

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

August 20, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held August 20, 2013, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

President Clint Heinold called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Tim Taylor, Mrs. Michelle Bernier
Mr. John Applen, Mr. Shaun Bill, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests –

Dr. Hall reported there have been two recent Freedom of Information requests. Mr. Steve Stein requested copies of emails to Board members from the Morton Auto Auction. Mr. David King requested copies of emails sent between Board Members and Administration, the Village of Morton, Morton EDC and the Morton Auto Auction. Both requests have been fulfilled.

Facilities Update –

Dr. Hall reported:

- the 5-year maintenance plan has recently been updated by removing projects from it that have been completed. The plan will be reviewed later this fall and another year will be added.
- new windows have been installed in the gym of the Jr. High.
- a ground breaking ceremony will be held on Wednesday, August 21, at 4:30 p.m., at the Courtland Ave. property where the bus facility will be located.
- the Facility Advisory Committee held its first meeting on Thursday August 15. Tours of the high school and Jefferson School will be held for committee members on Saturday, August 24. Tours of the other buildings will follow in the near future. Mrs. Scarfe and Mr. Neeley added that the committee is a diverse group of community members and district employees. They expressed the need for the entire group to reach out to the community at large as proposals for the future of facilities are made.

Update on Legislation – Catastrophic Insurance for Athletes –

Dr. Hall reported that Senate Bill 2178 was signed into law on August 5 and went into effect on August 13. The law states that high schools that do not require IHSA athletes to verify they have their own health insurance must provide catastrophic insurance for them. Our high school does have the health insurance verification process in place, but the District is working with Unland Insurance to purchase a policy for this purpose. The cost is approximately \$3.00 per student athlete, which would be worthwhile upon the occurrence of a catastrophic accident. Though not required by law, the District is considering purchasing a policy for Jr. High School IESA athletes.

Discussion Items –**Task Board/Board Calendar -**

Dr. Hall noted a revised Task Board for the upcoming year was made available to Board members. She noted revisions that were made where redundancies occurred. She stressed that the Task Board is a living document and can be revised at any time. Dr. Hall noted that the 2nd meeting of each month will be kept as brief as possible with most reports taking place at the 1st meeting.

Softball Complex –

Dr. Hall reported there is a possibility of collaborating with the Park District for an additional softball diamond at Birchwood Park for use by the high school softball team. The current facility at the high school is in need of an upgrade and this type of collaboration would be similar to the agreements reached for the baseball complex at Westwood Park.

Board discussion included the need to be equitable between boys and girls sports and to be clear upfront on the amount of money the district will provide. It was noted that facilities the school district has collaborated with the park district on in the past are excellent and they would be unattainable for the school district on its own. The facilities are beneficial for the entire community.

Action Items –**Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Morton –**

Dr. Hall explained that for many years, the District has utilized the services of regular police officers and auxiliary police officers to provide security services at athletic events and heavily attended extracurricular activities. The payments for regular police officer services were paid to the Village of Morton and the payments for the auxiliary police officer services were paid directly to the auxiliary officers. Since the auxiliary officers are being paid as contract employees, the District may not have the proper liability insurance. As a result, an

intergovernmental agreement was negotiated with the Village of Morton whereby they would provide both regular and auxiliary officers to the District at our request and invoice us monthly for these services.

The services provided by the Village and the number of officers utilized will not be significantly different from previous years. This agreement simply formalizes our arrangement and allows the Village to invoice the District for all security services.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Morton to provide security services at athletic events and heavily attended extracurricular activities.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Bill, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the August 6, 2013, Regular Meeting and the August 6, 2013, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes
- Approve Substitute Teacher Pay
- Approval of Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 8-9-13	Bills 8-16-13	Payroll 8-16-13
Ed.Fund	\$200,901.40	\$3,906.38	\$359,106.21
Bldg.Fund	158,383.98	--	48,314.09
Trans.Fund	16,667.77	--	4,823.05
Payroll Accts Pay	--	--	314,133.67
Fire & Safety	13,163.00	--	--

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mr. Taylor, 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. (5 ILSC 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mrs. Bernier, 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 9:30 p.m.

Action Item –

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education approve the memorandum of understanding between the MEA and Morton School District regarding a teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

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Roll Call Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 9:31 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mrs. Scarfe, 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 10:30 p.m.

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Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bernier, Secretary

Clint Heinold, President