

**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 6, 2016, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

**BUDGET HEARING -**

**Call to Order and Roll Call -**

President Michelle Bernier called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mr. Tom Neeley

President Bernier declared the Budget Hearing open for the purpose of answering questions from the public on the proposed 2016-2017 Budget. There were no audience questions or discussion.

President Bernier declared the budget hearing closed at 6:34p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order and Roll Call -**

President Michelle Bernier called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Member absent: Mr. Tom Neeley

**Reports -**

**Administrative -**

**Freedom of Information Requests -**

Dr. Hall noted there were no Freedom of Information requests to report.

**Communicable Disease Plan -**

Dr. Smock reported that the communicable disease policies are reviewed each year. The district is pro-active in attempting to prevent outbreaks of disease.

**Summer School Update –**

Dr. Teater reported on SOAR (Summer Opportunities for Academic Reinforcement). The purpose of the program was to maintain the progress for elementary students who received RtI services and support during the school year in reading and math. There were 28 students who attended SOAR from May 31 – June 30. Students received small group practice and support utilizing the interventions used during the school year. Dr. Teater reported that 20 of the 28 students maintained or improved their reading and/or math levels from the spring to this fall, with 7 of the 20 actually improving their performance from the spring.

**Extra Curricular Offerings –**

The high school provided an annual report to the Board on the number of extracurricular activities and the number of participants for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Textbook and Instructional Materials Report –**

The annual report of textbooks and instructional materials used throughout the district was provided to the Board.

**Overview of CAC Activities/Curriculum Targets/Curriculum Renewal Process –**

Dr. Teater reported curriculum mapping is being converted from Mapper to Google Drive this year. Elementary reading and 6<sup>th</sup> grade science are scheduled to be reviewed.

The first Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 14. Teachers, students, parents and a Board member are represented on the committee.

**Report for Family Life and Sex Education Curriculum –**

Dr. Teater noted the curriculum for Family Life and Sex Education for 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades is reviewed every three years by the Board of Education. He noted that content on Erin's Law has been added to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum.

**Enrollment Update –**

Dr. Hall noted the 6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment comparison between 2015 and 2016. There are 71 more students this year for a total enrollment of 3,047.

**Tech Update –**

Dr. Teater reviewed student personal computing:

- EC-4<sup>th</sup> grade – iPad 4's – one for each student (stay in classroom)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – iPad Air 2's – one for each student (take home)

He noted that the iPad 2's were sold.

Changes this year:

- Web filters changed to Securly
- Changed MDM (mobile device management)
- Apple ID's are no longer needed to manage apps
- Apple Classroom (new – provides teacher control and visibility to devices)
- Support for parents and students from home through Google Hangouts

#### **Review of Evaluation Process for Certified Staff–**

Dr. Smock reviewed the Professional Licensed Faculty Evaluation Plan. He explained that a committee consisting of five teachers and five administrators worked on the plan for the past two years to incorporate student growth into the evaluation process. The Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) was signed into law in Illinois in 2010, which requires all schools in Illinois to change how teachers' and principals' performance is measured. He explained the mission and purpose, the model used for the document and the process that will be used for evaluation. The process resulted in a 37 page document that is being implemented this school year. He commended the outstanding cooperation of the committee members in completing the arduous process.

#### **Update on Dual Credit and AP Classes at MHS–**

Ms. Johnson reviewed the enrollment numbers in the Dual Credit(DC), AP classes at MHS and the Strong Start (S) classes at ICC . The SS classes are new this year with 13 students taking 2 ICC courses each in addition to MHS courses.

#### **Illinois Youth Survey Results – MJHS and MHS –**

Mr. Hoffman and Ms. Johnson reported on the IL Youth Survey administered every other spring to 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is part of a statewide survey that reports information on student positive and negative behaviors by school and county. This year the high school administered the survey to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders due to some time constraints/concerns with seniors. Seventy-five percent of sophomores and sixty-five percent of juniors responded to the survey. Overall, Morton students are lower than the state average on negative behaviors and higher than the state average on positive behaviors.

