

**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**JANUARY 14, 2020**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held January 14, 2020, at the Morton Jr. High School.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – Facilities -**

President Shad Beaty called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mr. Tim Braker

The purpose of this meeting was for the Board of Education to have a walk-through of the new, completed addition (Phase 1) at the Jr. High School. The addition features a secure entrance to the MJHS Administration office and creates additional classroom space.

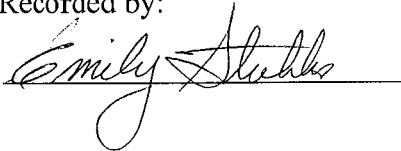
**Adjournment -**

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

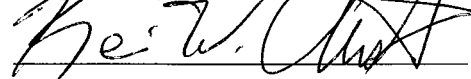
Voice Vote:            Yea 6                    Nay 0                    Absent 1 (Braker)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kevin Austin, Secretary

  
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Shad Beaty, President

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**January 14, 2020**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held January 14, 2020, 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 –**

##### **Freedom of Information Requests –**

Dr. Hill noted there were no Freedom of Information requests.

##### **All-State Music Recognition –**

The Board of Education recognized the four band students that earned ILMEA All State this year. The students are Jared Taylor – 10<sup>th</sup> grade, trumpet, Mark Ogden – 11<sup>th</sup> grade, clarinet, Logan Barnard – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, bari sax, and Andrew Phillips – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, trombone. They will participate in All-State band at the ILMEA Conference January 29-February 1. They will also have the opportunity to audition for the All-State Honors Band during the conference.

President Beaty congratulated them on their accomplishments and recognized and thanked their parents for their support.

##### **Potter Hour –**

MHS Principal Deidre Ripka introduced the concept of Potter Hour for the 2020-2021 school year. In order to accommodate Potter Hour, the daily schedule will change. Potter Hour will be scheduled at the end of each day for 28 minutes. Every teacher will have a small group of 12-15 students assigned to them for the purpose of engagement and academic support. The groups and teachers will remain the same throughout a student's high school career. Class periods will be 46 minutes long with three lunch periods. Juniors meeting certain criteria will be offered open campus during lunch. The entire presentation may be viewed on MP-TV.

Dr. Hill noted the high school intends to move forward with this plan. He appreciates the strategic approach taken by the administration and teachers at the high school.

**Standards Based Reporting – Part 1 -**

Dr. Teater introduced a concept to improve communication of student progress on district standards. He reviewed traditional grading using letter and number grades and gave examples of how this system may not give the whole picture of how the grade was attained. At the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Education meeting, Dr. Teater will present Part 2 – “Understanding Standards-Based Grades.”

Board members asked several questions and look forward to Part 2 to better understand the concept. The entire presentation may be viewed on [MP-TV](#).

**President’s Report –**

Dr. Beaty reported on the walk-through prior to the meeting of the Phase I addition at MJHS. He gave kudos to Keach Architects and the JH Administration for the well thought out plan. The controlled entrance is a major improvement that was greatly needed.

**Agenda Building** – Dr. Beaty noted that the cell phone usage policies are being reviewed prior to bringing to the board for discussion.

**Discussion Item –****First Reading and Discussion of Policy 5:30; 5:20-E -**

Board members reviewed Policy 5:20 – “Workplace Harassment Prohibited,” and 5:20-E – “Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment,” as recommended by IASB PRESS services and legal counsel based on current law. The recommendations for revisions were presented by the Administration and the Policy Committee for discussion and a first reading. The revised policy and resolution will be brought to the Board for approval and/or adoption at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

Approve Personnel Report

Approve September and October Treasurer’s Report

Approve Out of State Trip Request – MHS Orchestra, March 20 – Symphony – St. Louis; Out of State/Overnight Trip Request – MHS Baseball, March 19 - 23 – Tournament – Vero Beach, FL;

Out of State/Overnight Trip Request – MHS Marching Band, October 22 – 25 – Bands of America Super Regional Competition – Indianapolis, IN.

Approve Minutes of the December 17, 2019, Regular Meeting, and the December 17, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 12-20-19	Bills 1-8-20	Bills 1-10-20	Payroll 12-20-19	Payroll 1-3-20
Ed. Fund	\$279,606.27	\$6,405.22	\$357,450.99	\$805,361.64	\$748,973.90
Bldg. Fund	406,583.08	872.40	79,536.63	47,902.06	48,877.59
Trans. Fund	3,027.88	128.10	31,194.50	23,492.58	17,149.63
IMRF Fund	--	--	--	34,841.39	28,963.05

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session -**

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:06 p.m.

**Adjournment -**

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

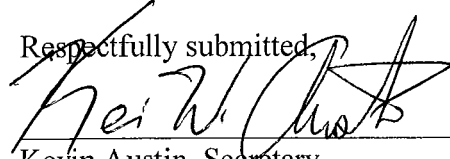
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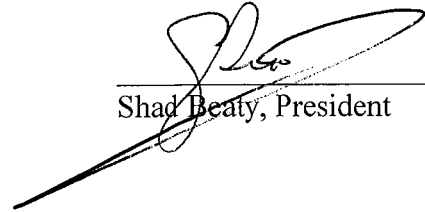
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