

The mission of our Morton District 709 Board of Education is to be a provider of and an advocate for the education of all children.

BOARD GOALS –

- **Achievement** – in order to ensure all students have opportunities to achieve their potential, our academic programs will maintain the highest standards and expectations for learning.
- **Communication** – provide open and meaningful two-way communication with all members of our community.
- **Climate** – maintain a cohesive organizational system which facilitates/fosters a productive and trusting climate with a highly qualified staff.
- **Facilities** – provide facilities conducive to student learning and growth, based on evolving needs, with the support of the community.
- **Finance** – support student learning (which includes achievement, climate, facilities, communication) in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

AGENDA

BUDGET HEARING - 6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Presentation of Budget
- III. Audience Questions and Discussion
- IV. Declare Budget Hearing Closed

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Audience Presentations

This is the only time set aside for Audience Presentations. If you wish to address the Board of Education, please fill out a card (available at entrance to Board Room) with your name, address, phone number, email address and give to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the Board meeting. The Board of Education will take all presentations under consideration and respond, at the latest, by the end of the next regular Board of Education meeting. Please limit your comments to 5 minutes. 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. Freedom of Information Requests
2. Communicable Disease Plan
3. Summer School Update
4. Extra-Curricular Offerings
5. Textbook and Instructional Materials Report
6. Overview of CAC Activities/Curriculum Targets/Curriculum Renewal Process
7. Report for Family Life and Sex Education Curriculum

8. Enrollment Update
9. Tech Update
10. Review of Evaluation Process for Certified Staff
11. Update on Dual Credit and AP Classes at MHS
12. Illinois Youth Survey Results – Morton Jr. High and Morton High School

B. Board

1. President's Report
 - Committee Reports
2. Agenda Building

V. Discussion Items

- A. Board Goals Discussion – Achievement and Facilities
- B. Code of Conduct Review - #7 – Mrs. Bernier
- C. First Reading and Discussion of Revisions/Updates to Board Policy 1:30

VI. Action Item

- A. Purchase of Bethel Lutheran Church

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Overnight Trip – Boys Soccer; Girls Track; Girls Golf
- C. Approve Application for Recognition of Schools
- D. Approve July Treasurer's Report
- E. Approve Minutes of the August 16, 2016, Regular Meeting, and the August 16, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes.
- F. Approve Bills and Payrolls

	Bills 8-26-16	Bills 9-2-16	Payroll 8-19-16	Payroll 9-2-16
Ed. Fund	\$203,943.44	\$13,140.98	\$416,515.39	\$513,381.08
Bldg. Fund	33,179.28	4,970.94	40,172.06	33,216.93
Trans. Fund	6,512.93	147.65	5,969.75	14,640.75
Capital Projects	45,691.42	--	--	--
TORT	6,564.12	--	--	--
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	--	329,975.27	465,973.80

VIII. Closed Session for Consideration of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance, or Dismissal of Employees, Student Discipline, Purchase/Sale of Property, Litigation, Negotiations and/or Security Procedures, School Building Safety and Security. (5 ILSC 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

**IX. Next Meeting: September 20, 2016, 6:00 P.M., Meet w/Jefferson School Teachers;
Regular Meeting – MEAC, 7:15 P.M.**

**Future Meetings: October 4, 2016, Regular Meeting – MEAC, 6:30 P.M.
October 18, 2016, 6:00 P.M., Meet w/Lincoln School Teachers;
Regular Meeting – MEAC, 7:15 P.M.**

X. Upcoming Agenda Items – Crisis Management Plan Review; PARCC Test Report; School Report Card; Challenge Program Update; Tentative Levy Presentation; Audit Presentation and Approval; Board Goal Discussion – Finance

XI. Adjourn

Code of Conduct

for members of school boards

As a member of my local school board, I will do my utmost to represent the public interest in education by adhering to the following standards and principles:

1. I will represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.
2. I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and will not use my board membership for personal gain or publicity.
3. I will recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a board meeting.
4. I will take no private action that might compromise the board or administration and will respect the confidentiality of privileged information.
5. I will abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.
6. I will encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and will participate in board discussions in an open, honest and respectful manner, honoring differences of opinion or perspective.
7. I will prepare for, attend and actively participate in school board meetings.
8. I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on the specific issues before the board, and remain reasonably knowledgeable about local, state, national, and global education issues.
9. I will respectfully listen to those who communicate with the board, seeking to understand their views, while recognizing my responsibility to represent the interests of the entire community.
10. I will strive for a positive working relationship with the superintendent, respecting the superintendent's authority to advise the board, implement board policy, and administer the district.
11. I will model continuous learning and work to ensure good governance by taking advantage of board member development opportunities, such as those sponsored by my state and national school board associations, and encourage my fellow board members to do the same.
12. I will strive to keep my board focused on its primary work of clarifying the district purpose, direction and goals, and monitoring district performance.