

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Morton Education & Administration Center

May 6, 2025

5:30 PM

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING & SEATING OF THE BOARD

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – 5:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recognition of Excellence
 - A. MJHS 2nd Place at IESA State Boys Bowling - Mr. Scott Hammond, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
 - B. State Selected Artist – Katie Ellison, MJHS Art Student – Chris Carter, Principal
 - C. Morton High School Boys and Girls Wrestling- Mr. Scott Jones, MHS Athletic Director, Head Wrestling Coach - Ed Henderson- Karen Canchola (3rd at State) & Harrison Dea (5th at State)
- IV. Action Item(s) –
 - A. Approve Minutes of April 1, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; Approve Closed Session Minutes of April 1, 2025
 - B. Canvass the 2025 Board of Election Results
- V. Recognition of Service – **Outgoing Board of Education Members** – Mr. Tim Braker & Mr. Tom Neeley
- VI. Oath and Seating of New Board Members – Mrs. Krystiana Purdy and Mr. Wes Ohnesorge
- VII. Adjourn

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Organization of the Board

- A. Elect President
- B. Elect Vice-President
- C. Elect Secretary
- D. Set Time and Place of Regular Meetings

III. 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.

IV. Reports

A. Administrative

1. Superintendent’s Report

- a. Extra-Curricular Report – Mrs. Jamie Adolphson, MHS Assoc. Principal. Mr. Scott Jones, MHS A.D., and Mr. Scott Hammond, MHS, Assist. Principal/A.D.
- b. Morton Academy- Lindsay Franklin, Director of Student Support Services
- c. New Jefferson Principal: Mrs. Jamie Adolphson

B. Board

1. President’s Report

- a. Superintendent’s Committees

- i. Finance
 - ii. Facilities
 - iii. Teaching and Learning
 - iv. Extra-curricular
- b. IASB Joint Annual Conference – November 21-23, 2025

V. Discussion Item(s) –

- A. Capital Project Updates: MHS Weight Training Facility and BF PAC Lobby Expansion
- B. Capital Project Updates: Grundy Addition for Morton Academy and PK
- C. 5Essentials Survey: A Comparative Analysis- Dr. Smock
- D. The Naming of Facilities: Policy 4:15
- E. School Resource Office (SRO) Agreement with Village of Morton

VI. Action Item(s) –

- A. Approve New and Revised Policy Updates– PRESS Issues 115 & 117
- B. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement - Central Illinois Valley School Safety Team (ROEs 48 & 53)
- C. Approval to Move Forward with Design and Bid Documents: MHS Phase 2: Weight Training Facility & BFPAC Lobby Expansion
- D. Approve 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve 2025 -2026 Building Rental Fees
- C. Approve Reappointment of Full-Time Support Staff & 2025-2026 Salary Increase
- D. Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) - Atlanta, GA - June 2025
- E. Approve Policy Updates for Language, Legal Updates, and Legal References
- F. Approve Overnight/Out of State per Board Policy 6:240 - MHS Volleyball Camp – Wisconsin –July 2025
- G. Approve 2025-2026 Student Fees
- H. Approve Final Amended 2024-2025 School Calendar
- I. Approve Overnight Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS FFA Convention- Springfield, IL- June 2025
- J. Approve Overnight Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS Dance – ISU – July 2025
- K. Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS – Cheer- Wisconsin – June 2025
- L. Approve Overnight Trip per Board Policy 6:240 – MHS – Boys Basketball –June 2025
- M. Approve Donation Report
- N. Approve Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program Agreement (Renewal)
- O. Approve Bills & Payroll

	Payroll 3-14-25	Payroll 3-28-25	Payroll 4-11-25	Payroll 4-25-25
Ed. Fund (10)	\$1,069,373.02	\$1,086,547.71	\$926,519.67	\$1,058,191.25
Bldg. Fund (20)	57,924.01	55,941.38	57,212.11	55,582.64
Trans. Fund (40)	34,961.69	35,121.63	22,341.26	35,563.93
IMRF (50)	57,557.45	58,107.32	41,154.08	57,527.11

	Bills 4-4-25 4-7-25	Bills 4-11-25	Bills 4-18-25 4-21-25	Bills 4-22-25	Bills 5-1-25 5-2-25 5-5-25
Ed. Fund (10)	\$561,229.31	\$19,423.92	\$286,475.21 20	\$309,926.27	\$265,947.62
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$30,932.15	\$2,353.81	\$149,948.62 40		\$73,840.01
Trans. Fund (40)	\$22,200.22	\$758.67	\$17,004.27		\$7,669.54
Capital Projects (60)	\$328,913.27	\$60,356.34			\$60,356.34

VIII. Non-Agenda Related Audience Presentations

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

- X. Next Regular Meeting(s): June 10, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC; July 15, 2025, – 5:30 PM at MEAC**
 A. Regular Meeting: May 20, 2025, CANCELLED; Date reserved for Special Meeting if needed

XI. Adjourn