

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

October 23, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held October 23, 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 6:37 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall,
Dr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

Members absent: Mr. Kevin Austin, Mrs. Michelle Bernier

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hill reported there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

Recognition of Morton Jr. High School Cross Country Team -

Both the MJHS Girls and Boys Cross Country teams qualified for the State meet this year. This was the first time that either team qualified. Coaches Jayne Eisenmann and Danielle Vanmeenen commended both teams as great students and great teammates.

Recognition of Principal Appreciation Week, October 21-27 –

Dr. Hill and Mr. Neeley recognized the Morton School District principals and thanked them for their leadership in their respective roles.

Cropper Report –

Mr. Jerry McKibben of McKibben Demographic Research/Cropper GIS reviewed the demographic study that was completed to forecast enrollment for District 709 through the 2028-29 school year. He reviewed assumptions that were used; population within age groups within the total school district and each school building area; household characteristics; live-attend analysis; and forecasted enrollment.

Executive Summary:

1. The resident total fertility rate for the Morton Unit School District 709 over the life of the forecasts is below replacement level. (1.89 vs. the replacement level of 2.1)
2. Most in-migration to the district continues to occur in the 0-to-9 and 25-to-44 year-old age groups.
3. The local 18-to-24 year-old population continues to leave the district, going to college or moving to other urbanized areas. This population group accounts for the largest segment of the district's out-migration flow, and will increase steadily over the next 10 years. The second largest migration outflow is in the 70+ age groups.
4. The primary factors causing the district's enrollment to increase over the next 10 years are the slowing of the increase in empty nest households, the relatively high number of elderly housing units turning over, and a sustained rate of in-migration of young families.
5. Changes in year-to-year enrollment over the next ten years will primarily be due to larger cohorts entering and moving through the school system in conjunction with smaller cohorts leaving the system.
6. The elementary enrollment will continue to stabilize after the 2022-23 school years. This will be due primarily to the fact that the outgoing 6th grade cohorts will be roughly 240 students in size.
7. The median age of the district's population will remain unchanged from 41.8 in 2010 to 41.8 in 2030.
8. Even if the district continues to have some level of annual new housing unit construction over the next 10 years, the rate, magnitude, and price of existing home sales will become the increasingly dominant factor affecting the amount of population and enrollment change.
9. Total district enrollment is forecasted to increase by 125 students, or 4.1%, between 2018-19 and 2023-24. Total enrollment will increase by 21 students, or 0.7%, from 2023-24 to 2028-29.

The entire presentation may be viewed on MP-TV at the 38:00 point of the meeting.

President's Report –

President Neeley reported that he has recently visited the Western Illinois Division and the Starved Rock Division meetings whose topics centered on student and school safety. He and Dr. Hill attended the Central Illinois Division meeting at Pekin High School where the Career and Technical Education Center was featured with an open house.

Discussion Item -

Jr. High Schedule –

Strategy 2 of Morton Moving Forward – Intentional Transition to Secondary includes “Develop and implement Jr. High School schedule that increases core instructional time and enhancement opportunities.” Jr. High Principal Lee Hoffman gave a presentation on the following objectives:

- **Continue the Teaming Concept** – all four MJHS teams identified the teaming concept as one of the most important educational initiatives currently at MJHS.
- **Increase opportunities for career counseling/exploration** - students who complete career course work at the middle school level show increases in academic and collaborative skill development.
- **Increase exploratory options including foreign language** –MJHS is one of two districts in the cohort study to not offer a foreign language at the middle school level.
- **Create a schedule that meets the needs of 510 students** – 2018-19 MJHS enrollment is currently 478 and forecasted to be 506, 519 and 509 in the next three years.
- **Increase ELA rigor** – all six other schools in cohort study indicated more ELA instructional minutes at the middle school level than are scheduled at MJHS.

Mr. Hoffman shared the proposed MJHS program:

Student schedule:

- 8 total classes plus lunch (currently 7)
- 4 core classes (math, ELA, science, social studies)
- 1 LA Encore (quarterly rotation: ELA Reading and Writing Fiction, ELA Reading and Writing Non-Fiction, foreign language, 2D/3D art).
- 1 College and Career Encore (quarterly rotation: CareerMaker, Project Lead the Way, Future Readiness, Health)
- 1 band/orchestra/choir OR study hall class
- 1 PE class

Teacher schedule:

- Teach 6 core classes and have 2 planning periods (1 team plan period) – currently teach 5 core classes and have 2 planning periods (1 team plan period)
- Periods are 44 minutes – currently periods are on average 51 minutes.

In addition, Mr. Hoffman shared schedule opportunities and challenges. The entire presentation may viewed on MP-TV at the 1:32:20 point of the meeting.

School Safety – Summer Work and Future Considerations –

One aspect of Morton District 709 Facilities goal is to Improve Safety and Security of Facilities, which included the increase of video camera coverage of schools. Dr. Hill reported that the district is currently in the process of installing the infrastructure to support new IP cameras in the additions at Brown, Grundy and Lincoln Schools. The cameras have been purchased and will be installed at the three schools by the end of Christmas break.

Over the summer, 8 new IP cameras were installed at MHS. There are two cameras to install at Jefferson to provide additional coverage. Looking forward, there is the need to replace existing aging cameras at the Jr. High and High School as well as additional cameras needed at the high school.

Action Item –

Approve IASB Delegate and Alternative –

Each year the Board of Education approves the Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Annual Conference Resolution Committee per Board Policy 2:120.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Dr. Beaty, that the Board of Education appoint Jeff Schmidgall as Delegate and Kevin Austin as Alternate for the IASB Annual Conference for 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Dr. Cross, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve September Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the October 2, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting; the October 2, 2018, Regular Meeting; and the October 2, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 10-5-18	Bills 10-12-18	Bills 10-19-18	Payroll 10-12-18
Ed. Fund	\$217,859.57	\$42,473.03	\$482,488.10	\$555,047.48
Bldg. Fund	371,152.48	3,387.62	33,460.70	34,794.36
Trans. Fund	8,494.98	401.97	13,440.08	18,465.79
Capital Projects	11,480.63	--	--	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	453,337.11

Roll Call: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2

Motion carried.

Mr. Neeley commented on all of the great programs taking place this fall throughout the district. He has been able to attend several and commended the staff and students for their hard work.

Closed Session -

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel and Sale and/or Purchase of Land.
(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:32 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:58 p.m.

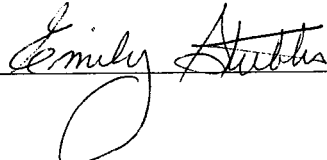
Adjournment -

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

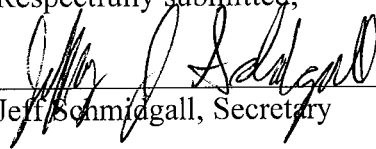
Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 2

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

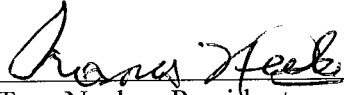
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Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary



Tom Neeley, President