

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

September 5, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held September 5, 2017, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Tom Neeley called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall, Mr. Kevin Austin
Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Dr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger

Reports –

Administrative –

Freedom of Information Requests -

Dr. Hill noted there are no Freedom of Information requests to report.

Pumpkin Festival Volunteer Reminder –

Dr. Hill reminded Board members of their volunteer time at the Pumpkin Grill at the festival.

Summer School Update – MHS APEX –

Dr. Hill reported that the report for Summer School at Morton High School is included in the Board members' packets. APEX is a credit recovery program that students take online working independently. 32 students enrolled in 38 courses with 29 courses being passed. One senior student passed and was able to graduate.

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.

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 2017-2018 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 reviewed curriculum strategies, problems identified last year and the plan to resolve the problems. Included in the Board packets is information on the history of the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) and Curriculum Initiatives for this year.

Tech Update –

Dr. Teater gave an in-depth review of technology in District 709. Included in the presentation:

- 709 Above the Line Targets
- Technology staff #'s
- Hardware
- Systems
- Databases
- Software
- Professional Development offered to staff– weekly workshops
- Infrastructure
- Technology updates– iPads, staff machines, parental tools, Website upgrade – changing format for mobile devices for better functionality

Enrollment Update –

Dr. Smock reported on the 6th day enrollment numbers. There are 38 more students for a total enrollment of 3098.

President's Report –

Board members agreed to President Neeley's suggestion to hold open houses for the public at each of the elementary buildings with new construction. The open houses will be held in conjunction with the Board building meetings with staff. The dates are as follows:

- Lincoln School – Tuesday, September 19 – 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.
- Grundy School – Tuesday, October 17 – 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.
- Lettie Brown School – Tuesday, November 14 – 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.

President Neeley noted he has received favorable comments on the new signs sold and hung around the football field by the Gridiron Club. Dr. Hill explained that some are larger than originally planned due to larger donations by some of the sponsors.

President Neeley reported he recently attended a conference on Board policy.

