

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

May 21, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 21, 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 6:34 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 -

Recognize MHS Math Team -

The Board of Education recognized the MHS Math Team that was Regional champion this year qualifying for the State Tournament. The team ended the tournament 5th overall at state with the Jr.-Sr. 8-person team and the Fr.-So. 2-person teams being crowned state champions.

Recognize MPTV Volunteers –

The MPTV volunteers for the 2018-19 school year were recognized. Dr. Hill and the Board of Education commended them for the countless hours spent commentating games, working behind the cameras and editing film so Potter fans could view games and events from anywhere via the internet.

Superintendent's Report –

Dr. Hill reported he:

- met the new State Superintendent, Dr. Carmen Ayala, at a recent meeting.
- participated in principal interviews at ISU.
- attended the awards nights at MHS and MJHS.
- attended the Girls Soccer Regional win among numerous other events taking place in the district.
- is keeping an eye on a number of pieces of legislation including capital expenditure bills for K-12 schools; bills on curriculum; property tax freeze in combination with the proposed progressive income tax.
- commended the MHS administration for the successful graduation ceremony.
- pointed out the sample communication that will be sent out to the community for the June 25th Board retreat on Facilities and Finance.

- reported the Facilities Committee met last week. He noted a 15-year plan and summary of projects by building that have been prepared following that meeting. These will be referenced at the June 25th meeting.
- reported a Leadership Summit will be held all day on June 4th. The Leadership Team along with lead teachers from throughout the district will discuss the Goal of Achievement. The group will be looking at:
 - Trauma informed practices, social/emotional intelligence, and digital citizenship
 - Vision for student success and communicating progress.
 - Teacher evaluation/teacher leadership development
 - Improving Mathematical thinking and understanding

Board Report –

President Beaty:

- commended the MHS administration on the successful graduation ceremony.
- noted his appreciation for the team that put together the 15-year plan and summary of projects by building including Rodney Schuck, Barb Getz and architect Jeff Keach.
- asked for a report at the June 4th meeting on investment and bank holding strategies.

Agenda Building –

Mr. Neeley asked for a report on all day Kindergarten. Dr. Hill noted a report will be included in the July 16th meeting on the goal of achievement.

Discussion Items –

Jr. High School Phase 1 and 2 –

Dr. Hill reported that the previously proposed drop-off lane that was to be located on the north side of the Jr. High building has been modified instead to drive-through, drop-off lanes on Second (busses) and Third (cars) Avenues. This work will be completed for the 2020-2021 school year to coincide with Village street work in that area. Dr. Hill commended both Mr. Keach and the Village in assisting with the revisions. He noted the decision to stagger the start and end times for the Jr. High and High School has not yet been discussed by administration, but will be in the near future.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of approving the Phase 1 bids now or waiting to approve Phase 1 and 2 together. Mr. Keach noted that doing so would delay the entire project several months and could not guarantee the bids would come in at the same costs as the current Phase 1 bid. In the interest of student and staff safety, the board consensus was to approve Phase 1 now so construction can get started this summer on the new secure entrance. Phase 2 will be an action item at the June 4th meeting.

MHS Scoreboard Project –

Dr. Hill reported that the current stadium scoreboard was damaged in a storm last fall and the plan is to upgrade the scoreboard to a video scoreboard and place it at the southwest end of the athletic complex. The school is required to put down 25% of the total cost at the onset of the project. The remaining cost is funded through advertising sold by the vendor. Currently half of the start-up cost has been secured via insurance dollars from the damaged scoreboard. Board members would like more information from NEVCO, the company that would install and sell ads for the scoreboard. The Board would like to know the quality of the video board and parameters used in selling the ads.

Action Items –**Approve MJHS Bid –**

The bid opening for the MJHS addition was held on May 15, 2019. The administration requested a base bid and four alternates. There are multiple maintenance items currently on the 15-year plan that can be completed more efficiently in conjunction with the addition. As a result of the renovation, two previous classroom spaces are again available for classroom use and several items on the 15-year maintenance plan will be completed.

Base bids were received from three companies ranging from \$1,981,000 - \$2,055,000. The base bid with alternates ranged from \$2,076,400 - \$2,145,900 with George Rump Construction submitting the low bid.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education accept the base bid plus Alternate Bids 1-3 from George Rump Construction in the amount of \$2,076,400.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Student Handbook Revisions -

Each year the district has a district wide discipline handbook review meeting. Parents and teachers from each building met to review the proposed changes for the 2019-2020 school year. There were minor wording revisions proposed for the Jr. High/High School level. There were no proposed changes at the elementary level. The proposed changes were sent to legal counsel for review.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education approve the Student Handbook revisions as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Bid for Asbestos Abatement at MJHS –

In conjunction with the Morton Junior High School addition, there is asbestos abatement required. The work consists of hard plaster removal, window/glazing removal, floor tile abatement and general demolition. The major space for abatement is the existing main office, but there is also some work required in Room 110 and the upper and lower north corridor which attaches to the addition.

The work will be done in two phases to align with the construction schedule. The first phase will happen at the beginning of construction where the addition attaches to the existing building and in Room 110. The second phase will take place once the addition is complete and when the renovation of the existing main office occurs.

Four bids were received with total price ranging from \$124,480 to \$235,000. The lowest bid of \$124,480 was received from Environmental Assurance LLC.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Environmental Assurance LLC in the amount of \$124,480.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Mr. Neeley asked that Item G (overnight/out of state trip request for MHS Boys Basketball) be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Consent Agenda be approved with Item G removed

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve 2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates
- Approve March and April Treasurer's Reports
- Approve Liability Insurance Renewal
- Approve IHSA Membership Renewal
- Approve Support Staff Salaries
- Approve Minutes of the May 7, 2019, Regular Meeting and the May 7, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 5-10-19	Bills 5-17-19	Payroll 5-10-19
Ed. Fund	\$6,580.92	\$285,586.18	\$537,571.87
Bldg. Fund	--	180,261.34	35,363.79
Trans. Fund	--	19,262.55	15,936.94
TORT	--	\$132.00	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	430,231.63

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Overnight/Out of State Trip Request for MHS Boys Basketball –

The MHS Boys Basketball team is asking for the Board’s approval to travel this summer to Greenville College for a basketball camp, Morris, IL for the Morris Shootout, and to Wisconsin Dells for a tournament. Mr. Neeley asked if the district is sensitive to the costs incurred by the students for these trips. Dr. Hill noted it is not out of the ordinary for the team to take these trips.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education approve the summer basketball trips for the MHS Boys Basketball team.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:55 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

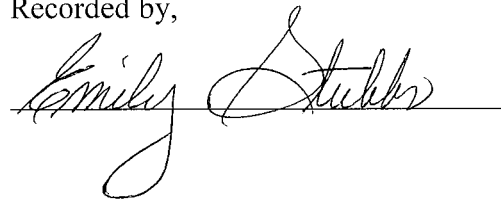
Adjournment –

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

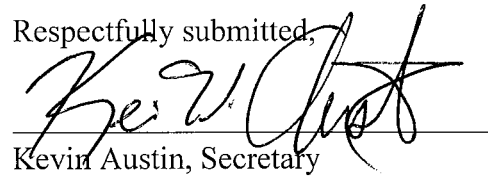
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

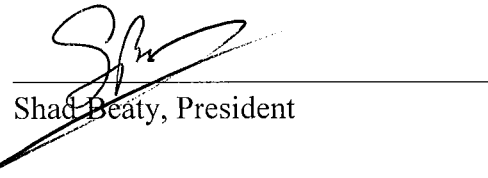
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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Deaty, President