

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. **Recognition of Excellence - Mr. Todd Herrmann, MHS Associate Principal**
 - A. **MHS Boys Cross Country - Top 25 Finishers** - Mr. Joe Zeller, Head Coach
 - B. **Washington CO-OP Swim Team - Diving Top 25 Finisher** - Mr. Todd Herrmann, Assoc. Principal
 - C. **MHS Marching Band Success** - Mrs. Katrina Fitzpatrick & Mr. Andrew Empey, Marching Band Directors
- IV. **Agenda-Related Audience Presentations: Every board meeting provides two opportunities for public comment.** 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.
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Administrative**
 1. Finance
 2. Monthly Policy Review (January)
 - B. **FOIA**
 1. FOIA - Christopher Miller, CT Mills
 2. FOIA - Shawn Durbin
 3. FOIA - Sheri Reid
 4. FOIA - David Avrayo
 - C. **Board**
 1. Committee Updates
 2. Agenda Building

VI. Discussion Item(s)

- A. Discussion on MOU Payroll Installments
- B. Discussion on Policy Updates from PRESS Issue #120, 2:160, 4:170, 5:35, and 5:330
- C. Discussion on 2026-27 Calendar

VII. Action Item(s)

- A. Action on the Resolution for Partial Abatement of Working Cash Fund and Transferring Monies to Capital Project Fund

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Destruction of Verbatim Records (June 4, 2024, and June 25, 2024)
- C. Approve Overnight MHS Baseball per Board Policy 6:240 - March 2026
- D. Approve Overnight MHS Key Club Conference per Board Policy 6:240 - February 2026
- E. Approve Overnight MHS ILMEA All-State Music Students per Board Policy 6:240 - January 2026
- F. Approve Treasurers Reports - September 2025 & October 2025
- G. Approve PRESS Issue #120 Updates; Process/ Personnel Policy Updates: 2:160, 5:35, 5:170, & 5:330
- H. Approve Donation Report
- I. Approve Minutes: December 2, 2025, Levy Hearing & Regular Meeting; December 2, Regular Meeting Closed Session
- J. Approve Receipt of Final Audit for 2024-25 School Year from Auditor CliftonLarsonAllen
- K. Approve Bills & Payroll

	Bills 12-5-25 12-8-28	Bills 12-12-25	Bills 12-19-25 12-22-25	Bills 1-6-26	Payroll 12-12-25	Payroll 12-19-25	Payroll 12-26-25	Payroll 1-9-26
Ed. Fund (10)	\$571,109.20	\$27,337.00	\$269,380.13		\$1,015,521.34	\$17,656.64	\$1,149,927.5	\$852,816.35
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$40,017.93	\$469.49	\$719,948.26		\$60,849.61		62,627.09	61,286.63
Trans. Fund (40)	\$16,654.55	\$1,205.22	\$44,625.86	\$18,649.35	\$26,134.63		40,639.89	8,934.65
IMRF (50)					\$49,269.76	1,294.05	63,665.58	27,679.3
TORT (80)	\$554.00		\$18,463.42					

IX. Non-Agenda Audience Presentations

X. Closed Session as stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2)

- A. Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

XI. Next Meeting: February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM at MEAC

Future Meetings: March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM; April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM; May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM

XII. Site Visits: Members of the Board of Education will participate in site visits on the following dates: 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