

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

February 19, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 19, 2019, at Lettie Brown Elementary School.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Neeley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Members absent: Mrs. Michelle Bernier

Reports –

President's Report –

President Neeley commented on the excellent meeting board members had with the Lettie Brown staff earlier in the evening. Staff reported on the theme for the year “Wild About Reading” and all of the activities that have taken place throughout the year around this theme, all-day kindergarten, literacy coaches, and Readers Workshop.

Board members discussed reaching out to organizations concerning the County Facilities Sales Tax Referendum coming up on April 2. Talking points for these discussions should include plans for use of the tax dollars, board plans to freeze the general property tax extension to the level extended for the previous tax year, and to abate or partially abate the annual levy imposed to pay the debt on existing school construction bonds.

A list of dates of meetings for local organizations will be provided at the March 5 meeting to decide who from the board will attend those meetings.

Action Items –

Approve 2019-2020 Nursing Services –

The Board previously requested a report on nursing services throughout the district. The report was given and a recommended increase in services was presented at the January 15 Board meeting and was discussed at the February 5 meeting.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education approve the recommended nursing services for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Bernier)

Motion carried.

President Neeley thanked the staff for the work done gathering the information and for developing this plan.

Approve ELL Coordinator Position – Increase from .7 to 1.0 FTE–

Dr. Hill noted administration’s rationale behind the increase to full time for the ELL Coordinator. This plan was presented and discussed at the February 5, 2019, meeting.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education approve increasing the ELL position from part time .7 to full time.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Bernier)

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight Trip – MHS Student Council Convention – Lombard, IL
- Morton Robotic Club State Competition – Elgin, IL
- Approve Minutes of the February 5, 2019, Regular Meeting and the February 5, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

| | Bills 2-8-19 | Bills 2-15-19 | Payroll 2-15-19 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ed. Fund | \$271,645.06 | \$9,127.41 | \$536,823.45 |
| Bldg. Fund | 76,614.12 | -- | 36,597.39 |
| Trans. Fund | 36,403.12 | -- | 14,878.91 |
| Payroll Accts. Pay. | -- | -- | 428,867.04 |

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Bernier)

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel and Negotiations. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Bernier)

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:28 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Bernier)

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

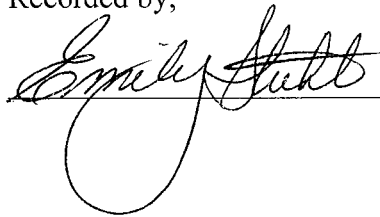
Adjournment -

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

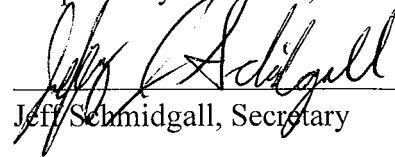
Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Bernier)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

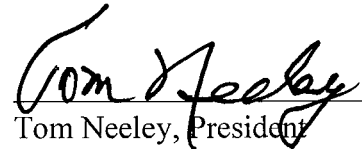
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Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary



Tom Neeley, President