

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

June 2, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held June 2, 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 6:34 p.m.

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

Member absent: Dr. David Cross

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information -

Dr. Hill reported there have been no Freedom of Information requests.

Recognize Carlie Owens –

The Board of Education recognized and thanked Carlie Owens for her years of service to Morton School District as Student Support Services Director as she leaves the district to pursue other endeavors in her field.

Drug Testing Update –

Dr. Hill reported that a drug testing update with results for Morton High School is provided to the Board of Education annually. He explained that students are randomly selected to be tested from a pool of those in activities and those that have a parking pass.

Superintendent's Report -

- Dr. Hill reported on how extracurricular sports training is currently being handled by coaches:
 - Using social media – most one-on-one
 - Using videos of past performances and motivational videos for team and culture building.
 - Prescribed workouts are given to captains to share with team.

- Awaiting guidelines developed by IHSA for summer conditioning and strengthening.
- Dr. Hill and Dr. Teater gave a report on options the Leadership Team developed for opening school in the fall, assuming our region is in Phase 4 of Reopening Illinois. Requirements for student attendance include social distancing or wearing masks all day. Options discussed included student attendance partial days with remote learning at home. Students would be divided alphabetically. This option would lessen the number of students in a classroom at one time. Board members prefer doing whatever is workable to have students in their classroom with their teachers as much as possible. Other suggestions included starting earlier in the summer so that a longer winter break could be taken during the influenza season; having older students wear masks and the youngest students social distancing; contacting legislators in conjunction with other local districts to lift the restrictions in the localities with low COVID-19 cases and deaths. Board members asked Dr. Teater and other administrators to create calendar options to maximize the time students can be in school with in-person learning.

The archived discussion can be viewed on MP-TV at 34:40.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Facility Rental Fees
- Approve Life Safety Extension of Time
- Approve Treasurers for 2020-2021 School Year and Adopt Treasurer Resolution
- Approve Resolution Designating Depositories and Signatories
- Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans and Transfers
- Approve Complaint Managers
- Approve Resolution to Set Fees for Freedom of Information Act
- Approve Hazardous Bus Routes
- Approve Gift Acceptance Report
- Approve Review of Closed Session Minutes
- Approve Minutes of the May 19, 2020, Regular Meeting; and the May 19, 2020, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills

	Bills 5-22-20	Bills 5-29-20	Bills 5-29-20
Ed. Fund	\$501.06	\$442,294.40	--
Bldg. Fund	--	58,870.26	\$756,317.30
Trans. Fund	--	9,509.64	--
TORT	--	2,859.00	--

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

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

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:24 p.m.

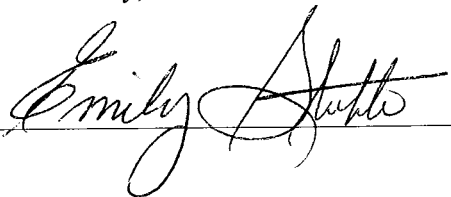
Adjournment –

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

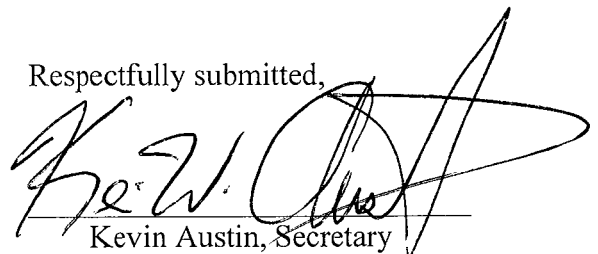
Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Cross)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

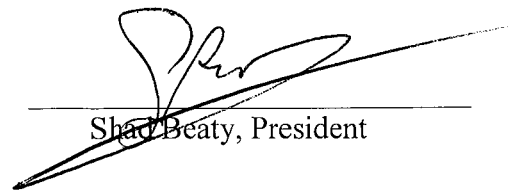
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Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Beaty, President