

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 7, 2025
5:30 PM**

Morton Education & Administration Center

The mission of our Morton District 709 Board of Education is to be a provider of and 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**
- II. Pledge**
- III. Agenda Related Audience Presentations:** Every board meeting provides 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, 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. Preschool, RISE, and High School Transition Program Update - Mrs. Bethany Scroggs, Asst. Director of Special Education
 - 2. Superintendent’s Update
 - 3. MHS Parking Update
 - 4. Monthly Policy Review (October)
 - B. Finance
 - 1. EIS Teacher/Admin Salary and Benefits Report
 - C. FOIA
 - 1. FOIA - Christopher Miller, CT Mills
 - 2. FOIA - Sheri Reid
 - 3. FOIA - Matt Langer, Freedom From Religion Foundation
 - 4. FOIA - Janie Jordan, Data Research Partners (Staff Directory - website)
 - 5. FOIA - Matt Langer, Freedom From Religion Foundation (unduly burdensome)

- D. Board
 - 1. Committee Updates
 - 2. Agenda Building

- V. **Discussion Item(s)**
 - A. Review FY27 Budget & Tentative 2025 Levy – Ms. Lisa Kowalski, CFO
 - B. IASB Conference Resolutions

- VI. **Action Item(s)**
 - A. Action on Board Policy-PRESS 119 Updates
 - B. Action on IASB Assembly Delegate and Alternate

- VII. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve Personnel Report
 - B. Approve Overnight MHS Wrestling Tournament per Board Policy 6:240-Naperville/Joliet-December 5-6
 - C. Approve Overnight MHS Wrestling Tournament per Board Policy 6:240-Mascoutah, IL-December 19-20
 - D. Approve Overnight/Out of State MHS Wrestling Tournament per Board Policy 6:240-Whitewater U, WI - December 29-30
 - E. Approved Overnight MHS Wrestling Tournament per Board Policy 6:240-Geneseo, IL-January 16-17
 - F. Approve Overnight/Out of State per Board Policy 6:240-FFA Convention-Indianapolis, IN-Oct 29-31
 - G. Approve IMRF Authorized Agent
 - H. Approve Bills & Payroll

	Bills 9-5-25	Bills 9-12-25 9-15-25	Bills 9-26-25 9-29-25	Payroll 9-5-25	Payroll 9-19-25
Ed. Fund (10)	\$24,425.70	\$207,955.01	\$35,619.39	\$1,238,091.96	\$1,109,433.70
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$8,736.03	\$199,784.65	\$802,282.47	\$85,586.49	\$59,244.17
Debt Services (30)					
Trans. Fund (40)	\$796.19	\$10,709.97	\$19,180.54	\$46,569.42	\$35,619.39
IMRF (50)				\$78,579.70	\$59,907.40
Capitol Projects (60)			\$46,440.30		
TORT (80)		\$159.32			

VIII. **Non-Agenda Audience Presentations**

- IX. **Closed Session as stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2, 115 ILCS 5/18)**
 - A. Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
 - B. Security and Safety Procedures Complaint Appeal (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8))
 - C. Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5))

- X. **Action Item**
 - C. Action on Board Ruling for Complaint Appeal

XI. Next Meeting: November 4, 2025, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM

Future Meetings: December 2, 2025, 5:30 PM; January 13, 2026, 5:30 PM; February 3, 2026, 5:30 PM; March 3, 2026, 5:30 PM; April 14, 2025, 5:30 PM; May 5, 2026, 5:30 PM; June 2, 2026, 5:30 PM

XII. Site Visits: Members of the Board of Education will participate in site visits on the following dates: October 21, 2025, Jefferson School, 5:30 PM; November 18, 2025, 5:30 PM, Lettie Brown School, February 17, 2026, 5:30 PM, Student Support Services (M.E.A.C.), and March 17, 2026, 5:30 PM, Morton High School. *In compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, this is not a meeting, and no Board business will be conducted.*

XIII. Adjourn