

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 5, 2026  
5:30 PM**

**Morton Education & Administration Center (MEAC)**

*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** – The BoE will annually monitor each school through the Illinois School Report Card to ensure academic growth; Progress is determined using district data reports of each school’s composite growth percentile. The composite growth percentile will be at the commendable level, 55th percentile, or higher.
- **Communication** – The BoE will ensure the superintendent and/or principals engage all members of the district and community through weekly written communications during the school year and respond to verbal or written communications in open, meaningful two-way communication within five days of receiving them, at the next meeting of the board, or within a reasonable timeframe as determined by the board.
- **Climate** – The BoE will maintain a cohesive organizational system that fosters a culture of mutual trust and respect among the board, administration, faculty, staff, students, and community, resulting in an organization focused on continuous improvement. Progress will be measured using 5Essentials survey results; the district will reach and sustain a "Strong" rating (or higher) in the Supportive Environment indicator at each school.
- **Facilities** – Morton District 709 will use the 15-year capital improvement plan to set and communicate annual facility target goals, including both near-term (0-12 months/emergencies) and short-term (3-5 years) objectives. Success will be measured by the completion of projects submitted to the board within 3 to 5 years of their target dates or emergency projects. The board will receive updates throughout each project.
- **Finance** – Morton District 709 will maintain a five-year financial plan with contingencies to support educational facilities, operational services, instructional programs, and extracurricular opportunities, ensuring a minimum 180-day fund balance in each fund.

**AGENDA**

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge**
- III. **Recognition of Excellence**
  - A. MJHS Bowling - IESA 2nd Place - Mr. Scott Hammond, A.D. & Mr. Pete Burdette, Coach
- IV. **Organization of the Board**
  - A. Elect President (assumes chair)
  - B. Elect Vice President
  - C. Elect Secretary
  - D. Set Time and Place of Regular Meetings
- V. **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 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 submitted a card, this 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 on public participation in Board of Education meetings is available in Board Policy 2:230.
- VI. **Reports**
  - A. Administrative
    1. Finance
    2. Crisis Committee Update
    3. Monthly Policy Review (May)

- B. FOIA
  - 1. Jules Goonewardena, Peoria Journal Star, Email Communications
  - 2. FOIA - Michael F. Henry, Legal Services, Agreements, & Payments
  - 3. FOIA - Owen Wang, Peoria Journal Star, Ramadan Policies and Accommodations
- C. Board
  - 1. Committee Updates
    - a) Finance
    - b) Facilities
    - c) TLC
  - 2. IASB Board Self-Evaluation
  - 3. Agenda Building

- VII. Discussion Item(s)
  - A. Discussion on Technology and Cell Phones
  - B. Discussion on 2026-27 District Handbook
  - C. Discussion on CSFST Allocations

- VIII. Action Item(s)
  - A. Action on Intergovernmental Agreement Morton Public Library & Morton CUSD709
  - B. Action on Intergovernmental Agreement Morton Park District & Morton CUSD709
  - C. Action on the Final 2025-26 Calendar
  - D. Action on Lease for Transportation Vehicles
  - E. Action on Revised Board Protocol
  - F. Action on Non-Resident Tuition Request for the 2026-27 School Year

- IX. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve Personnel Report
  - B. Approve Destruction of Verbatim Records (10/15/24 & 10/29/24) 18 months
  - C. Approve Overnight Trip Request Approval per Board Policy 6:240 - MHS Football - July 2026
  - D. Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Trip Request per Board Policy 6:240 - MHS SkillsUSA Nationals- Atlanta, GA- May/June 2026
  - E. Approve Treasurers Reports - March 2026
  - F. Approve Student, Breakfast & Lunch Fees
  - G. Approve on Building Rental Fees
  - H. Approve Revised Board Calendar
  - I. Approve Consolidated District Plan for 2026-27
  - J. Approve Minutes: April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, Closed Session Minutes, Regular Meeting, 2026; April 21, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes, Closed Session Minutes
  - K. Approve Bills & Payroll

	<b>Bills 4-10-26 4-13-26</b>	<b>Bills 4-24-26 4-27-26</b>	<b>Bills 4-29-26</b>	<b>Bills 4-24-26 CIE Payment</b>	<b>Payroll 4-17-26</b>	<b>Payroll 5-1-26</b>
<b>Ed. Fund (10)</b>	\$536,300.37	495,101.12	\$83,896.00	\$358,999.28	957,932.67	\$1,127,153.49
<b>Bldg. Fund (20)</b>	72,740.66	149,255.0			59,390.58	58,835.41
<b>Trans. Fund (40)</b>	29,294.15	34,550.66			17,378.55	36,970.29
<b>IMRF (50)</b>					39,098.29	59,288.79

<b>Capital Projects (60)</b>		327,684.80				
<b>TORT (80)</b>		109,405.16				

**X. Non-Agenda Audience Presentations**

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

A. Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

B. Review of the Prohibition of Bryan Groth from School Property and Events 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4.5)

**XII. Action Item(s)**

G. Action to Repeal the Prohibition of Bryan Groth from School Property and Events

**XIII. Next Meeting:** June 2, 2026, 5:30 PM, Regular Meeting

**Future Meetings:** July 14, 2026, 5:30 PM, Regular Meeting; August 4, 2026, 7:30 PM (Special Time), Regular Meeting

**XII. Adjourn**