

# MORTON DISTRICT 709

- STIMULATE LIFE-LONG LEARNING
- GRADUATE PRODUCTIVE INDIVIDUALS
- CHALLENGE ALL TO ACHIEVE AT THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIALS



## Board of Education Meeting Highlights

**May 19, 2020**

### ◆ Administrative Report:

#### ⇒ Superintendent's Report—

##### ◇ Dr. Hill reported on end of year events:

- MHS diploma distribution took place at the high school as planned on Sunday, May 17. Graduates and parents had the opportunity for photos of graduates on stage and Dr. Hill enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of the students. Students came at assigned times—he noted the event was very well prepared and well organized.
- A virtual staff awards ceremony will be available to staff for viewing at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 21. Employee service awards will be announced along with retiree recognition. Retirees include—teachers—Barb Blanco, Therese Scifres, and Nadine Worstell. Educational Support Staff—Jill Parod, Terri Schuck, and Carol Williams. The highlight will be the announcements of the Master Potter, Potter's Hand, and Dana Ashby awards. The ceremony will be available on the District Website and social media later in the day.

##### ◇ Dr. Hill and Dr. Cross participated in a meeting with local superintendents to discuss options for opening school in the fall. Another meeting is scheduled for the first week of June.

##### ◇ Dr. Hill noted two grant opportunities for the district—

- Fast Track Public Infrastructure Program—IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant—ESSER Grant—Federal funds based on Title I Part A funds in 2019

#### ⇒ President's Report

##### ◇ Dr. Beaty allotted time for Board members to discuss pros and cons of opening school in the fall. Discussion included ramifications of opening against the executive order; e-learning—teachers did the best they could this spring, but nothing can replace in-person teaching. Board members are especially concerned for those with special needs and those who have difficulty learning through technology. The entire conversation can be viewed on [MP-TV](#) beginning at 17:05.

### ◆ Action Items Approved:

- ⇒ Approve MHS West Gym Roof Replacement Bid—Kreiling Roofing
- ⇒ Support Staff Salary increase for the 2020-2021 school year—3%

*If you wish to learn more about a subject, you may view an archived broadcast of the meeting on [MP-TV](#) available on the District website; and/or watch our website for posted minutes after being approved by the Board of Education.*

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