

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JUNE 2, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held June 2, 2009, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING -

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Thomas Neeley, Mrs. Nancy Overcash, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser,
Mr. John Appen, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Noah Menold, Mr. Doug Riddle

Pledge of Allegiance –

The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports –

Administrative –

District Office Summer Hours –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the District Office hours during the summer are 7:30 to 3:30.

School Highlights -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the School Highlights for May were included in the board member's packets.

Annual Health Life Safety Report -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the Regional Office of Education conducts an annual inspection of all of our school buildings. He noted a state requirement for a detailed 10 year survey to be conducted by an architect or engineer. Brown School will be inspected this year with the other buildings being inspected next year.

Technology Update –

Dr. Teater gave an update of summer projects for the technology department that includes:

- Websense Upgrade
- PowerSchool Upgrade

- Virtualization – Virtual Servers
- Replacing Main Switch at High School
- Rewiring at Brown School

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he has received no freedom of information requests.

Board Committees–

President’s Report –

The Board of Education recognized Brian Gordon who resigned from his position as Administrative Assistant at Morton High School effective June 30. They thanked him for his service to the students and the District and wished him well. Mr. Gordon thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for Morton School District and commended the entire Administrative team.

A reception was held at this time for Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Neeley asked Board members to contact him soon concerning the committee they would like to serve on for the coming year.

Mr. Neeley asked that another Board meeting be scheduled in June to continue the discussion on the facilities plan. For the July meeting he would like to brainstorm the School Improvement Plan process to more involve Board members.

Mr. Neeley noted that he will attend the IASB workshop for new board members with Mr. Heinold and Mr. Menold.

Discussion Items –

School Improvement Plan – Ms. Ashby-

Ms. Ashby reviewed Morton School District’s Special Education profile using the most recent data from 2007-2008. She also reviewed the Special Education dashboard that includes three elements: legal compliance, needs of students and stakeholder relationships.

Mr. Neeley thanked Ms. Ashby for the excellent report and for her leadership in the area of Special Education.

Action Items –

Approve Science Textbooks Grades 3-6 -

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the Grade 3-6 Science Books selected by the elementary science committee have been on public display for 30 days. *Science: A Closer Look* 2009 Edition by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill is the student text recommended for purchase.

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Menold that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the elementary science texts – *Science: A Closer Look*.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Neeley expressed the Board’s appreciation to those that served on the selection committee.

Approve Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Riddle that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approve Liability Insurance Renewal
- Approve Life Safety Extension of Time
- Authorize Submission of General State Aid and Transportation Claims
- Approve Treasurers for 2009-10 School Year and Adopt Treasurer Resolution
- Approve Resolution Designating Depositories and Signatories
- Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans and Transfers
- Approve Complaint Manager
- Approve Resolution to Set Fees for Freedom of Information Act
- Approve Hazardous Bus Routes
- Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Gift Acceptance Report
- Approving and signing minutes of the April 7, 2009, Regular Meeting, the April 7, 2009, Regular Meeting Closed Session, the April 28, 2009, Regular Meeting, and the April 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve April Treasurer’s Report

Approval of Bills and Payroll

	Bills 5-29-09	Payroll 5-22-09
Ed.Fund	\$125,234.25	\$418,922.11
Bldg.Fund	36,902.18	31,670.18
Trans.Fund	6,065.43	14,601.70
Payroll Accts Pay	--	360,803.70
Fire & Safety	7,959.64	--

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion Carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees, student discipline, purchase of property, litigation and/or negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 10:20 p.m.

Action Item -

Approve Personnel Report –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mrs. Overcash, that the Board of Education approve the personnel report as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Reports –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that Mr. Rick Everetts was presented with the Master Potter Award at a meeting with the entire staff on June 1. He is a great nominee and a recipient well deserving of the award.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that board members may be contacted by a member of the Morton Economic Development Council. The EDC is meeting with area taxing bodies to explain the tax incentive package they would like to offer to new business prospects.

Mr. Neeley noted that the July 7 meeting may be moved to July 14. Another meeting will be set in June for the 16th or the 23rd. Board members will be notified when dates are finalized.

Adjournment -

Motion by Mr. Appen, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E. Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas M. Neeley, President