



**Administrative –****Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Craig Smock**

- Dr. Smock reported that the Facilities committee met recently to discuss projects including Mr. Braker, Mr. Rudd, Dr. Sander, Mr. Schuck, Ms. Kowalski and Dr. Smock. They reviewed current projects, discussed projects by priority and looking at a fifteen year plan. New softball bleachers at the softball field will add to the seating and comfort of spectators. Some concrete has already been poured.
- MP-TV Ryan Lindley and Eric Meyers are hosting a coach's show and are doing a great job! We are increasing the use of video as a communication tool in the district. The MHS Broadcasting class combines Language Arts with Ms. Jodi Gordon and Business with Mr. Meyers. There are 29 students in the class. Ms. Andrea White is joining the MP-TV team as an assistant technician. We will see more school day events across the district presented by video.
- Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joe Sander reported on 6th Day Enrollment. Dr. Sander gave credit to Cory Rabe, Carolu Kizer and the building level attendance reporters who make sure the information is accurate. The goal is to get an accurate student enrollment on the 6th Day of School (8/18/22). Dr. Sander put together some cohort data. He used current numbers and the Cropper Report estimates. He went back five years to do some comparisons. From K to 12, the data reported enrollment changes. Board members asked a few questions about fluctuation in numbers by grade level. The biggest jump per class level is when students start high school. The Jr. High can significant increases in numbers, too, depending on the year. Mr. Neeley asked if we had an influx of students in response to how we handled Covid across the district. Dr. Smock noted that we did hear such comments, but they are anecdotal. Dr. Sander was thanked for his work.

**President's Report – Mr. Tim Braker**

- IASB Conference is coming. Mrs. Valerie Smith will be communicating about the itinerary and the list of offerings. We can nail down schedules and what offerings at the Conference might be of interest or benefit.
- Administrators are volunteering from 4-7 on Thursday night serving the community at the Pumpkin Festival food tent.
- The Board all received minutes from the facilities committee meeting for them to read and bring them up to date on current information and committee discussion.
- The School Board Appointment will only be until May of 2023. The timeline and qualifications for the appointment are posted on the Morton 709 Website. Letters of Interest are due by noon on September 16, 2022. Candidates will be reviewed on September 20 and in a special closed session meeting on September 27, 2022, candidates will be interviewed. October 4, 2022 the new member will be appointed and sworn into office. Candidates can be from the incorporated or the unincorporated areas of the district. Mr. Braker encouraged people to sign up.

**Discussion Items: First Reading and Discussion of New and Revised Policies**

The Board discussed the updates in Board Policy recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). The Board members were provided with a synopsis of the PRESS policy recommendations, updates and any newly recommended additions to policy. Most were legal reference updates, legal cross reference updates and some name changes. There was some discussion and recommendations were offered. Mr. Neeley noted a smooth process and noted that we do not just rubber stamp suggested updates. We look at them. He appreciated the work of the Administrative team in getting and questions for our attorney answered. Dr. Krall noted it was good to link our new Board Policy 6:82 to other related policies for clarity, stressing the importance of good communication. The new Board Policy 6:82 was recommended as a cross-reference on Board Policy 6:80. Dr. Smock noted that we have a Consent Agenda item to officially rename the new policy to 6:82. PRESS, the IASB policy service, reserves zeros and fives for policies they initiate. 6:85 is being renamed to 6:82. Dr. Smock thanked Mrs. Smith for her work to summarizing policy changes and revisions for easier reading and for navigating the IASB policy update process. The Board will vote on September 20, 2022 on the policy updates, changes, additions and revisions.

**Action Items –****Approve FY23 Budget –**

The Board of Education reviewed the FY23 Tentative Budget at its August 16, 2022 meeting. The Tentative Budget was put on display for thirty days and a budget hearing was held earlier in this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Rudd, second by Mrs. Leman, that the Board of Education approve the FY23 Budget as presented.

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

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

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Revised Board Policy Number 6:85 to 6:82 per Press Plus designation
- Approve Overnight Requests – MHS Wrestling
- Approve Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the August 16, 2022, Regular Meeting; the August 16, 2022, Closed Session
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 8-19-22</b>	<b>Bills 8-26-22 8-29-22</b>	<b>Payroll 7-8-22</b>	<b>Payroll 7-22-22</b>	<b>Payroll 8-5-22</b>	<b>Payroll 8-19-22</b>
Ed. Fund	\$217,046.02	\$190,971.46	\$695,524.33	\$695,399.23	\$711,136.10	\$757,586.22
Bldg. Fund		329,350.72	67,649.62	64,956.51	68,266.21	57,383.89
Trans. Fund		26,040.64	14,201.30	12,456.39	10,979.23	10,547.91
IMRF			30,265.15	27,399.02	28,927.53	32,445.41

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:06 p.m.

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

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:10 p.m.

**Adjournment –**

Motion by Dr. Cross that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Rudd.

Voice Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

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Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

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Jerry Rudd, Secretary

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Tim Braker, President