

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

June 7, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held on June 7, 2022, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Tim Braker called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tim Braker, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger, Dr. David Cross, Dr. Diane Krall, Mrs. Amanda Leman, Mr. Tom Neeley and Mr. Jerry Rudd. Member absent: 0

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent's Report— Dr. Hill

- Dr. Hill gave his last administrative report before passing the baton to Dr. Smock, stating with confidence that Dr. Smock will be a strong and present voice as a leader. He thanked those around him who provided honest relationships. He will always be grateful the Board of Education gave him the chance to finish his career at Morton CUSD 709. He thanked the Administrative and Leadership teams for their work and support. He added personal notes of thanks.
- Dr. Hill reported the Safety and Security Audit is being revisited. The biggest safety concerns were completed first. Additional improvements have been continued. Due to the sensitive nature of safety and security, it will be discussed in closed session when the review is complete.

Assistant Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Smock

- The three tier wage plan will be presented by Ms. Kowalski.

President's Report - Mr. Braker Mr. Braker thanked Dr. Hill for always promoting unity. Dr. Hill was appreciated and will be missed.

Action Items-

Part-Time Support Staff Wages

- Ms. Kowalski presented the plan she developed with Dr. Smock to create a three tier wage plan for aides with rationale and numbers to support the wage increases. With the coming increases in minimum wage and the need for market competitive wages, they created a plan. Harder positions receive higher wages. Those who do harder or more skilled work would be eligible for the higher tier. The plan was presented by Ms. Kowalski. Mr. Neeley commended them on their work and developing a fiscally responsible plan.

Dr. Cross moved that the plan be accepted. Mr. Neeley seconded.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Morton 709 Position on Parents' Rights/Teachers Roles

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- The board discussed their support of this position statement that can be used to support board policies. The board discussed a potential need to review mission statements across the district for clarity. Dr. Smock noted there will be intentional communication about the position statement with parents and teachers. A communication plan is being developed.

Mr. Neeley moved to approve the proposed Morton 709 Position on Parents' Rights/Teachers Roles. It was seconded by Mr. Rinkenberger. It was approved.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

R. Scott Hammond Appointed Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Morton Jr. High

With a motion by Dr. Krall and a second by Mr. Rudd, R. Scott Hammond was approved as Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director at Morton Jr High.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Restraint/Timeout (RTO) Reduction Plan

With a motion by Dr. Cross. Second by Mr. Rudd. The Morton CUSD 709 Restraint/Timeout (RTO) Reduction Plan with a motion by Dr. Cross. Seconded by Mr. Rudd. The Morton CUSD 709 Restraint/Timeout (RTO) Reduction Plan was approved.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rudd.

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Rehire Recommendation
- Approve Liability Insurance
- Approve Life Safety Extension of Time
- Approve Treasurers for 2021-2022 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

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Approve Gift Acceptance Report

Approve Volleyball Overnight Trip: Skills Camp at U of I

Approve Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

Approve Minutes of the May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting; No Closed Session held May 24, 2022

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 6-3-22	Payroll 5-13-22	Payroll 5-27-22
Ed. Fund	57,681.16	868,977.51	909,839.78
Bldg. Fund	15,877.13	47,858.03	49,710.92
Trans. Fund	14,948.95	29,346.56	29,796.23
IMRF Fund	----	46,536.78	47,424.31

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Rudd, 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 Absent 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:18 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Rudd that the board return to regular session. Seconded by Dr. Cross.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:16 p.m.

Adjournment –

Motion by Mr. Neeley to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Smith, Board of Education Secretary

Bart Rinkenberger, Secretary

Tim Braker, President