

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

MARCH 26, 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 26, 2020, via videoconference.

SPECIAL MEETING -

President Shad Beaty called the Special Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Discussion Item –

Resolution for Emergency Suspension of Policy Due to COVID-19 Pandemic –

With the extension of statewide school closures, school leadership teams continue to face a changing landscape and myriad of challenges. As conditions change rapidly with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, school boards may find it increasingly difficult to secure a quorum necessary to make important decisions in a timely fashion. Boards may also need to suspend certain policies in order to give the superintendent the ability to quickly respond to these changing conditions.

The Board of Education discussed a sample resolution from the Illinois Association of School Boards for possible adoption. Dr. Hill explained that in the unlikely event this would be needed, he and the board president would be in close communication and would not circumvent the board. All would be in close communication. The resolution will be brought to the board as an action item at the next meeting.

Action Items –

Approve Bids for Morton High School and Jefferson School Misc. Work –

The bid opening for the Morton High School and Jefferson Elementary School Miscellaneous work was held on March 24, 2020. The administration requested a base bid and one alternate. As a result of the work, Morton High School will have renovation of select areas, including new STEM labs, a weight room, an art room, and Jefferson Elementary School will have door and frame replacement on each floor of the building.

Bids were received from six companies – Bishop Brothers Construction, CAD Construction, D. Joseph Construction, George Rump Construction, Peoria Metro Construction, Inc., and N. Zobrist & Sons, Inc. The base bids ranged from \$358,000 - \$478,000 and the base bid with

recommended alternates ranging from \$395,800 - \$525,000 with N. Zobrist & Sons, Inc. submitting the low bid.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education accept the base bid plus Alternate Bids 1 from N. Zobrist & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$395,000.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:12 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, 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 6:34 p.m.

Adjournment -

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

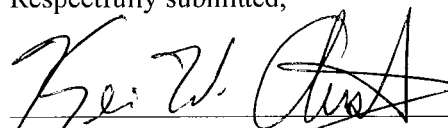
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Beaty, President