

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

March 6, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 6, 2018, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

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

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall, Mr. Kevin Austin, Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Dr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Hill reported there was one Freedom of Information request. SmartProcure requested purchasing records from January 1, 2013 to present. The District response is available on the website.

Aide Appreciation Day –

Dr. Hill reported that for the fourth year, District 709 will set aside March 16th to recognize all support staff aides. The day is in honor of Amy Hardin's legacy, a Lincoln School aide who tragically lost her life in October of 2014 in an automobile accident. Her birthday is March 16. Dr. Hill and President Neeley expressed their gratitude to support staff aides for all they do for the students and teachers of District 709.

Superintendent's Report –

Dr. Hill reported that:

- plans are being developed at the Jr. High and High School for the upcoming nationwide student walkouts in protest of gun violence in response to the fatal shooting in Florida last month.
- A.L.I.C.E (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training will take place on March 9th at the high school
- Student are the first line of defense – “See something, say something”
- Tip lines are available at the Jr. High and High school

President's Report –

President Neeley reported on the recent IASB Board of Directors' meeting. He announced that Thomas Bertrand was chosen to succeed Roger Eddy as the Executive Director of IASB. He will assume the position on July 1.

Discussion at the meeting included school safety and state and local finances.

Agenda Building – Mr. Schmidgall asked that the board have a facilities discussion soon to establish the board's vision. President Neeley suggested bringing in a facilitator from IASB to aide in the discussion. Others noted it may be best to wait on a facilities plan until needs are known based on Morton Moving Forward decisions.

Discussion Item –**Board Goals Discussion – Communication –**

Dr. Hill reviewed the District Goal of **Communication**: *“Morton District 709 will strive to engage all members of the district and community in open, meaningful two-way communication providing timely information and opportunities for dialogue regarding key educational issues.”*

Dr. Hill noted information is disseminated in different methods at the building and district level. Plans for public input are in process for the near future. The district's new website will be introduced in April.

Action Item -**Approve Reappointment of Administrators –**

Dr. Hill noted that the following administrators are on annually renewable contracts and are being recommended for reappointment for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Schmidgall that the Board of Education approve the reappointment of Faith Waterfield, Brown School Principal, Michael Saunders, Grundy School Principal, Kate Wyman, Jefferson School Principal, Julie Albers, Lincoln School Principal, Michelle Peterson, Lincoln School Assistant Principal, Lee Hoffman, Morton Jr. High Principal, Chris Carter, Morton Jr. High Assistant Principal, Michael Gourley, Morton High School Principal, Scott Jones, Morton High School Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Deidre Ripka, Morton High School Assistant Principal, Carlie Owens, Director of Student Support Services, Kristina Peifer, Assistant Director of Student Support Services/Morton Academy Principal, Craig Smock, Assistant Superintendent and Troy Teater, Director of Curriculum and Technology.

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:28 p.m.

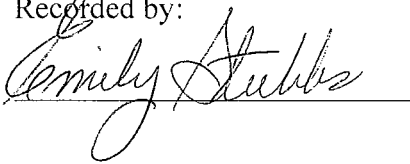
Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Recorded by:



Submitted by,



Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary



Thomas Neeley, President