

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**May 19, 2020**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held May 19, 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 6:32 p.m.

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

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **Superintendent's Report –**

- Dr. Hill reported on end-of-year events:
  - MHS diploma distribution took place at the high school as planned on Sunday, May 17. Graduates came at assigned times and families had the opportunity for photos of graduates on stage. Dr. Hill enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of the students. He noted the event was very well planned and organized.
  - A virtual awards ceremony will be available to staff for viewing at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 21. This is an annual event that takes place on the last day for teachers at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center. Employee service awards will be announced along with retiree recognition. Retirees include - Teachers – Barb Blanco, Therese Scifres, and Nadine Worstell. Educational Support Staff – Jill Parod, Terri Schuck, and Carol Williams. The highlight will be the announcement of the Master Potter, Potter's Hand, and Dana Ashby awards.
- Dr. Hill and Dr. Cross participated in a meeting with local superintendents to discuss options for opening school in the fall. Another meeting is scheduled for the first week of June.
- Dr. Hill noted two grant opportunities for the district –
  - Fast Track Public Infrastructure Program -- IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
  - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant – ESSER Grant – Federal funds based on Title I Part A funds in 2019

- Administrators are following personnel needs closely as to what positions will be needed in the fall depending on the school environment.

**President’s Report –**

Dr. Beaty allotted time for Board members to discuss pros and cons of opening school in the fall. Discussion included ramifications of opening against the executive order; remote e-learning – teachers did the best they could this spring, but nothing can replace in-person teaching; if in-person teaching would begin in the fall, remote e-learning may become a part of the school year during breakouts. School districts need to work for local control for individual districts to make their own decisions as to what is best for them. Board members are especially concerned for those with special needs and those who have difficulty learning through technology. The entire conversation can be viewed on MP-TV beginning at 17:05.

**Action Items –**

**Approve MHS West Gym Roof Replacement –**

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education accept the base bid plus Alternate Bid H1 from Kreiling Roofing Company in the amount of \$186,603.

Roll Call Vote            Yea 7                    Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve March Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Support Staff Salaries
- Approve Resolution for Non-Re-employment of Education Support Staff
- Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting; and the May 5, 2020, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

|             | <b>Bills<br/>5-8-20</b> | <b>Bills<br/>5-15-20</b> | <b>Payroll<br/>4-24-20</b> | <b>Payroll<br/>5-8-20</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ed. Fund    | \$233.97                | \$110,824.75             | \$709,075.08               | \$802,949.25              |
| Bldg. Fund  | --                      | 117,152.16               | 42,428.73                  | 42,422.21                 |
| Trans. Fund | --                      | 1,113.42                 | 10,786.24                  | 23,070.53                 |
| IMRF Fund   | --                      | --                       | 30,341.72                  | 44,997.36                 |

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Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:02 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, 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 8:32 p.m.

**Adjournment –**

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

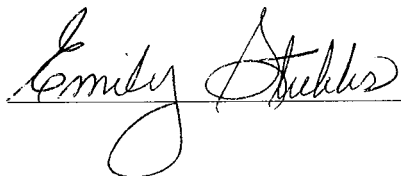
Voice Vote:

Yea 7

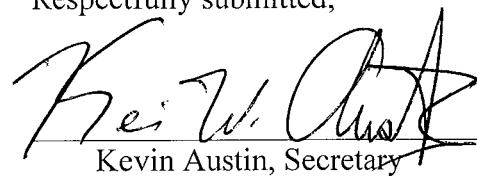
Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Beaty, President