

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

January 21, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held January 21, 2020, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Shad Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:19 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 –

Standards Based Reporting – Part 2 -

Dr. Teater reviewed the District Foundational Principles:

- Instructional Content is fully aligned to Standards (Standards-aligned)
- Responsive teaching is used in all classes for all disciplines (Knowing your students)
- Teachers communicate each student's level of attainment of the standards (Assessment)

Dr. Teater explained what drives instruction:

- Teachers – differentiation of instruction based on student abilities
- Textbooks – presentation of material based on author'
- Standards – content based on district's goals
- Community – elects board of education who approve the above

Standards-Based Grades lead to:

- Clearer, more purposeful instruction
- Clearer, more purposeful academic feedback
- Separates academics standards from behavior standards

Dr. Teater shared an example of a Reading report card/rubric example and a Habits of Success report card/rubric example.

Board members discussed the differences between letter grades and standards based grading. Dr. Teater noted that Morton School District has looked at different models being used by other school districts including Stephenson High School (SHS) in Lincolnshire, IL. SHS uses a hybrid model of standards based reporting with conversion to a letter grade. Dr. Teater will forward additional information to board members on Stephenson High School's grading procedures.

Board members commended Dr. Teater on his thorough presentation over the last two meetings. The entire presentation may be viewed on MP-TV.

Morton 709 District Strategic Plan Update/Dashboard –

This item was pulled from the agenda for a future meeting.

President’s Report –

Dr. Beaty reported that the Board met earlier in the evening with the District Special Education staff. The dinner meeting was held at Morton Academy. He noted he was thoroughly impressed with the report from Morton Academy and special education staff throughout the district. The meeting was greatly appreciated by all board members.

Action Items -

Second Reading and Approval of Revisions of Policy 5:20 –

A revision of Board policy 5:20 is being recommended in order to update our policies to current practice related to review and advice from IASB PRESS services and legal counsel. The recommendation for revision is being presented by the Administration and the Policy Committee to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Policy 5:20 as presented.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution 5:20-E –

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Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education approve the Board Policy 5:20-E, *Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment* as presented.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Out of State/Overnight Trip – MHS Marching Band – Bands of America Grand Nationals Championship – 11/11 – 11/15/2020 - Indianapolis
- Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting; the January 14, 2020, Regular Meeting; and the January 14, 2020, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 1-17-20	Payroll 1-17-20
Ed. Fund	\$54,558.62	\$710,563.47
Bldg. Fund	28,792.09	46,199.78
Trans. Fund	532.89	12,848.05
IMRF Fund	--	25,364.27

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Cross, 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 9:55 p.m.

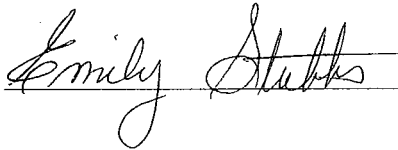
Adjournment –

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

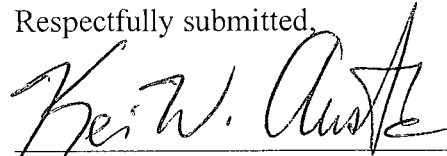
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

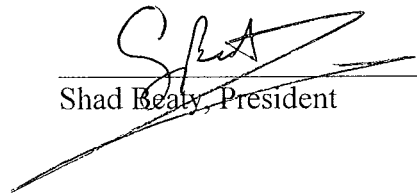
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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Bealy, President