

- Faith Waterfield – Lettie Brown School Principal
- Michael Saunders – Grundy School Principal
- Kate Wyman – Jefferson School Principal
- Julie Albers – Lincoln School Principal
- Michelle Peterson – Lincoln School Assistant Principal
- Lee Hoffman – Morton Jr. High School Principal
- Chris Carter – Morton Jr. High School Assistant Principal
- Deidre Ripka – Morton High School Principal
- Scott Jones – Morton High School Assistant Principal/Activities Director
- Jamie Adolphson – Morton High School Assistant Principal
- Matthew Oyer – Morton High School Assistant Principal
- Patrick Mainieri – Morton High School Director of Student Engagement
- Craig Smock – Assistant Superintendent
- Troy Teater – Director of Curriculum and Technology

Roll Call Vote

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Hill expressed his thanks for the tireless efforts of the Leadership Team, especially in these tumultuous times. The school district is very fortunate to have this group of leaders.

Dr. Beaty agreed and noted the administrators are a testament to the success of the district.

MHS Update – End of Year Events –

Mrs. Ripka and Mr. Jones remained on the video conference and updated the Board of Education on the planned end-of-year events.

- #Be the Light – Fridays at 20:20 (8:20 p.m.) All Morton athletic fields will be lit to celebrate the Senior Class.
- Senior Yard Signs – Week of April 27 – donated by Kris Goergen of Country Financial and MCUSD.
- Honors Night – Virtual ceremony recorded with messages and awards. Released on MP-TV evening of May 4.
- Diploma Distribution – May 17, 11:00-4:00 – outside BFPAC (weather permitting). Potters backdrop for photos. BFPAC stage set up for photos as well. (Entry coordinated)
- Prom – tentatively set for July 18 at Five Points - depending on public health situation.
- Commencement Ceremony – Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. – depending on public health situation. Ticketed event.

Board members discussed the day and time to schedule the commencement ceremony. It was determined that Saturday in the morning would be best to plan an outdoor event in July. Board members noted they had received several emails from students and parents concerning scheduling a commencement ceremony when shelter in place mandate is lifted. They were very impressed with the maturity shown by the students in making their case.

Superintendent's Update –

Dr. Hill reported:

- There has been no decision made on when summer school will take place. Administrators are looking at the end of July or early August instead of June.
- A survey concerning remote learning will be sent to parents the week of April 27.
- Facilities Update –

MJHS - Office addition is substantially complete; sign is complete. Interior remodeling is under way now that old office is vacated. Project includes converting old office into instructional space and faculty lounge – nearing completion; Replacing HVAC in Phys. Ed 113 & 114; Converting faculty lounge 112 into classroom space; Team room 103 converted to classroom - a new Team Room was included in the new office addition; Dumpster enclosure to be built this summer. Morton Jr. High Gym Addition - Work through March and April includes:

- Majority of site utilities and dirt work has been completed.
- Building footings and foundations completed.
- Under slab utilities under way.
- Interior floor slab base preparation underway. Some slabs poured soon.
- Prep for precast wall erection.

Dr. Hill reported that a plan is being formulated for student pickup of personal items and drop off of iPads. When that is completed, asbestos abatement can begin along with cleaning and other summer projects in each building.

President's Report –

Agenda Building – Mr. Neeley asked the administration to give a current financial report at the May 5 meeting.

Discussion Items -

2021-2022 School Year Calendar –

Dr. Smock reviewed the 2021-2022 school year calendar. He reviewed the process used to determine the first day of school which is based upon when finals are given prior to

Christmas break. The committee attempts to come close to an equal number of days in each semester with 1st semester having a few less. Christmas break is a few days longer so students do not have to return on a Thursday. Spring break will be the last full week of March with Easter Break being the Friday before and Monday after Easter, since it is late in April.

Dr. Smock noted that the District Calendar Committee has administrative representation along with teacher representation chosen by the Morton Education Association. The Board will be asked to approve the calendar at its May 5th meeting.

