

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 2, 2016, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

## REGULAR MEETING

### Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Michelle Bernier called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Shaun Bill,  
Dr. Shad Beaty and Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

Members absent: Mr. Tom Neeley and Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Audience Presentation – Mrs. Susan Scott of Morton spoke in favor of the upcoming bond referendum to be placed on the March 15, 2016, general election ballot.

### Reports –

#### Administrative –

##### Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Smock reported that a request was received from Patty Birk requesting information related to the District's risk manager or insurance consultant. The response is posted on the District website.

##### Student Ambassador Report –

Stella Nau, Secretary of the MHS Student Council reported on recent and upcoming activities including Santa calls to children this past Christmas, a blood drive planned for February 11, and St. Jude week scheduled for March 21 – 24.

##### Game Ball Run Update –

Dr. Smock read the mission of Game Ball Run –

A community event to raise money and awareness for Children's Hospital of Illinois –

- Involve all schools and all students and our community
- An opportunity for our boys' basketball team to serve in a philanthropic role
- The chance to give back to an organization that has served multiple families and students in the Morton schools.

The run was held on Thursday, January 28, for the first time at the new track at MHS with about 50 participants as well as the boys' basketball team and coaches. Friday, January 29, a ceremony was held prior to the varsity contest where sponsors, runners and Miracle families were recognized. The total amount raised this year was announced - \$62,180.49 - \$28,000 of that total was raised in District 709 schools through coin wars, dodgeball at MJHS, staff paying to wear jeans to work and Hoops for the Hospital. The four year total donated to Children's Hospital is nearly \$162,000.

### **President's Report –**

President Bernier reviewed a list of upcoming opportunities to share facts about the referendum. She noted that board members are available to speak to any group and to let her or Dr. Hall know of any that would welcome them. There are Town Hall meetings scheduled on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Grundy School and February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln School.

### **Discussion Items –**

#### **Board Compliance – Student Policies –**

Dr. Smock reported that the student policies have been reviewed and that the district is in compliance. President Bernier and Dr. Hall will sign the compliance form and place it in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

#### **Board Goal Discussion – Facilities –**

Dr. Smock reviewed the Board goal of Facilities – *Provide facilities conducive to student learning and growth, based on evolving needs, with the support of the community.*

Dr. Smock noted the upcoming referendum as the facilities focus at this time.

#### **Code of Conduct –**

President Bernier reported that over the past year, the board has reviewed all 12 points on the Board of Education Code of Conduct. For the upcoming year, she asked each board member to take a turn to review each point. Dr. Beaty will begin with the first point at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The others will be assigned alphabetically.

### **Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Bill, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Approve Personnel Report

Approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2016, Regular Meeting; and the Closed

