

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JULY 12, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held July 12, 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 6:30 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Hall noted there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

Substitute Pay Update –

Dr. Smock reported the substitute teacher rate will be raised from \$80.50 per day to \$87.50 per day plus district paid TRS. The rate has not changed since January 2008. The new rate places District 709 midway between several area school districts surveyed.

Welcome Director of Student Support Services –

Dr. Hall introduced Mrs. Carlie Owens as the Director of Student Support Services. She began her duties as Special Education Director on July 5. Mrs. Owens will also supervise RtI and the Guardian Angel Home. An open house is scheduled for parents and students to meet her. It is being planned for Tuesday, July 26 from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the MEAC.

President's Report –

President Bernier reported she and Mrs. Scarfe sat in on the interviews for the Communications Coordinator as members of the Communication Committee.

President Bernier polled Board members as to keeping the same committee and building assignments for the upcoming year. All agreed.

Mr. Neeley reported on a symposium he attended recently in Chicago and an Executive Committee meeting he attended last week.

Dr. Hall reported that PARCC testing at the high school level is being dropped by the state of Illinois. The SAT will be given in the Spring of 2017.

Dr. Hall reported that the Vision 2020 committee she is a part of is continuing to meet concerning attracting, developing and retaining Highly Effective Educators.

Agenda Building – a new addition to the agenda, Board members may make suggestions for future discussion items. Mr. Neeley asked for the board to discuss the magnitude of the drug problem in the district, particularly at the Jr. High. It was decided to have the discussion in the Fall.

Discussion Items –

Intergovernmental Agreement with Morton Public Library –

Dr. Hall reported that Alissa Williams, director of the Morton Public Library, approached her recently concerning an agreement between the library and the school district. The agreement will enable Morton School District students who live in the school district but not in the library district to obtain library cards at no charge. In exchange, the school district will provide goods and services yet to be determined. Initially, this is a one-year agreement to be assessed at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Hall noted that the Library Board recently approved the agreement.

Board of Education Code of Conduct #5 – Mr. Schmidgall –

Mr. Schmidgall reviewed the fifth point in the Code of Conduct for Board of Education members: *I will abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.* He noted that majority rules when decisions are voted on, but board members have the right to seek change as long as it is done ethically.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Substitute Pay Rate
- Approve May Treasurer's Report
- Approve Minutes of the June 7, 2016, Regular Meeting, and the June 7, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.
- Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 6-10-16	Bills 6-15-16	Bills 6-24-16	Bills 6-30-16	Bills 7-1-16	Bills 7-8-16
Ed. Fund	\$96,281.73	\$27,454.47	\$83,121.98	\$30,113.60	\$350,903.31	\$23,049.51
Bldg. Fund	27,226.69	85,979.14	315,560.80	256,401.05	2,432.44	106,740.00
Trans. Fund	24,686.93	2,037.00	9,374.79	1,275.49	--	218.40
Capital Projects	--	--	140,036.71	--	--	--
TORT	7,920.00	2,207.61	9,775.00	7,223.60	214,393.50	--

	Payroll 6-10-16	Payroll 6-24-16	Payroll 7-8-16
Ed. Fund	\$379,621.89	\$415,546.73	\$379,696.45
Bldg. Fund	45,720.42	50,126.85	50,863.53
Trans. Fund	4,684.01	8,725.68	6,509.70
Payroll Accts. Pay.	373,837.13	393,041.88	336,169.49

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Dr. Beaty, 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/sale of property, litigation, negotiations and/or school building safety and security. (5 ILSC 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

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Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Bill, Secretary

Michelle Bernier, President