

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**JANUARY 12, 2010**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held January 12, 2010, 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 6:32 p.m.

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

Members absent: Mr. Clint Heinold

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **School Highlights –**

Dr. Kilpatrick noted the school highlights for the month of December. Mr. Neeley commented on the number of activities that took place during the month. He appreciates the good will extended to those in need in the community by students and staff.

##### **709 Recognition –**

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that during the month of January the Certified staff is being recognized. Notes of appreciation will be sent to each employee and they will be recognized on the MCB community bulletin board. He encouraged all to extend their appreciation to teachers, administrators, social workers and psychologists.

##### **Facilities Update –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the facilities survey will be sent out soon, but important information pieces will precede the survey. The CORE committee will meet after completion of the survey. Mr. Menold commended Dr. Teater and Mr. Craig Barley for their leadership and hard work on the survey committee.

##### **Freedom of Information Requests –**

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that there are no Freedom of Information requests to report.

**Race To the Top Grant –**

Dr. Kilpatrick explained the Race to The Top Grant being offered by the Federal Government. Though he has signed the memorandum of understanding, he explained that if after gaining more information our district does not file a plan, the memorandum of understanding will expire and the district will no longer be obligated to participate.

**President’s Report –**

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Dr. Kilpatrick had presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Teater and Mrs. VanDerVoorn for their part in establishing and providing for a program to recycle obsolete district computers for the benefit of children.

Mr. Neeley commended Morton High School for being awarded the Red Quill Award by ACT’s Midwest Regional Office. The award recognizes schools that take an innovative approach to improve their curriculum and have shown consistent growth in student ACT scores over time. Morton High School is one of only four Illinois schools to receive the award this year and one of only 26 schools recognized across the Midwest.

**Discussion Items –**

**Board Policy Compliance Process – Instruction Policies –**

Mr. Neeley reported that as part of the policy compliance monitoring practice, a review of the Instruction policies was conducted. After review, it is his opinion that the policies are being followed and that the District is in compliance with those policies. The compliance form will be signed and placed in the master compliance manual.

**Action Items –**

**Approve K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Curriculum –**

Mr. Smock reported that the K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science curriculum has been on public display for 30 days. The administration is recommending that the Board of Education adopt the K-6 Science curriculum for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education adopt the K-6 Science Curriculum for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Second Reading and Adoption of Various Board Policies, Sections 2 and 5 –**

Mr. Neeley reported that a revision of policies 2:260, 5:220 and 5:110 is being recommended in order to update our policies to current practice related to review and advice from legal counsel.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of the selected board policies from sections 2 and 5 and adopt those policies as presented and revised.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Accept 2009 Audit Report
- Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
- Approve November Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 12-11-09</b>	<b>Bills 12-18-09</b>	<b>Bills 1-8-10</b>	<b>Payroll 12-4-09</b>	<b>Payroll 12-18-09</b>	<b>Payroll 01-01-10</b>
Ed. Fund	\$166,741.89	\$49,364.88	\$138,646.44	448,880.98	437,928.97	385,650.53
Bldg. Fund	13,790.13	50,568.19	25,211.39	32,563.76	33,722.70	32,580.41
Trans.Fund	18,489.48	2,257.73	25,156.18	12,317.88	12,482.41	8,743.31
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	360,935.68	357,003.35	331,110.22
Fire & Safety	--	--	4,985.50	--	--	--

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.



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Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

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Thomas Neeley, President