

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

November 27, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held November 27, 2012, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Tom Neeley called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. John Appen, Mrs. Joyce Kaiser,
Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mrs. Michelle Kaeb,
Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Tim Taylor

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hall reported there are no Freedom of Information requests to report.

Park District Donation –

Dr. Hall expressed appreciation to the Morton Park District for its donation of two backstops located at Grundy School.

IHSA Recognition –

Dr. Hall reported the varsity boys basketball team was recently cited for “Sporting a Winning Attitude” by the IHSA. She read a letter from an official of a recent game against Champaign Centennial High School. The official noted the attitudes of the players and coaches of both teams and that it was a pleasant experience for him to officiate the game.

ROE Legislative Update –

Dr. Hall reported that Regional Superintendent Gail Owen has organized a meeting with local legislators to be held on December 12 at the Festival Building in East Peoria.

709Connect –

Dr. Hall reported that the final 709Connect meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, at the high school cafeteria. As a thank you to participants, there will be a dessert table sponsored by Alltrust Financial and *Prelude* will perform.

President's Report –

Mr. Neeley commented that he and the board are looking forward to the report by the 709Connect committee at the December board meeting noting the presentation will be video recorded. The board will discuss the recommendations at an upcoming meeting in January.

Mr. Neeley reported that the board had a very good meeting with the Jr. High teachers earlier in the evening. He noted their progress with Common Core State Standards (CCSS). He asked Dr. Hall to update the board on the CCSS. Dr. Hall noted the focus this year is on math, with professional development being provided to math teachers this past summer. On the October inservice day, Dr. Curry presented on Language Arts K-12 CCSS articulation. At the upcoming January inservice day, 6-12 grade LA teachers will meet together. Dr. Hall noted that she distributed a letter during parent/teacher conferences to parents giving an overview of CCSS. The next step in the process is aligning the state assessments to CCSS by 2015. She noted this testing will be online and warned that there may initially be a drop in scores. Morton is well ahead of other school districts in implementing CCSS and she is proud of our teaching staff for their efforts.

Mr. Heinold commented on the meeting with the Jr. High teachers noting the integration between subject areas and how teaming facilitates this practice.

Discussion Items –

2012 Audit Report -

Mr. Chris Adkinson of CliftonLarsonAllen reported on the 2012 audit. Mr. Adam Pulley, manager of the audit, was also present. Mr. Adkinson reviewed the report, noting that property taxes are the largest revenue for the district from the 2010 levy. State sources decreased by \$90,000 due to the decrease in state aid. Mr. Adkinson noted that state funding will continue to decline. Federal funding decreased by \$170,000.

Mr. Adkinson commended the district for its overall strong performance.

Consent Agenda –

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

- Appoint Election Designees
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the November 6, 2012, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session Minutes of the November 6, 2012, Regular Meeting
- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve October Treasurer's Report

Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 11-9-12	Bills 11-16-12	Bills 11-20-12	Payroll 11-9-12	Payroll 11-23-12
Ed. Fund	\$908.04	\$89,967.79	\$2,908.12	\$393,028.75	\$410,663.64
Bldg. Fund	--	39,784.09	--	30,361.39	33,781.21
Trans.Fund	--	21,324.94	--	12,920.41	14,643.62
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--	389,399.33	403,875.09
Fire and Safety	--	--	--	--	--

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mrs. Kaiser, second by Mrs. Bernier, 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 8:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kaiser, Secretary

Thomas Neeley, President