

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

May 7, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 7, 2019, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Closed Session -

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:02 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 6:26 p.m.

Adjournment –

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests –

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

Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week– May 6 - 10 -

Dr. Hill noted that National Teacher Appreciation Week this year is May 6 – 10. He extended his and the Board's appreciation and thanks for all that 709 teachers do for students and the district on a daily basis.

Gameball Run Recognition –

Dr. Hill recognized key leaders for this year's Gameball Run. Dana Hobson introduced Stacy Litersky, Jenny Roche, Jamie Skinner, Edie Russell, Scott Jones, Deidra Ripka and the building principals as instrumental in the success of Gameball Run. Dr. Hill noted a total of \$113,715 was raised this year and a total of \$472,995 over the last 7 years for the Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Jr. High Traffic Study–

Becca Wagner of Hanson Engineering reviewed the recommendations for improved traffic flow around the Jr. High School following a traffic study recently conducted by her firm. She explained that traffic was observed in the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times. An east-west road behind the proposed new gymnasium was recommended to get traffic off of the street. This road would include parking spaces, as well. Board discussion included the distance the road is from the current building and bus drop off location. A staggered start/end time with the high school was also suggested by those conducting the traffic study. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

President's Report –

President Beaty thanked Mr. Neeley for his 2 years as President of the board.

Board retreat dates were set –

- Tuesday, June 25 – Facilities and Finance Goals discussion – 5:30 p.m., MEAC lower level
- Tuesday, July 16 – Achievement and Climate Goals discussion – 5:30 p.m. MEAC board room

Mr. Neeley suggested the board reach out to the community for the facility/finance meeting. Dr. Hill agreed that the community will be invited to participate in the discussion.

Discussion Items -

Board Policy Compliance – Ends Policies –

Dr. Hill reviewed the policies included in the Ends Policies. He explained that the Ends Policies reflect board work from each section of the policy manual. He has reviewed the policies and determined that the district is in compliance. He and President Beaty will sign the forms and place them in the Master Compliance binder in the district office.

First Reading and Discussion of Student Handbook Revisions –

Dr. Teater reported the discipline handbook review committee met recently and discussed recommended revisions. The only revisions were minor language additions to the Jr. High and High School handbooks. The revisions were sent to our attorneys for review and will be brought back to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda –

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

Approve Personnel Report
Approve Food Service Contract
Approve 2018-2019 Student Fees
Approve Out of State/Overnight Trip – MHS Girls BB – Drake Univ., Des Moines, IA; MHS Wrestling – Luther College, Decorah, IA
Approve Final School 2018-2019 Amended School Calendar
Approve Minutes of the April 30, 2019, Special Meeting; and the April 30, 2019, Special Meeting Closed Session.

Approve Bills

	Bills 5-3-19
Ed. Fund	\$781,983.63
Bldg. Fund	122,339.63
Trans. Fund	111,884.09

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Hill introduced Deidre Ripka as the new MHS Principal. She thanked the Board and Administration for giving her the opportunity to lead Morton High School into the future.

Closed Session -

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:35 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:04 p.m.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

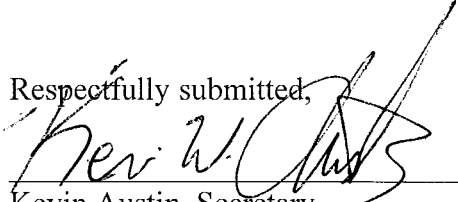
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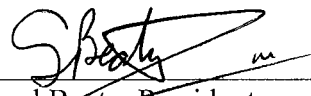
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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Beaty, President