

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 4, 2025

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Excellence – Red Wings – First Place Bowlers – Ms. Darci Slocum, 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. MHS GPA Presentation – Mr. Kirk Edwards, MHS Principal
- B. District Cell Phone Policy – Dr. Troy Teater, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Technology
- C. Vision 2030 – Dr. Craig Smock, Superintendent & Dr. Joe Sander, Assistant Superintendent
- D. Electricity Options – Ms. Lisa Kowalski, CFO & Mr. Adam Jacob, Director of Business Services

VII. Action Item(s)

- A. Action on 2025-26 District Calendar
- B. Action on Electricity Options

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Overnight Trip per Board Policy 6:240 MHS Student Council – Lombard, IL- 2025
- C. Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS Marching Band – BOA Regionals St. Louis- October 2025
- D. Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS Marching Band – BOA Grand Nationals- Indianapolis- November 2025
- E. Approve Donation Report
- F. Approve Recommendation to Keep Executive Session Minutes Closed – July 2024 – December 2024
- G. Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting; January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Closed Session
- H. Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 1-22-25	Bills 1-24-25 1-27-25	Payroll 1-3-25	Payroll 1-17-25	Payroll 1-31-25
Ed. Fund (10)	\$306,585.08	\$207,425.27	\$962,882.66	\$900,780.11	\$1,064,540.05
Bldg. Fund (20)		\$139,384.09	55,560.78	56,962.32	61,767.20
Trans. Fund (40)	\$88,726.67	\$31,153.67	26,568.77	16,462.85	29,976.53
IMRF (50)			44,083.83	37,133.08	540,19.92
Capital Projects (60)		\$334,296.31			
TORT (80)		\$7,249.00			

IX. Non-Agenda Related Audience Presentations

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

XI. Action Item(s)

- C. Action on the Hiring of the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology, and Safety
- D. Action on Revised Personnel Report

XII. Next Regular Meeting: March 4, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC

- A. No Meeting February 18, 2025 (Date reserved for Special Meeting if needed)
- B. No Meeting March 18, 2025 (Date reserved for Special Meeting if needed)

Future Regular Meetings: April 1, 2025, 5:30 PM at MEAC; May 6, 2025, 5:30 PM at MEAC

XIII. Adjourn