

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

DECEMBER 7, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held December 7, 2010, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

PUBLIC HEARING – BOND ISSUE NOTIFICATION ACT

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Thomas Neeley called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Member present by telephone: Mr. Clint Heinold

Mr. Neeley explained the purpose of the Public Hearing under the provisions of the Bond Issue Notification Act is to receive comments from the public regarding a proposal by the Board of Education to issue working cash bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Roll Call Vote to close hearing: Yea 7 Nay 0

President Thomas Neeley declared the public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Thomas Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

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3rd Grade students from the classes of Mrs. Gunn and Ms. Huber at Grundy School were in attendance for a special presentation of their recent projects on the Solar System. Mr. Neeley thanked the students, teachers and parents for sharing their projects with the Board of Education.

Audience Presentations –

Mr. Ken Mallinson of 218 Wagler St. addressed the board concerning keeping Jefferson School open by installing an elevator and repairing the exterior of the building. Mr. Neeley thanked him for his comments and noted that the Board of Education would take them under consideration.

Reports –

Administrative –

School Highlights –

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked the principals for their November highlights and noted that many activities took place during the month.

Freedom of Information Requests –

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

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that the Central Illinois Valley Division of IASB will be hosting a workshop in January at the MEAC.

Committees –

It was noted that reports from the November CAC meeting and the recent Communication Committee meeting were included in the Board folders.

Conference Reports –

Each board member reported on workshops attended at the recent statewide school board conference.

Discussion Items –

Board Personnel Policies Compliance Report –

Mr. Neeley reported that as part of the policy compliance monitoring practice, a review of the Personnel 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.

2010 Audit Report –

Ms. Helen Barrick of Clifton Gunderson reported to the Board of Education on the 2009-2010 audit of the District's books. She reviewed the educational fund and noted that due to new growth in the community the assessed valuation grew and taxes collected for all combined funds during 2010 was higher than the previous year. She noted the decline in general state aide, a decline in personal property replacement taxes and a decline in state

aide funded by the state of Illinois with ARRA funds classified as federal revenue. Capital outlays were reduced compared to the previous year due to the reductions in revenue and the uncertainty surrounding the timing of State of Illinois payments. Ms. Barrick commended the Administration for its prudent planning and reported the staff was very cooperative and the District's books are in very good order.

Mr. Neeley and Dr. Kilpatrick thanked Ms. Barrick for her report.

Facilities Update –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that two meetings had recently taken place with Dr. Judy Helms, the architects and the elementary principals. The architects will be presenting pre-designs based on information gathered at the meetings.

Architects Preliminary Discussions –

Representatives from Keach/PSA Dewberry reviewed the process for the Phase I facilities improvement project. They also shared some of the preliminary concepts and provided the Board with a tentative timeline for completion of the project in the event the community approves the funding next spring.

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked the architects for their presentation. He noted that Mr. Keach will present to Labor Management on Wednesday, December 8, and to all staff on December 16 at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center.

Action Items -

Approve 2010 Levy Resolution -

Motion by Mr. Menold, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education approve the 2010 Levy Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

School Calendar –

Dr. Kilpatrick reported that approval of the 2011-2012 school year calendar will be deferred to the January meeting. It was recommended to wait until after final exams were completed in December to determine if there are any problems with the new semester ending schedule.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve 2010 School Library Grant Application
- Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
- Approve October Treasurer’s Report
- Appoint Election Designees
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 11-19-10	Bills 12-3-10	Payroll 11-26-10
Ed. Fund	\$144,049.96	\$83,377.19	\$398,267.02
Bldg. Fund	104,020.03	35,195.78	29,721.44
Trans.Fund	7,899.05	25,983.78	11,508.96
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	357,556.21
Fire & Safety	--	6,779.79	--

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mr. Applen, 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 8:55 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President