

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2010**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held November 16, 2010, at Morton Education and Administration Center.

### **REGULAR MEETING –**

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 Applen, Mr. Noah Menold, Mr. Doug Riddle

Members absent: Mr. Clint Heinold

### **Reports –**

#### **Administrative –**

##### **School Report Card –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that the school report cards are posted on the State Board of Education website.

[http://webprod.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/getReport.aspx?year=2010&code=530907090\\_e.pdf](http://webprod.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/getReport.aspx?year=2010&code=530907090_e.pdf)

##### **Facilities –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that a meeting was held on Monday, November 15, with Keach/PSA Dewberry Architectural firms and Dr. Judy Helms, an educational advisor. She offered different perspectives in relation to facility designs. District administrators provided feedback to her and the architects. Two more meetings are planned for the architects and principals on November 29 and 30. The architects will have a presentation at the December 7 board of education meeting with preliminary drawings and a timeline.

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

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that there have been no Freedom of Information requests.

##### **President's Report –**

Mr. Neeley thanked Mr. Stein for his recent article in the *Journal Star* on the Morton High School Band. He also noted the success of the Cross Country team qualifying for the state meet.

Mr. Neeley reported that the board members had a very good meeting earlier in the

evening with the Grundy staff. He noted that the two former principals, Mr. Diemer and Mr. Webb, were guests at the meeting. Mr. Neeley noted the board's gratification for Grundy's hospitality.

### **Discussion Items –**

#### **Board Compliance – Board/Superintendent Relations–**

Mr. Neeley reported that as part of the policy compliance monitoring practice, a review of the Board/Superintendent Relations policies was conducted. After review, it is the Superintendent's opinion that these policies are being followed and that the District is in compliance with those policies. Mr. Neeley will sign the policy compliance form and place it in the master compliance file in the district office.

#### **Discussion and First Reading – Various Policies from Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 -**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that a revision of various board policies from sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 is being recommended in order to update District policies to current practice related to review and advice from legal counsel. He asked that the Board conduct a first reading of these policies' revisions and approve and/or adopt the newly revised policies at a future meeting.

### **Action Items –**

#### **Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds -**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that as part of the district's effort to maintain and upgrade the facilities, an issue of short-term working cash bonds is being proposed. This issue would allow the District to continue work with available funds while developing the long-term plan for facility improvement. He noted there are a number of items being reviewed by Keach Architectural Services that can be completed in the short-term with these funds. The bonds are issued under our current debt extension base and are not part of the proposal for improvement and expansion of the three elementary schools.

The proposed resolution allows the district to declare its intent to issue the working cash bonds and publish a notice of intent to issue as required by Article 20 of the Illinois School Code. The bond issue proposed will permit the district to be within the debt extension base as outlined under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law over the two year life of the bonds.

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution of Intent to issue Working Cash bonds and publish a notice of such interest.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Ratification of Agreement for Provision of Limited Professional Services –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that an agreement was negotiated and executed between Keach Architectural Services and the District. The agreement provides the general terms and services for the architectural firms to begin the Basic Scope of Services for Programming and Pre-Design. He explained that the final agreement will contain considerably more detail and requirements for the work to be completed. Since that agreement will take more time, it was important to all parties that work begin immediately on the preliminary items. This agreement allows for work to commence immediately.

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education approve the agreement as executed.

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approving and Signing Minutes of the October 5, 2010, Regular Meeting; October 19, 2010, Regular Meeting; November 1, 2010, Public Hearing; November 2, 2010, Regular Meeting.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 11-5-10</b>	<b>Payroll 11-12-10</b>
Ed. Fund	\$96,115.49	\$401,665.13
Bldg. Fund	41,482.89	30,162.39
Trans.Fund	18,836.39	12,795.96
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	361,755.09
Fire & Safety	5,452.77	--

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0



**Adjournment -**

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Applen, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

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Thomas Neeley, President