

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 10, 2024

REGULAR MEETING at Morton Education & Administration Center

5:30 PM

The mission of our Morton District 709 Board of Education is to be a provider of and an advocate for the education of all children.

DISTRICT GOALS –

- **Achievement** – Morton District 709 will nurture and challenge each student to reach their potential through the highest quality teaching using evidence based instructional practices, curriculum, programs and services.
- **Communication** – Morton District 709 will strive to engage all members of the district and community in open, meaningful two-way communication providing timely information and opportunities for dialogue regarding key educational issues.
- **Climate** – Morton District 709 will maintain a cohesive organizational system, which fosters a culture characterized by mutual trust and respect among the board, administration, faculty, staff, students and community resulting in an organization focused on continuous improvement.
- **Facilities** – Morton District 709 will develop and maintain facilities providing the current and future students with safe, well-maintained and functional space to support research based best practices in teaching and learning.
- **Finance** – Morton District 709 will maintain a financial position, which supports all district operations in an efficient, cost effective manner, as well as providing long-term stability for the district.

AGENDA

2024 PUBLIC LEVY HEARING – 5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Presentation of 2024 Levy**
- III. Audience Questions and Discussion**
- IV. Declare Levy Hearing Closed**

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Recognition of Excellence** – MHS Boys Cross Country – IHSA 2nd Place – Mr. Scott Jones, MHS Athletic Director & Mr. Joe Zeller, Cross Country Head Coach
- IV. Agenda Related Audience Presentations –**

Every board meeting has two opportunities for public comments. The first session of public comments, at the beginning of the meeting, is strictly for items that appear on this meeting’s agenda for discussion or action. The second session of public comments, at the end of the meeting, is for other communication that is not necessarily on the board’s agenda.

In order to speak at this meeting, members of the public must complete a card with their name and topic and turn it in prior to the beginning of the first segment of public comments. If you wish to speak, and have not yet turned in a card, now is your final opportunity.

The Board of Education will take all comments under consideration and respond, if necessary, in a timely manner. We ask that your comments address the board of education, and not the audience. We will limit your comments to 5 minutes. (Or, replace that sentence with the altered time limits based on the number of speakers.) Participants are expected to conduct themselves with civility and respect, and follow the guidelines outlined in Board Policy 8:30, “Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.” Further information about public participation in Board of Education meetings can be found in Board Policy 2:230.

V. Reports

- A. Administrative
 1. Superintendent’s Report

- B. Board
 - 1. President’s Report
 - 2. Agenda Building

VI. Discussion Item(s) –

- A. IASB 2024 Joint Annual Conference
- B. Board Protocols

VII. Action Item(s)

- A. Action on Property Tax Relief Grant Application
- B. Action on 2024 Levy Resolution
- C. Action on Expansion of Breakfast to all other Schools
- D. Action on Board Protocols

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Donation Report
- C. Approve Overnight/Out of State Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS SkillsUSA – March 2025
- D. Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2024, Regular Meeting
- E. Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 11-22-24	Bills 11-26-24 11-27-24	Payroll 11-8-24	Payroll 11-22-24
Ed. Fund (10)	\$301,645.90	\$301,846.24	\$1,020,497.46	\$1,035,306.18
Bldg. Fund (20)		\$61,830.66	59,260.16	56,432.56
Trans. Fund (40)		\$6,178.97	33,413.88	29,013.94
IMRF (50)			53,536.71	52,564.51
Capital Projects (60)				
TORT (80)				

IX. Non-Agenda Related Audience Presentations

X. Closed Session as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (ILSC 120/2)

- A. Interview Lincoln Principal Candidate for 2025-26

XI. Action Item(s)

- E. Action on Lincoln Principal Candidate for 2025-26

XII. Next Meeting: January 14, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC;

Future Meetings: January 21, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC; February 4, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC; February 18, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC; March 4, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC

XIII. Adjourn