

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**March 19, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 19, 2019, at Jefferson Elementary School.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call –**

President Neeley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Members absent: Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

#### **Reports –**

##### **Student Recognition**

Patrick Mainieri introduced MHS senior Maya Heim and the MHS Speech Coach, Kristina Koehler. He noted Ms. Heim was a state participant in the IHSA Speech contest. Mr. Neeley offered congratulations on behalf of the Board and thanked her coach and parents for their support.

##### **President's Report –**

President Neeley commented on the excellent meeting board members had with the Jefferson staff earlier in the evening. Board members enjoyed the enthusiasm of the teachers and student ambassadors present at the meeting.

President Neeley noted that board members have been meeting with different school and community groups to inform and answer questions on the County Facilities Sales Tax referendum coming up on April 2.

##### **Action Items –**

##### **Approve BFPAC HVAC System –**

At the March 5, 2019, Board of Education meeting, the board discussed the reasons for replacing the original HVAC system and lower roof.

- The current HVAC system at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center (Bertha) is the original equipment and is currently 23 years old. This system contains six units that reside on the lower roof. One of these units has a failed heat exchanger and cannot be used. The other five units are carrying the heating load at the moment.
- In the past month, we have also had a failure on another roof top unit which was repaired. Over the past several years, we have had to replace two supply fan motors (at 300 lbs each), multiple flue draft motors, multiple condenser fan motors, ignition systems and economizer modules. Parts cost and availability are becoming a problem since the technology has changed drastically since 1996.
- The replacement and remodel of the overall HVAC system has been identified on our 15 year capital plan and was scheduled for the FY 2019-20. We were planning to defer this project due to the MJHS office addition, but repairing the failed unit can no longer be deferred.
- Our options are to replace the failed unit and continue to maintain the outdated remaining equipment or to replace the complete HVAC system as per the 15 year capital plan. We recommend replacing the complete system as well as replacing the lower roof for the following reasons:
  - Maintenance of the current system is becoming increasingly costly and difficult due to the age and parts availability.
  - There are definite economies of scale realized by replacing all units and reconfiguring the roof to accommodate the size of the new equipment.
  - Replacing only one unit would require adapting the existing roof curb to the dimensions of the new rooftop unit. Adding a curb adaptor to the existing curb raises the working height of the new unit to an elevation that makes maintenance very difficult. This would not be required if we were to replace all of the rooftop units and the roof curbs in conjunction with a small roofing project.
  - The complete roof at Bertha is original to the building and is designated on our 15 year capital plan for replacement in 2022. We would recommend replacing the lower roof only in conjunction with replacing the HVAC units. This lower roof is slightly under half of the whole roof.
- The estimated cost to replace the HVAC system along with replacing the lower roof and curbs is \$552,000 (this includes \$52,000 for design and engineering). The cost to replace one unit (including design) is estimated to be \$69,000.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education approve going out for bids to replace the original system and to replace the lower roof in conjunction with replacing the HVAC units.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Austin asked to see data for the projected cost savings by installing a more efficient system.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve February Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Summer SOAR Program
- Approve MHS Summer School -- APEX
- Approve Summer Challenge Program
- Approve Resolution for Non-Re-Employment of Professional Staff
- Approve Resolution for Non-Re-Employment of Educational Support Staff
- Action to Approve Separation Agreement with Jeff Neavor
- Approve Minutes of the March 5, 2019, Regular Meeting and the March 5, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 3-8-19</b>	<b>Bills 3-15-19</b>	<b>Payroll 3-15-19</b>
Ed. Fund	\$183,992.19	\$2,307.89	\$553,975.11
Bldg. Fund	218,470.56	--	35,237.21
Trans. Fund	5,108.22	--	18,337.83
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	437,392.40

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

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

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

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

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.


Adjournment –

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

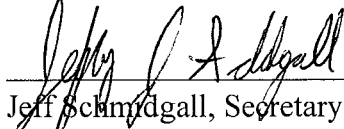
Voice Vote:            Yea 6            Nay 0            Absent 1 (Rinkenberger)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

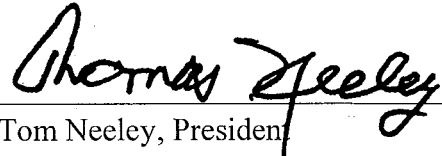
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary

  
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Tom Neeley, President