Student Handbook Revisions –

Dr. Teater explained that typically each year the district has a district-wide discipline handbook review meeting. Parents and teachers from each building meet to review the proposed changes. This year with the shelter in place mandate, and minimal proposed changes, the changes have been reviewed by administrators and submitted to the board. There were no proposed changes at the junior high or elementary levels. The changes concern the addition of e-cigarettes and vaping products to the section on prohibited smoking materials.

The proposed changes will be sent to our legal counsel for review and then brought back to the May 5th meeting for board approval.

Action Items -

Approve Bids for Lettie Brown Parking and Lighting -

The bid opening for the Lettie Brown Elementary School Site Improvements was held on April 16, 2020. The administration requested a base bid and three alternates. As a result of the work, Lettie Brown Elementary School will have renovation of select areas including the parking lot, playground, and building lighting.

Bids were received from three companies – Aupperle Construction, Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. (ICCI), and Peoria Metro Construction, Inc. The base bids ranged from \$194,556 - \$226,500 and the base bid with recommended alternates ranged from \$282,762 - \$304,400 with Aupperle Construction submitting the low bid.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education accept the base bid plus Alternate Bids 1,3, and 4 from Aupperle Construction in the amount of \$282,762.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve District Joining Central IL Educators Consortium for Employee Health Insurance –

Over the past three years, Morton District 709 has been seeking approval to join the Central Illinois Educators health insurance consortium, for the purpose of reducing insurance costs and absorbing market volatility while providing high-quality health care to our staff. Last week Morton District 709 was invited to join this consortium beginning June 1st. After meeting with the District insurance committee, it is the administration's recommendation that we join CIE beginning June 1st. The result will be lower individual and family premiums to our employees and will change employee contributions as well as salary increases. Per the current contract, employee contributions on family insurance go to 20% (from 16%), while teacher salaries go to 3% (from 2.5%).

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education approve Morton School District joining the Central IL Educators Health Insurance Consortium.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve 7th and 8th Grade Math Textbook –

A textbook committee has reviewed curriculum sources for 7th and 8th Grade Math. The current math license for *Big Ideas Math* is up for renewal. *Big Ideas Math* does not score well on Edreports.com. It only meets expectations. The committee looked at five different series that did meet expectations to replace the old textbook series. A recommendation and report was presented to the Teaching and Learning Council. A presentation was also made to the Leadership Team. The materials were presented to the Board of Education at the March 17, 2020, meeting and was made available for the community online for 30 days, as the Morton Public Library is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reveal Math – McGraw Hill is the series recommended for purchase. This includes consumable student workbooks and an online learning system.

Cost: 3 – year \$37,000; 5 year - \$45,500

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the recommended 7th and 8th Grade textbook *Reveal Math* at a cost of \$45,500.

Roll Call:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution Allowing Intervention Regarding Assessment of Property –

This resolution allows our district legal counsel to provide intervention at the PTAB regarding the assessment of property – Kroger, Inc. for tax year 2019.

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rinckenberger, that the Board of Education approve district legal counsel to provide intervention at the PTAB regarding the assessment of property of Kroger, Inc. for tax year 2019.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Cross, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Re-Employment of Non-Tenure Professional Staff
- Approve Auditor for 2019-20 School Year
- Approve School Fees for 2020-21 School Year
- Approve Resolution for Non-Re-Employment of Education Support Staff
- Approve Minutes of the March 17, 2020, Regular Meeting, the March 17, 2020, Regular Meeting Closed Session; the March 26, 2020, Special Meeting; the March 26, 2020, Special Closed Session; the April 7, 2020, Special Meeting; and the April 7, 2020, Special Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 3-20-20	Bills 3-27-20	Bills 4-3-20	Bills 4-17-20	Payroll 3-27-20	Payroll 4-10-20
Ed. Fund	\$111,997.67	\$374,535.20	\$76,917.96	\$147,742.63	\$806,622.97	\$783,814.58
Bldg. Fund	37,136.20	229,950.54	3,140.35	155,791.79	44,187.43	43,025.54
Trans. Fund	14,543.40	5,169.22	4,264.75	114,974.41	24,232.73	23,203.45
IMRF Fund	--	--	--	2,000.00	45,353.51	43,605.98

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Mr. Austin, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Purchase/Sale of Property and Personnel. **(SILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

