

MORTON DISTRICT 709

- STIMULATE LIFE-LONG LEARNING
- GRADUATE PRODUCTIVE INDIVIDUALS
- CHALLENGE ALL TO ACHIEVE AT THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIALS



Board of Education Meeting Highlights

December 6, 2016

Morton Education and Administration Center

The pledge of allegiance was led by MHS students—Reese Collins, Jordan Dooley and Sarah Veatch.

The Board recognized:

- Vicky Mahrt, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Smock. Vicky is retiring after 23 years of service to the District. Her last day will be December 21.
- Morton High School Marching Band—12 straight years as State of IL Class 2A Champions. Also were Grand Champions of every competition this school year. Students serving on the band leadership team were present.

Dr. Hall presented the Dana Ashby Memorial Plaque that will be hung in the District Office foyer. Ms. Ashby's parents were in attendance for the presentation. Dr. Hall also announced the Dana Ashby Memorial Service Award that will be given to a staff member in the spring along with the Master Potter and Potter's Hand Awards.

◆ The Board received updates on:

- ⇒ The Strong Start program—MHS students Lily Pilcher and Shelby Collins shared their experiences with the Strong Start program. They attend classes at MHS and ICC each day and receive credits for both. Thirteen students are participating in the Strong Start program this fall.
- ⇒ RtI—reports from Elementary, MJHS and MHS—as years pass, fewer students need RtI intervention due to assistance received in lower grades through the RtI program.
- ⇒ Construction—Architect Jeff Keach reported Phase 1 work is 100% complete (band rooms at JH and HS, newly constructed maintenance building at HS along with some room conversions at the JH. Phase 2 construction is underway and on schedule at Lincoln, Grundy and Brown Schools.

◆ Action Items Approved:

- ⇒ 2017-18 Levy Resolution
- ⇒ 6th Grade Science Textbook and Materials
- ⇒ 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Year Calendars
- ⇒ Out of state trip for 6th—8th Grade Orchestra—Indianapolis Symphony

If you wish to learn more about a subject, you may view an archived broadcast of the meeting on [MP-TV/NFHS](#) available on the District website; and/or watch our website for posted minutes after being approved by the Board of Education.

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