

## MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Morton Education & Administration Center

April 1, 2025

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 that 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

- A. Morton High School Boys and Girls Wrestling- Mr. Scott Jones, MHS Athletic Director, Head Wrestling Coach - Ed Henderson- Karen Canchola (3rd) & Harrison Dea (5th)
- B. MJHS Volleyball- Mr. Scott Hammond, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director & Coaches Mr. Jordan Williams- 8th Grade (4th) & Miss Emma Owdom- 7th Grade (4th)

**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

2. President’s Report

#### VI. Discussion Item(s) –

##### A. First Reading and Discussion of New and Revised Policies – PRESS Issues 115 & 117

- B. Student Support Services Administrative Needs – Ms. Lindsay Franklin, Director of Student Support Services & Dr. Joe Sander, Assistant Superintendent

- C. Intergovernmental Agreement - Central Illinois Valley School Safety Team (ROEs 48 & 53)
- D. Tentative Board Meeting Calendar for 2025-26 (Approval with New Board May 6, 2025)

**VII. Action Item(s) –**

- A. Action on Non-Resident Tuition Student
- B. Action on Resolution Allowing for Intervention Regarding Assessment of Property  
(TF & JH Braime Holdings PLC, Freeport Farm & Fleet Inc., and Crestwood Properties LLC)

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Auditor for 2024-25 School Year
- C. Approve and Authorize Renewal of IHSA Membership
- D. Approve Resolution for Reemployment of Professional Staff for 2025-26
- E. Approve Reappointment of Administrators & 2025-2026 Salary Increase
- F. Approve Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Educational Support Staff for 2025-26
- G. Approve Southern Illinois School District Cooperative - Food Purchasing Cooperative
- H. Approve High School Summer School
- I. Approve Overnight Trip per Board Policy 6:240- MHS Boys Tennis Tournament - May 2025
- J. Approve General Education Summer Reinforcement Program
- K. Approve Authorization to Prepare FY26 Budget & Spend between July 1, 2025, and Budget Adoption
- L. Approve Challenge Summer Program 2025
- M. Approve Reappointment of Chief Financial Officer for 2025-26
- N. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board of Education; No Closed
- O. Approve Donation Report
- P. Approve Bills

	<b>Bills 3-17-25</b>	<b>Bills 3-21-25 3-24-25</b>
<b>Ed. Fund (10)</b>		<b>\$582,638.12</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund (20)</b>		<b>\$108,535.05</b>
<b>Trans. Fund (40)</b>		<b>\$30,888.36</b>
<b>IMRF (50)</b>		
<b>Capital Projects (60)</b>		<b>\$385,920.68</b>
<b>TORT (80)</b>	<b>\$3,592.08</b>	

**IX. Non-Agenda Related Audience Presentations**

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

- A. Interview Jefferson Principal Candidate for 2025-26

**XI. Action Item(s)**

- C. Action on Jefferson Principal Candidate for 2025-26

**XII. Next Regular Meetings: May 6, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC; June 10, 2025, – 5:30 PM**

- A. Regular Meeting: April 15, 2025, CANCELLED; Date reserved for Special Meeting if needed
- B. Regular Meeting: May 20, 2025, CANCELLED; Date reserved for Special Meeting if needed

**XIII. Adjourn**