

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

August 4, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 4, 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 7:31 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

#### Reports –

##### Administrative –

###### Freedom of Information -

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

###### Administrator Welcome Back –

Dr. Hill welcomed the Administrators back for the 2020-2021 school year. He thanked them for their extra efforts in preparing their staff and buildings for school to start on August 11.

###### Physical Restraint Report -

Current data on physical restraint for the district was provided to the Board of Education by the Office of Student Support Services. Staff is trained to use verbal de-escalation first, but restraint is sometimes necessary for the safety of the student being restrained and for the safety of other students in the classroom. These instances are carefully documented and reported to parents, to the Morton 709 Office of Student Support Services, and to ISBE. Staff participates in an 8-hour training and then is re-certified every 2 years in a 4-hour training.

Morton CUSD 709 has 3 staff members who are certified instructors in the use of Nonverbal Crisis Intervention (also known as Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)), which focuses on verbal de-escalation techniques to prevent and minimize instances of physical aggression in students. There are 3 individuals trained as trainers of CPI, and they have trained 50 staff members (certified and non-certified) during the 19-20 school year.

When a student is physically restrained the instance is documented and reported to the parents, the Morton 709 Office of Student Support Services, and to ISBE.

**Facilities Update –**

Rodney Schuck updated the Board of Education on facility work that took place over the summer:

- MHS – Project Lead the Way room remodel; STEM lab remodel; Art room remodel; Student Services office remodel; Weight/Fitness room expansion; re-roof over wrestling room/west gym.
- MJHS – Special Education classroom (former main office conversion); ongoing – west entrance gym addition; new locker rooms.
- Jefferson – new door frames.
- Lettie Brown – new paving and parking lot lighting.

**Superintendent's Report –**

Dr. Hill reported on:

- 2020-2021 school year will be a different year. The focus will be on managing health and keeping everyone safe and in school while delivering exceptional in-person and remote learning.
- Athletics – IESA reversed its decision and this fall will have baseball, softball, cross country, and golf. Girls volleyball, boys basketball, and wrestling will begin in January. Girls basketball and track are scheduled for February through May. IHSA – High School fall sports will include boys and girls golf, girls tennis, cross country, and girls swimming.
- MHS scoreboard sponsorships are being sought by the fundraising group from Nevco, the company the scoreboard was purchased through. Current sponsorships include Morton Buildings, Better Banks, and Morton Community Bank with more coming.
- Remote Learning – 150 students are signed up for remote learning. Dr. Teater is organizing this endeavor and working with parents.
- Professional Development – large numbers of staff have been participating in training for the technology that will be used this year for remote learning. Dr. Hill commended them for their participation and eagerness to learn.

**President's Report –**

Dr. Beaty noted the board participated in the New Teacher Dinner earlier in the evening in the high school cafeteria. He was impressed with the group of 21 new teachers. It was a good opportunity to meet and get to know them. He thanked the administrative team for the work being done to prepare for school to begin next week.

Agenda Building – Mr. Neeley asked that data be provided often to the board throughout the school year to monitor in-person/remote learning.

**Discussion Item –****2020 – 2021 Tentative budget Presentation –**

CFO Lisa Kowalski gave a preliminary look at the FY 2021 budget.

Major revenue sources include:

- Property taxes - 79% of combined budgeted revenue.
- Evidence Based Funding revenue is 6% of combined budgeted and is \$1.6M in the Education Fund and \$800K in the O&M Fund.
- Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) is 4% of combined budgeted revenue and is split between the Ed. Fund (\$270,000), O&M Fund (\$909,000) and the IMRF Fund (\$215,000).
- Other State Revenue (Special Education, Transportation) is 2% of combined budgeted revenue.
- Federal sources are 3% of combined budgeted revenue. Federal revenue is budgeted to be \$1,426,953, compared to \$1,113,528 in FY20. The reason for the increase is that the IDEA federal grant will no longer flow through Tazewell Mason County Special Education Association (TMCSEA). While our revenue increases, our expenditures will also increase as we will now be paying TMCSEA for their services directly.
- Other local revenue (interest earning, school fees, lunch receipts, building rentals) are 5% of combined budgeted revenue.

Budgeted expenditures include:

- Salaries and benefits – 60% of combined expenditures and 80.5% of Education Fund Expenditures.
- The FY 21 budgeted health insurance expenditures are \$2.036M, which is a 5% decrease from 2019-20 (\$2.127M). Depending on CIE's finalization of health coverage, there could be a potential additional savings of \$218K, plus an additional \$62K due to the increase of Employee paid portion based on contract. Current budget does not reflect these potential savings.
- The Operations and Maintenance Fund contains \$6.6M for capital projects and design fees.
- Potential use of Tort Fund for COVID related expenditures.

Timeline for the budget is:

- August 18 – Board approves tentative budget.
- August 19 – Publicize display of tentative budget and place on public display in District Office.
- September 12 – Publish notice of public hearing.
- September 22 – Public hearing for final budget.
- September 22 – Board approves final budget.
- September 23 – Deliver final budget to ROE and County Clerk, upload to ISBE, and post on District website.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve June 2020 Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the July 21, 2020, Regular Meeting.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 7-24-20</b>	<b>Bills 7-31-20</b>	<b>Payroll 7-3-20</b>	<b>Payroll 7-17-20</b>
Ed. Fund	\$198,206.45	\$98,403.17	\$855,252.73	\$612,355.53
Bldg. Fund	--	49.42	47,838.99	50,635.28
Trans. Fund	--	--	5,069.09	4,888.20
TORT Fund	--	2,178.00	--	--
IMRF Fund	--	--	23,645.86	23,705.93

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

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 and Student Discipline. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

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

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:44 p.m.

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

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

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

**Adjournment –**

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

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

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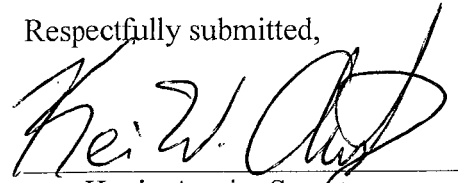
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Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

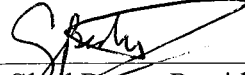
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kevin Austin, Secretary

  
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Shad Beaty, President

