

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

November 16, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held November 16, 2021, at the Morton Education and Administration Center.

LEVY HEARING –

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Tim Braker called the Levy Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tim Braker, Dr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger
Dr. Diane Krall, Mrs. Amanda Leman, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. Jerry Rudd

President Braker declared the Levy Hearing open for the purpose of answering questions from the public on the proposed 2021 Levy. There being no audience questions or discussion, President Braker declared the levy hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Tim Braker called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tim Braker, Dr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinkenberger
Dr. Diane Krall, Mrs. Amanda Leman, Mr. Tom Neeley, Mr. Jerry Rudd

Reports -

Administrative –

Recognition of MHS Marching Band –

The Board of Education recognized the MHS Marching Band for its many accomplishments during the fall season. Director Tim Gray introduced section leaders and drum majors that were in attendance at the meeting. The band took part in the Bands of America competition last weekend and qualified for the semi-finals out of 99 competing bands and concluded with a 30th place among the finest marching bands in the nation. At the Illinois State Marching Band Invitational the band was awarded 1st place in Class 2A (for the 16th straight year) and 3rd place overall with all the classes combined. Mr. Gray thanked the Board of Education and school district for their support and resources provided to the band. Board members congratulated those present for the band's accomplishments.

President's Report –

Mr. Braker reported that the Board had met earlier in the evening with teachers from Jefferson School. He noted that teachers shared displays of current topics taking place in their classrooms set up for Board members to view. Mr. Braker expressed the Board's appreciation for the efforts of the teachers to showcase their classes and for hosting the dinner at Jefferson School.

Discussion Items -**Property Tax Relief Grant –**

Dr. Hill reported Morton School District is eligible to apply for a property tax relief grant from the State of Illinois. Eligible Districts are based on a ranking of a value that is their Adjusted Operating Tax Rate divided by the Average Operating Tax Rate. Allocation depends on a district's ranking, along with what other districts apply. School districts must abate taxes for two consecutive years in order to receive the grant in the Base Funding Minimum. Since the Board of Education needs to approve applying for the grant, it will be brought back to the Board as an Action Item in December.

First Reading of Revisions for Policies 2:120-E1; 6:145; and 6:260 –

Dr. Hill reported that a revision of various board policies is being recommended in order to update policies to current practice related to review and advice from IASB PRESS Services and legal counsel. The recommendations for revisions were presented by the Administration to the Board for a first reading and will be brought back in December as an Action Item.

IASB Conference Resolutions –

The IASB Delegate Assembly will be held on Saturday, November 20, in conjunction with this year's Annual School Board Conference. The Delegate Assembly will consider resolutions submitted by member boards. This process gives member districts ownership in the Association and the opportunity to establish the direction of the Association and its major policies. Every member district has a delegate, a vote, and a voice. The Board reviewed this year's proposed resolutions to assist Morton School District Delegate Jerry Rudd when he attends the assembly at this year's conference. It was agreed that he should support the resolutions as presented.

IASB Conference Selections –

The upcoming School Board Conference is an excellent opportunity for school board members to obtain training and professional development now required by law. The conference includes workshops, general sessions, and an exhibit hall. The board members discussed individual workshops they are interested in attending in order to coordinate attendance to maximize exposure to the information available at the conference.

Action Items -**Approve 2021 Levy Resolution –**

CFO Lisa Kowalski has reviewed the Fund Balances and the expected needs for next year based on the Proposed FY 23 Tentative Budget presented previously to the Board of Education. The expenses for this levy were calculated based on FY 23 projections of both revenues and expenditures and are subject to change. The Tentative Levy utilizing the 1.4 CPI approved at the previous meeting should allow all of the taxes available to be accessed.

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Rinkenberger, that the Board of Education approve the 2021 Levy Resolution at the CPI rate of 1.4%.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve MHS Boys and Girls Lacrosse Co-op with Washington High School –

Dr. Hill explained to the board the opportunity for MHS to co-op with Washington High School for a Boys and Girls Lacrosse team. As with Swimming, Morton 709's financial obligation would be a per capita cost, according to how many Morton students we have on the team. Washington will figure the total cost of the program (coaching salary, entry fees, officials' fees, equipment budget, etc.) and divide it by the total number of students involved in the program. They then multiply the per student cost by the number of our students involved, and invoice us for that amount. The cost per student athlete last year for the Washington Lacrosse Co-op was \$215. With the addition of our Morton students, that cost should come down. MCUSD would also be responsible for transporting team members to Washington High School for daily practices and matches (on school days only). As with Swimming, we do not plan to transport students home from those events.

Season (Length)

Girls - Feb. 28 - June 4 (IHSA Week 35 - 48)

Boys – Same

Motion by Mr. Rudd, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education approve the Morton High School Boys and Girls Lacrosse Co-op with Washington High School.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mr. Rudd, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Approve Personnel Report

Approve July and August Reports

Approve Minutes of the November 2, 2021, Regular Meeting and the November 2, 2021, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
 Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 11-5-21	Payroll 10-1-21	Payroll 10-15-21	Payroll 10-29-21
Ed. Fund	\$81,432.76	\$861,454.33	\$883,283.63	\$860,096.84
Bldg. Fund	29,323.63	45,640.41	48,163.59	48,800.10
Trans. Fund	17,520.69	27,672.34	27,130.43	22,506.76
TORT	25.98	--	--	--
IMRF Fund	--	50,509.45	52,794.24	45,956.95

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session –

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Dr. Krall, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel, Litigation, and Student Discipline. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Mr. Rudd, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:50 p.m.

Adjournment –

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Rudd, that the meeting be adjourned.

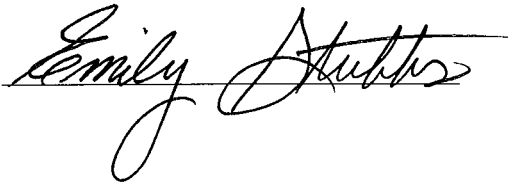
Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

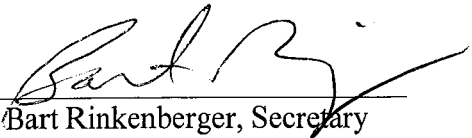
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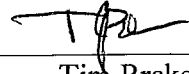
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Respectfully submitted,





Tim Braker, President