

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

AUGUST 18, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 18, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the regular meeting to order at 7:46 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 –

John Applen of Groveland addressed the Board of Education concerning the processes used during the planning and bidding of various construction projects.

Reports –

Administrative –

Introduction of Mrs. Kate Wyman –

Dr. Hall introduced Mrs. Kate Wyman, new principal at Jefferson School. Mrs. Wyman has been a 1st grade teacher in the District, currently at Brown School, for 12 years. She has been hired for the 2015-2016 school year to replace Ms. Susan Grzanich, who recently resigned to take an administrative position in another school district.

Parent Technology Video –

Dr. Teater reported that a video entitled “Parent Technology Tips” is being shown to 5th and 6th grade parents at Meet the Teacher night. The video addresses concerns parents may have with personal computing device use. The video is available for viewing on the District website under the “Parents” tab by clicking on “Personal Computing.” Then click on the word Video.

Also on the website under the same tab are the results of a survey given this past spring to 5th through 12th graders, teachers and parents. The survey was given to see how the first year of the personal computing initiative was perceived by these different groups. Results can be viewed by clicking on Survey Results under the “Parents/Personal Computing” tabs.

Facilities Update –

Dr. Hall reported the turf is down on the football field, with the markings on the field being added this week. The band tower has been delivered and will be going up soon. The project is on schedule for MHS to host the 1st scheduled home football game on September 4. A community

open house will be held when the entire complex is completed.

President's Report –

Mrs. Bernier reported she attended the Tennis Complex meeting on August 10. This committee was formed for the purpose of determining signage and funding for the new MHS tennis complex to be named for Joal Stanfield. Mrs. Bernier reported that Mr. Stanfield's mother was present at the meeting and reported that the family is very supportive of the project. Mrs. Stanfield donated a plaque that will be used at the complex.

Mrs. Bernier reported that the fall meeting of the Central IL Valley Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards is scheduled for October 2 at Tremont High School. She encouraged Board members to have Mrs. Stubbs register them if they are planning to attend.

Discussion Items –

Board Goals for 15-16 –

Dr. Hall noted that she has compiled the information from the July 20th Board of Education goal setting meeting. She removed items that the Board has completed and added the agreed upon new items to each goal.

Action Items –

Approve Bids for Softball Field at Birchwood Park–

Dr. Hall reported that bids were received from Stark Excavating and Aupperle Construction for the completion of a fourth softball field at Birchwood Park. Aupperle Construction is the low bidder, and estimates a work completion date of November 1, 2015 (weather dependent). There is a bid for bleachers from Southern Bleachers for \$28,000. Bleachers were bid separately to avoid the markup from the contractor. Also recommended to be accepted is the alternate bid for irrigation for a price of \$26,800. The alternate deduct bid for grass should be declined as due to timelines, it is necessary to sod the facility. The field will become the varsity girls' softball home field and will also serve and support the MGSA and Morton Park District. Dr. Hall reminded the Board that this project was rebid with bids coming in more favorably this time.

Mr. Neeley expressed concerns with the Morton Park District's and contribution to the project.

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education approve the bid from Aupperle Construction for \$607,718, with a bid for bleachers from Southern Bleachers for \$28,000 and the alternate bid for irrigation for \$26,800.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Bids for Kay Street Parking Lot and Jackson Street Entrance/Exit –

The Village of Morton bid the project for the Kay Street parking and sidewalks and the Jackson Street entrance/exit. They reported that Stark Excavating had the low bid of \$294,804.50 of which \$253,507.50 is the school district’s portion. Per the Intergovernmental Agreement approved by the Village of Morton and the District 709 Board of Education, the school district will reimburse the Village for the work completed for the Kay Street parking lot and the Jackson Street exit/entrance into MHS. This agreement provides for the school district to approve of the bids before proceeding with the work. The Village will pay for the work for the sidewalk on Kay Street. The bids were approved by the Village Board on Monday, August 17.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the bid from Stark Excavating for \$253,507.50

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight Trip – MHS Golf Team
- Approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2015, Regular Meeting, the August 4, 2015, Regular Meeting Closed Session, the August 12, 2015, Special Meeting and the August 12, 2015, Special Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 8-7-15	Bills 8-10-15	Bills 8-14-15	Payroll 8-7-15
Ed. Fund	\$32,177.91	\$27,726.00	\$195,100.36	\$375,684.80
Bldg. Fund	895.90	--	1,666,318.86	54,357.79
Trans. Fund	8,109.56	--	6,058.56	3,760.79
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--		--	313,683.40