#### **President's Report –**

President Bernier reported that:

- the Fall Central IL Valley Division meeting of the IASB is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, at East Peoria Central Jr. High School. Morton School District will be presenting a break-out session entitled "Building Capacity Through Community Engagement: A Journey Leading to the Successful Passage of a Building Referendum".
- the Board of Education has received the Board Governance Award from IASB. It

- will be awarded at the Division meeting.
- suggested motions for action items will be listed on a separate sheet of paper for board members so as not to give the impression that the final decision on action items has been made prior to the formal vote.

Agenda Building – Mr. Schmidgall submitted a draft of a new policy for the Board's consideration on student privacy. A discussion will take place at the October 4 meeting.

### **Discussion Items –**

#### **Board Goals Discussion – Achievement and Facilities –**

Dr. Hall reviewed the goals of Achievement and Facilities:

- The Leadership Team will identify and monitor benchmarks to measure the progress and success of students through MAP testing, ASPIRE, SAT, the graduation rate, enrollment in Dual Credit and AP, and AP test taking percentage and scores.
- The district will continue to discuss a long term facilities vision (minimally 5-10 years) to accommodate projected growth and future needs. This plan will be accompanied by a financial plan to support the vision as well as financial support for the 5-year maintenance/capital improvement plan.
- The district will continue to pursue opportunities to partner with other local organizations for facilities projects through collaborative conversations and actionable plans where those opportunities fit the needs of the district.
- A construction grant to the Capital Development Board will be started in FY17.

#### **Board of Education Code of Conduct #7 – Mrs. Bernier –**

Mrs. Bernier reviewed the seventh point in the Code of Conduct for Board of Education members: *I will prepare for, attend and actively participate in school board meetings.* Mrs. Bernier stressed that reviewing board meeting materials ahead of time and getting questions answered prior to meetings is essential to being prepared to participate in the meeting. She thanked board members for their preparation prior to meetings.

#### **First Reading and Discussion of Revisions/Updates to Board Policy 1:30 –**

Dr. Hall reported that Board Policy 1:30 pertains to the Board Mission and Goals. The policy is being revised to reflect recent changes made by the Board of Education to the Mission and Goals.

### **Closed Session –**

Motion by Mr. Heinold, 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/sale of property, litigation, negotiations and/or school building safety and security. (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mrs. Scarfe, 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 8:26 p.m.

**Action Item –**

**Purchase of Bethel Property –**

President Bernier noted the Board has been assessing the possibility of purchasing the Bethel Lutheran church property. The board needs to decide tonight if it desires to make an offer.

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Beaty, that the Board of Education make an offer to Bethel Lutheran Church to purchase their property.

Mr. Schmidgall noted there is a need for the property for parking during events at the high school, and for the long term, the flexibility it would offer the school district.

Roll Call:    Yea 2 (Schmidgall, Beaty)    Nay 4 (Bill, Heinold, Scarfe, Bernier)

Motion defeated.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Overnight Trip – Boys Soccer; Girls Track; Girls Golf
- Approve Application for Recognition of Schools
- Approve July Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the August 16, 2016, Regular Meeting, and the August 16, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.

## Approve Bills and Payrolls

	<b>Bills 8-26-16</b>	<b>Bills 9-2-16</b>	<b>Payroll 8-19-16</b>	<b>Payroll 9-2-16</b>
Ed. Fund	\$203,943.44	\$13,140.98	\$416,515.39	\$513,381.08
Bldg. Fund	33,179.28	4,970.94	40,172.06	33,216.93
Trans. Fund	6,512.93	147.65	5,969.75	14,640.75
Capital Projects	45,691.42	--	--	--
TORT	6,564.12	--	--	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	329,975.27	465,973.80

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

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Roll Call Vote:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mrs. Scarfe, 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 9:48 p.m.

**Adjournment -**

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

Voice Vote:

Yea 6

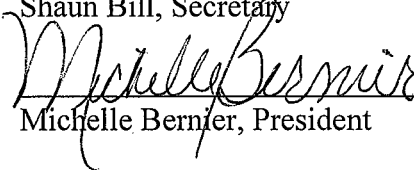
Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaun Bill, Secretary



Michelle Bernier, President