

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 21, 2026

Minutes of the **Special Meeting of the Board of Education** of Morton Unit School District 709 held **April 21, 2026**, at the Morton Education and Administration Center. The meeting included the District's goals in **Achievement, Communication, Climate, Facilities, and Finance**.

REGULAR MEETING, April 21, 2026

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge

President David Cross called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **Members present:** Dr. David Cross, Dr. Diane Krall, Mrs. Amanda Leman, Mr. Wes Ohnesorge, Mrs. Krystiana Purdy, Mr. Andrew Roth, and Mr. Jerry Rudd.

Agenda-Related Audience Presentations None.

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

President Cross asked for a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of **Board Self-evaluation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16))** with Katie Bulava from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Mr. Rudd made the motion. Mrs. Leman supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried. The Board entered into Closed Session at 5:36 p.m.

Return to Open Session— Dr. Cross called for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Roth made the motion. Mrs. Leman supported.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

The Board and Administration thanked Mrs. Bulava for her assistance and leadership in the Self-Evaluation process. She will send follow-up documents from the self-evaluation.

Re-Enter Closed Session as stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2)

President Cross asked for a motion to re-enter into Closed Session for the purpose of **Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**. Mr. Ohnesorge made a motion to re-enter closed session for the purpose of Personnel. Mr. Roth supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried. The Board re-entered into Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

Re-Enter Open Session

President Cross asked for a motion to re-enter into Open Session. Mr. Purdy motioned for the Board to return to Open Session. Seconded by Mr. Ohnesorge

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Motion carried. The board returned to Open Session at 8:47 p.m.

Action on Resolution to Authorize Notice to Remedy for Joseph Zeller

President Cross called for the Board to approve the Notice to Remedy for Joseph Zeller as presented. Dr. Krall made the motion. Mr. Purdy supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Adjournment –

Mrs. Leman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Absent 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

Amanda Leman, Secretary

David Cross, President