

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 16, 2010, at Morton High School.

### **REGULAR MEETING -**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call -**

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 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

#### **Reports –**

##### **Administrative –**

##### **Facilities Update –**

Dr. Kilpatrick shared the timeline for the facilities process from now through August, 2010:

- February – complete community survey/compile information.
- Early March – joint meeting with CORE committee and Board of Education to review survey results.
- Mid March through May – Board discussion of options; meet with legal counsel to discuss financing options.
- June – campaign to communicate with the community; select financial advisor; project design for short term plan.
- July – start initial discussion with project engineers, construction managers.
- August – Board decision by August 27 for resolution for referendum on the November ballot and notify County Clerk by September 2. Make an alternate plan for the future if decide not to put a referendum on ballot in November, 2010.

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

There are no Freedom of Information requests to report.

##### **President's Report –**

Mr. Neeley reminded the Board members of the retreat planned for April 17. He thanked Board members for their continued work on the various committees and thanked Dr. Kilpatrick for his leadership and the Administrators for their work on the 2010-2011 budget issues.

Mrs. Kaiser reported that she had attended the most recent Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting. CAC had presentations on the Social Studies renewal process, High School summer school proposal and heard a report by Lauri VanDerVoorn on Technology Integration updates.

### **Discussion Items –**

#### **High School Summer School –**

As part of his Type 75 internship, Adam Eucker facilitated a proposal with the high school faculty for a summer school program for high school students. The objective would be that the program be self sustaining by charging tuition. The program would be offered to Morton students along with out of district students. He discussed possible courses to be taught, grading policy, schedule, attendance policy and the proposed budget.

Dr. Kilpatrick noted that this is a draft proposal. He will be working with the Administrative Council to bring a recommendation to the Board for more discussion. Mr. Neeley thanked Mr. Eucker for his thorough presentation.

#### **High School Gym Floor –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that he is in discussion with the insurance company concerning repairs to the high school gym floor. Temporary repairs have been made in order to make the gym usable to complete the current basketball season. The estimate to repair the floor, which would include sanding, refinishing and painting the surface, is approximately \$30,000. The preliminary estimate to replace the floor is approximately \$285,000, which includes replacing the floor, removing the old floor that contains asbestos and environmental engineering, monitoring and air quality testing.

Pros and cons of both scenarios were discussed given the age of the floor and the possibility of replacing the floor this spring prior to the summer construction season. It was mentioned that it is a buyer's market right now and bids may come in lower. The Board agreed to start the bidding process for replacing the floor and asbestos removal.

### **Action Items –**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Various Policies from Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 –**

Mr. Neeley reported that a revision of policies 2:20, 2:40, 2:70-E, 2:110, 3:40, 4:30, 4:40, 4:100, 4:110, 4:140, 4:140-E1, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:280, 5:330, 6:300, 6:310, 7:300, and 8:100 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, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and adopt those policies as presented and revised.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

Approve Bills and Payroll .

	<b>Bills 2-5-10</b>	<b>Payroll 2-12-10</b>
Ed. Fund	\$93,708.46	\$415,350.21
Bldg. Fund	43,253.63	30,111.29
Trans. Fund	30,190.04	14,302.02
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	348,863.08
Fire & Safety	1,560.00	--

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Appen, second by Mr. Menold, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for consideration of 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 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mrs. Kaiser that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

