MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

February 24, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 24, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING –

Call to Order and Roll Call -

President Michelle Bernier called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Tim Taylor, Mr. Shaun Bill,

Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe

Member arriving at 7:05 p.m. – Mr. John Applen

Reports -

Board Reports -

President Bernier reported that the board met earlier in the evening with the Grundy staff. Grundy building representative, Shaun Bill, noted it was a very informative meeting and board members appreciate that staff members take time out of their evenings to meet with them.

President Bernier reported that several board members and Dr. Hall attended the Alliance Leadership Summit in Springfield last week. The Alliance Leadership Summit focused on the future of public education in Illinois and revolved around Vision 20/20, the Statewide School Management Alliance's comprehensive blueprint for public education. Dr. Hall will give a more in depth report at the March 3 board meeting.

Discussion Item -

Long Term Facilities Plan Discussion -

Dr. Hall reviewed the history of the current long term facilities plan. One year ago the Facility Advisory Committee brought forth a recommendation to the Board of Education for future facilities planning. Since that time:

- June, 2014 the Board received a grade configuration report from the principals
- September, 2014 CropperGIS completed and presented a capacity utilization study
- September 30, 2014 the Board held a special meeting devoted to the discussion of facilities
- October/November 2014 709Connect-Facilities was launched for the purpose of

receiving feedback from the community on facilities planning. These meetings were well attended with beneficial feedback received from community members

- November 18, 2014 Dr. Hall reported to the Board regarding 709Connect-Facilites feedback
- January, 2015 the Board received a planning model study, also completed by CropperGIS

Board members discussed next steps in the process. A consensus was reached by the Board to accept Dr. Hall's recommendation to have Keach Architects prepare a proposal for an in depth cost analysis for 1) building a new high school; 2) building a new middle school; and 3)addressing the needs of all of the existing facilities including building additions.

The entire discussion may be viewed on MPTV at the 6:17 point of the meeting.

Action Items -

Approve Revisions of Policies 6:280, 6:300 and 7:40 -

A revision of board policies 6:280, 6:300 and 7:40 was recommended in order to update these policies related to review and recommendations from IASB Policy Services (6:280, 6:300) and current practice at the high school regarding class rank (7:40). The recommendations for revisions were presented by the Administration and the Policy Committee to the Board of Education for discussion and a first reading at the February 3, 2015, meeting.

Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mr. Bill, that the Board of Education approve the suggested revisions to policies 6:280, 6:300 and 7:40.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Heinold, that Action Items B, C and D be tabled. These items are related to authorizing expenditure of funds to develop preliminary plans for building a new high school, middle school and adding on to existing facilities.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda -

Mr. Bill asked that the Personnel Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately after closed session.

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

Approve MJHS and MHS Orchestra Trip to St. Louis
Approve Life Academy/Circle of Friends Trip to St. Louis
Approve Minutes of the February 3, 2015, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session
Minutes of the February 3, 2015, Regular Meeting.
Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 2-6-15	Bills 2-13-15	Bills 2-20-15	Payroll 2-13-15
Ed. Fund	\$141,994.64	\$10,175.58	\$92,130.90	\$456,736.58
Bldg. Fund	163,841.40	46,379.23	140,506.09	34,652.75
Trans. Fund	7,857.47		25,724.48	13,965.82
Payroll Accts. Pay.				406,818.38
Fire & Safety		Мъ		

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mrs. Scarfe, 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 8:39 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Applen, 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 9:38 p.m.

Action Item -

Approve Personnel Report -

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Applen, that the Personnel Report be approved as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 1 – Mr. Bill

Motion carried.

Adjournment -

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

Voice Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Bill, Secretary

Michelle Bernier, President