evolving needs, with the support of the community.”* Dr. Hall noted that a great deal of discussion by the Board has taken place over the past few months and will continue until a long term plan is in place.

**Code of Conduct Review - #8 –**

President Bernier noted the 8<sup>th</sup> point on the Illinois Association of School Board Code of Conduct: *“I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on the specific issues before the board, and remain reasonably knowledgeable about local, state, national and global education issues.”* She expressed her appreciation to board members for adhering to this point by coming to meetings prepared.

**Action Items –****Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Morton Park District: Joal Stanfield Tennis Complex -**

Dr. Hall reported that the intergovernmental agreement represents a collaborative effort between two taxing bodies that cover the communities of Morton and Groveland. The new Joal Stanfield Tennis Complex, located on the campus of Morton High School, will be a shared use facility between District 709 and the Morton Park District. The agreement represents terms of use for the facility by both parties and the financial contribution of the Park District, which totals \$243,000, paid in two installments.

Motion by Mrs. Scarfe, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Morton Park District regarding the Joal Stanfield Tennis Complex.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Mr. Bill asked that Item D – Approve Overnight/Out of State Trips be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Scarfe, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended:

Approve Personnel Report

Approve Application for Recognition of Schools

Approve July Treasurer's Report

Approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting, the August 18, 2015, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session Minutes of the August 18, 2015, Regular Meeting



Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:55 p.m.

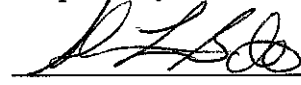
**Adjournment -**

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

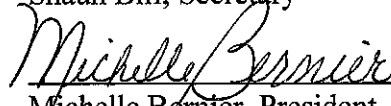
Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President