

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**February 18, 2020**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 18, 2020, at Morton High School.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

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

President Shad Beaty called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:16 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 –**

##### **Tour of MHS – Areas for Planned Improvements in 2020 -**

MHS Principal, Deidre Ripka, led board members and administrators on a tour of the areas that are planned to be renovated beginning this summer. Planned improvements include the former ICC Learning Lab becoming a STEM lab; the weight room will be enlarged using a partial area of the Art room; and the Art room will be renovated to make more efficient use of the remaining space.

##### **President's Report –**

Dr. Beaty reported that the Board met earlier in the evening with the staff at Jefferson School. A video was shared showing reading and math initiatives being used in several different classrooms. The meeting was greatly appreciated by the Board.

#### **Action Items -**

##### **Second Reading and Approval of Revisions of Board Policy, Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 –**

A revision of various board policies from Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 is being recommended in order to update policies to current practice related to review and advice from IASB PRESS services and legal counsel. The recommendation for revisions was 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 as presented.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight Trips – MJHS Wrestling State Tournament – 3/13-3/14/20 – NIU, Dekalb, IL; MHS Boys Tennis – Tennis Tournament – 4/24-4/25/20 – Springfield, IL
- Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular Meeting; and the February 4, 2020, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 2-7-20</b>	<b>Bills 2-14-20</b>	<b>Payroll 1-31-20</b>	<b>Payroll 2-14-20</b>
Ed. Fund	\$87,597.50	\$231,295.94	\$829,862.95	\$861,880.03
Bldg. Fund	64,815.34	31,480.56	52,000.57	44,772.00
Trans. Fund	4,778.39	2,864.96	23,898.98	21,942.88
IMRF Fund	--	--	35,568.38	26,422.14

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Austin, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, 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 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, 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 9:12 p.m.

Board members thanked the Policy Committee for its work on the revisions of the policies approved earlier in the meeting.

**Adjournment –**

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

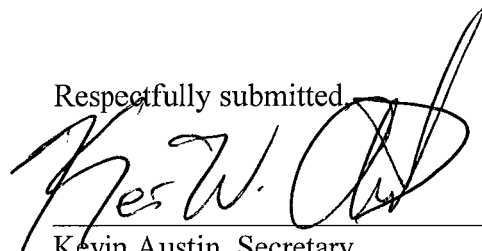
Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.


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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kevin Austin, Secretary

  
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Shad Beaty, President