#### MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

### MAY 22, 2018

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 22, 2018, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **SPECIAL MEETING -**

President Tom Neeley called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall, Mr. Kevin Austin,

Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

# Action Item -

# Approve Contract with Morton Education Association –

Motion by Mr. Austin, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between Morton Unit School District 709 and the Morton Education Association for the years 2018-2021.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmidgall thanked those that were involved in the negotiations for their time and effort. Mr. Rinkenberger noted his pleasure in working with the MEA representatives involved in the negotiations. Mr. Neeley thanked Mr. Feleccia and the MEA team. He noted he appreciated the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Rinkenberger and Mr. Austin. He thanked the administrators involved for their behind the scenes work.

Mr. Neeley asked that the June 5, 2018, Board of Education regular meeting start at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30.

#### **Facilities Discussion -**

#### A Vision for Facilities

It is the vision of the Morton CUSD 709 Board of Education to have a new facility in operation within a 15-year time frame. We believe that within 10 years we will have to actively begin a process that will culminate in a new facility by the 15 year mark. The new facility will most likely be a High School facility, but the exact description of the new facility is yet to be determined, based on the realization that the definition of a "school" is evolving, and any new facility must meet the needs of the community as it evolves. We are committed to utilizing current facilities to their maximum potential, but all assets have a life span. At the same time, we are also committed to wise use of resources, which we believe leads to a new

facility within 15 years. Utilizing current assets to their maximum will be our bridge to the new facility. We are committed to taking care of immediate concerns at the Junior High in the short-term, and we will focus on flexibility and meeting contingencies, by repurposing current facilities to meet existing needs at the appropriate time.

# Immediate needs at the Junior High in order of priority:

- 1. Traffic Flow Student drop-off and pick-up
  - a. This includes sidewalks and parking upgrades.
- 2. Office location for safety and security
- 3. Gym space and layout
  - a. This will most likely include locker and bleacher upgrade, but locker and bleacher portion will be separated out, for cost analysis.
- 4. Elevator for handicap/elderly accessibility
- 5. Expand cafeteria capacity
- 6. Upgrade/modernize science lab space
- 7. Adjust second floor classroom size

# **Next Steps:**

- 1. Start work on items 1 through 5 (on the Junior High list above) now. We need no further data to convince us that these need addressed.
- 2. Get a quote current quote from Cropper, and explore other similar services.
- 3. Determine a timeline for Cropper (or other) update.
- 4. Proceed with architect plans and estimates on the Junior High list, with "break points" of \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000.
- 5. Consider "what ifs" based the outcome of #4 above.
- 6. Have a "broad brush" first look at #3 above by June 12.
- 7. Set a time for a board walk-through of the High School for "pinch points."
  - a. What will the high school need soon, to get through to the long term time frame?
- 8. Think about necessary board steps that will move the district toward the long term plan after the immediate Junior High concerns are addressed.

### Adjournment -

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, se-	cond by Dr. Beaty, that	the meeting be adjourned.
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Voice Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by:

Respectfully submitted,

eff Schmidgall, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President