

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JULY 7, 2015

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole - Finance Committee of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held July 7, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING -

President Michelle Bernier called the Committee of the Whole - Finance committee meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Shaun Bill,  
Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

Dr. Hall opened the meeting by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was for her and Mrs. Getz to give a preliminary look at the FY2016 budget. The timeline is as follows:

- August 4, 2015 – Board approves tentative budget
- August 5, 2015 – publicize display of tentative budget and place on display in district office
- September 1, 2015 – Board discuss final budget
- September 22, 2015 – Public hearing for final budget/Board approves final budget
- September 23, 2015 – Deliver final budget to ROE and County Clerk; upload file to ISBE and post on district website

Mrs. Getz explained major revenue sources –

- Property taxes – 82% of combined budgeted revenue
- General State Aide – 3.1% of combined budgeted revenue
- Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax – 3.9% of combined budgeted revenue
- Other state revenue (special education, transportation) – 3% of combined budgeted rev.
- Interest earnings, school fees, lunch receipts, building rentals – 5.6% of combined budgeted revenue

Mrs. Getz commented on budgeted expenditures –

- Salaries and benefits - 60.3% of combined expenditures and 83.6% of Ed. Fund expenditures
- Budgeted health insurance expenditures - \$3,255,000 – a 6% increase
- Operations and Maintenance Fund contains \$3.1 million for land contract payments. Also contains \$5,523,000 for capital projects and design fees. Includes \$3,533,000 for existing high school athletic fields and \$400,000 for the softball field.

Dr. Hall noted the state has recently passed the education budget. There will be a slight increase to our district, but due to the type of formula that is used for Morton Schools, it will not be a considerable amount.

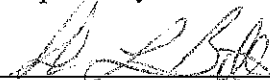
Adjournment -

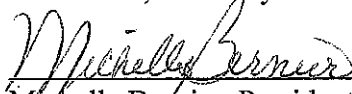
Motion by Mr. Heinold, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote:            Yea 7                    Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Shaun Bill, Secretary

  
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Michelle Bernier, President

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

JULY 7, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held July 7, 2015, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

## REGULAR MEETING –

President Michelle Bernier called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Mr. Clint Heinold, Mr. Shaun Bill,  
Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mrs. Kelly Scarfe, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall

## Audience Presentations –

Keith Dullard, Tim Lichtenstein, Pam Lichtenstein, Kevin Brennan, Matt Jones and Michelle Short each addressed the Board of Education concerning the dismissal of the JH/HS Volleyball Coach. They asked board members to reconsider their decision.

## Reports –

### Administrative –

#### Freedom of Information Requests –

President Bernier reported there had been one Freedom of Information request made by Nicholas Jack of Morton. Mr. Jack requested the “legal opinion provided to the school board members concerning the conflict of interest of Clint Heinold.” The response to the request is posted on the district website.

#### Update on MAP and ASPIRE Testing –

Dr. Teater gave an update on the assessments given to students throughout the school year. He reviewed to whom and when the assessments are given and how the assessments are used by teachers and administration. Changes for next year include using iPads for the ASPIRE assessment and PARCC will only be given once in 2016 as opposed to twice in 2015.

TEST	When Results are Available	When Test is Administered	Time Spent Testing	Results Used By:
MAP	Within 24 hrs.	Reading and Math in Fall, Winter (except K) and Spring to K-6th	8 Hrs./Year	Administration for evaluation of programs
ASPIRE	Within 3 mos.	Reading, Math, LA, Science, Writing to 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grades	Less than 5 Hrs./Year	Administration and staff for evaluation of programs.

TEST	When Results are Available	When Test is Administered	Time Spent Testing	Results Used By:
PARCC	Within 7 mos.	2015 –ELA and Math Winter and Spring to 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades and HS Algebra 2 and LA 11. 2016-Spring only	Less than 8 Hrs./Year	Used to measure AYP
ACT	Within 3 mos.	Reading, Math, LA and Science in Spring to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Less than 4 Hrs./ Year	Administration and staff for evaluation of programs

### Facilities Update –

Dr. Hall reported that due to the record-setting amount of rain received during the month of June, the high school athletics complex work is two weeks behind schedule. Because the soil needs to be dry in order to lay the turf, the option of adding lime is being considered. The price for the lime would be in the \$50,000 range. Another option is to move the first home football game to another venue. The situation also impacts the marching band and its ability to use the field for practice. A decision will be made soon.

Dr. Hall reported that two bids were received for the softball field planned for Birchwood Park. The low bidder was Stark Excavating at \$653,000, which was more than anticipated. Board members discussed the possibility of the MGSA, Park District or the Village helping with extra funding, as the field will be used by several groups besides the school district throughout the season. The Board requested that the architects provide a breakdown of the costs as outlined in the bid.

### President's Report –

Mrs. Bernier reported that a Facility Committee meeting was held on June 23 for a discussion of a long range plan. She also noted that prior to tonight's meeting, a Finance Committee meeting was held and the Board was presented with the preliminary budget for FY 2016.

### Discussion Items –

#### Facilities Discussion –

The discussion from the June 23 Committee of the Whole meeting on facilities was continued. The Board discussed a timeframe for the "urgent needs" determined at the June 23 meeting. Costs related to the "urgent needs" were provided by Keach Architectural Design. Though there is not yet a long-range plan, these needs are necessary and overdue. They will fit into any long-range plan that is decided in the future. The next steps include the Board approving a proposal by Keach Architectural Design for schematic drawings and for Dr. Hall to put together a preliminary financing plan. The proposal from Mr. Keach will be voted on by the Board at a Special Meeting scheduled for July 20.

**Consent Agenda –**

Mr. Bill asked that the personnel report be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion in closed session.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended:

- Approve Transportation Claim
- Approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2015, Special Meeting, the June 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting and the June 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes.
- Approve Bills and Payrolls

	<b>Bills 6-26-15</b>	<b>Bills 6-30-15</b>	<b>Bills 7-1-15</b>
Ed. Fund	\$114,775.32	\$35,597.96	\$274,507.20
Bldg. Fund	1,269,351.77	4,917.90	776.00
Trans. Fund	26,568.95	43.41	202,847.00
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	--
Tort	61.00	--	--
Fire & Safety	--	--	--

Roll Call:                              Yea 7                              Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Dr. Beaty, 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 9:13 p.m.

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

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Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

**Action Item –**

**Approve Personnel Report –**

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

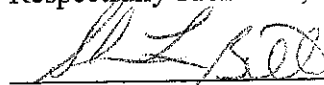
**Adjournment -**

Motion by Mrs. Scarfe, second by Dr. Beaty, that the meeting be adjourned.

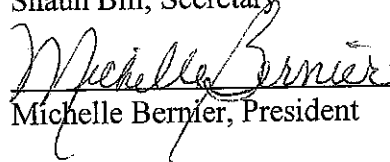
Voice Vote:                      Yea 7                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President