

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

February 16, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 16, 2021, 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 5:34 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 –

Superintendent's Report –

Dr. Beaty recused himself from the meeting. Dr. Hill reported the District will hire the nurses/medical assistants who are currently contracted through Unity Point. Doing this is a projected cost savings to the District and will offer continuity for students and families. He noted the High School nurse, who is the spouse of a Board member, will be retained through the end of the current school year. This is an exception to Board Policy 5:32 that addresses anti-nepotism for a Board member and spouse. A new nurse will be hired at MHS for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Smock noted those that have agreed to stay as the District employees are on the personnel report tonight. Dr. Beaty returned to the meeting.

In response to the Village of Morton's request, Dr. Hill reported that thermostats will be lowered in the district buildings for the rest of the week. The request was made due to availability of natural gas and current pricing.

The March 16th Board meeting will be changed to March 23rd to allow time to receive bids for summer work.

Mr. Neeley asked if the administration would consider shortening the healthy quarantine time to 7 days (which is a CDC option) for all students, not just those involved in athletics/activities.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Consent Agenda be approved after pulling the school nurse positions from the personnel report:

Approve Personnel Report – remove school nurse positions
 Approve Minutes of the February 2, 2021, Regular Meeting, and the February 2, 2021, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
 Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 2-12-21
Ed. Fund	\$245,489.76
Bldg. Fund	198,025.55
Trans. Fund	17,218.24

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Austin, to approve the school nurses at Grundy, Lincoln, Lettie Brown, MJHS, and MHS effective March 1, 2021.

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Beaty)

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Student Discipline and Negotiations. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:04 p.m.

Approve Expulsion of Student 21-1

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education

approve the expulsion of Student 21-1 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year and all of the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Re – Enter Closed Session -

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board re-entered closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

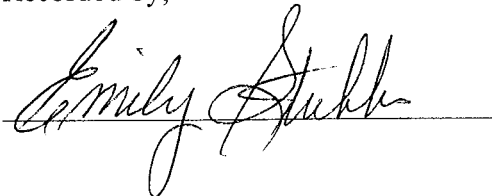
Adjournment –

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

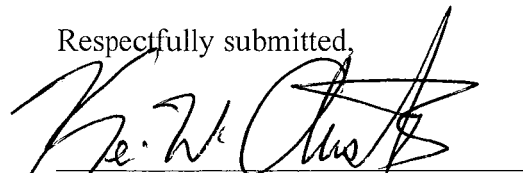
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.


Recorded by,



Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Austin, Secretary



Shad Beaty, President