

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

MARCH 1, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 1, 2011, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

Secretary Joyce Kaiser called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Joyce Kaiser, Mr. John Applen, Mr. Clint Heinold,
Mr. Doug Riddle, Mrs. Cheryl Wuthrich

Member present by telephone: Mr. Tom Neeley

Member absent: Mr. Noah Menold

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Riddle, 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 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 5:33 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 6:24 p.m.

The Board and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Presentations –

Mr. David King, 1984 E. Jefferson St., Morton, addressed the Board on concerns with the upcoming referendum and suggestions in lieu of the referendum.

Reports –

Administrative –

Lincoln School Essays –

Six 6th grade students from the classes of Ms. Garretson and Mrs. Mills at Lincoln School were in attendance to share their winning essays. The teachers taught a D.A.R.E. unit during Red Ribbon Week and then had their students write an essay on the dangers of smoking, alcohol or illegal drug use. The essays were then judged by Ms. Rebmann's Sophomore Honors English students. The winners were announced at an assembly that 5th and 6th grade students from Lincoln were invited to attend. Police Chief Nick Graff was a guest at the assembly. He spoke to the students and distributed awards.

Mrs. Kaiser praised the students for their efforts and thanked the teachers for including D.A.R.E. lessons in their curriculum.

School Highlights –

Dr. Kilpatrick thanked the principals for their reports. Mrs. Kaiser pointed out the ISAT promise the students took at Brown School. She appreciates the staff giving the students ownership of the tests.

Freedom of Information Requests –

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

President's Report –

Mrs. Kaiser reported that she and Dr. Kilpatrick had presented an award of recognition earlier in the day to Mrs. Mays and Ms. Ashby for their parts in the planning and completion of the L.I.F.E. Academy apartment.

Discussion Items –

Architect Schematic Design –

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed that at the January 18 meeting of the Board of Education the architects presented the schematic design drawings. He noted that the designs for both Lettie Brown and Ward Grundy Schools meet the proposed plans. An alternate plan (option 2) for Lincoln School was presented at the February 15 meeting. With the information that the bus drop-off would continue to use the Jefferson Street lot, the options for the building design increased.

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed option 1, 2 and a third option placing the gym on the east side and classrooms on the south end at Lincoln School. He informed the Board that option 3

is his recommendation and also noted his appreciation for the architects' flexibility in preparing the different options.

Board members discussed placement of the water retention area, the lobby entrance and future use of the property with the different options.

Action Items -

Reappointment of Building Administrators, Director of Special Education and Director of Research and Information Systems -

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education appoint Lee Hoffman, Brown School Principal; Michael Saunders, Grundy School Principal; Sheila Taylor, Lincoln School Principal; Greg Crider, Principal at Morton Junior High School; Chris Carter, Asst. Principal at Morton Junior High; Dennis Johnson, Principal at Morton High School; Dan Rohman, Administrative Assistant at Morton High School; Greg Prichard, Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director at Morton High School; Marjorie Johnson, Administrative Assistant at Morton High School; Dana Ashby, Director of Special Education; and Dr. Troy Teater, Director of Research and Information Systems for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Board member expressed their appreciation to the administrators for all their hard work throughout the year.

Approve Architects' Schematic Design –

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Wuthrich, that the Board of Education approve the schematic designs for the renovation and expansion of Brown, Grundy and option 3 at Lincoln Elementary Schools as presented by the architects.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Negotiation of Contract – Construction Manager –

Mr. Heinold excused himself from the meeting.

Dr. Kilpatrick explained that the Board is being asked to authorize the administration to negotiate a contract with CORE Construction. The contract would be brought to the Board for approval after negotiations. Mr. Neeley commended Dr. Kilpatrick for his

work in this process. He and the committee looked at all the options and stayed true to what they think is best.

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education approve the administration negotiating an agreement with CORE Construction for construction management services with such agreement being presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Heinold rejoined the meeting.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the February 15, 2011, Regular Meeting
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 02-25-11	Payroll 02-18-11
Ed. Fund	\$197,120.32	\$375,233.75
Bldg. Fund	131,397.05	29,108.94
Trans.Fund	6,947.63	9,927.82
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	370,726.28
Fire and Safety	13,090.21	--

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

2nd Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Riddle, 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 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:50 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

Approve Personnel Report –

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mrs. Wuthrich, that the Board of Education approve the personnel report as revised.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Closed Session Minutes –

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Applen, that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes from the February 15, 2011, Regular Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Reports-

Mr. Neeley asked board members to stay aware of options being considered by state legislators that will affect schools and to contact them when necessary.

Adjournment -

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

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0

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Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President