

## **MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**

**November 1, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held **November 1, 2022**, at the Morton Education and Administration Center. The meeting focus included **District Goals of Achievement, Communication, Climate, Facilities and Finance.**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call –**

President Tim Braker called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

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

#### **Administrative –**

##### **Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Craig Smock**

- The MJHS Boys Cross Country Team and Madison Greiner were presented to the Board of Education for their accomplishments this season. Mr. Scott Hammond introduced Coach Jayne Eisenmann and Coach Danielle VanMeenen noting how they push the students, but keep it all fun. Coach Eisenmann talked about the season before introducing the boys who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the IESA Cross Country State Meet and the top female finisher in 14<sup>th</sup> place. All faced over 230 runners in their events. The Board shook hands and congratulated the runners and coaches.
- Ms. Jamie Adolphson, MHS Assistant Principal, presented a 3-Day High School wanted Board of Education feedback. If we pilot the 3-day finals, it is a test. In the next week or so, a decision will be made as to whether or not MHS will pilot the schedule.
- We are in the process of going to bid for our new softball bleachers. We are in the process of splitting and moving the old ones. Athletic Directors Scott Jones and Scott Hammond along with Coach Kirby offered some ideas so the bidders know what we want. We are seeking out multiple bids for the best price.
- The Board Facilities Committee is meeting 11/2/22 to look at priorities. Meeting recommendations and discussion outcomes will be shared with the Board. Most of the work will done in the summer of 2023.
- Dr. Teater presented the Board with some School Report Card data highlights. The State has made some changes in how they calculate success. The Board asked questions and for further explanation. Academic success is not the primary measure. Student Growth is weighted very heavily. It is hard to gain the larger growth percentages when students are already high performers. Dr. Teater said we will keep digging into the data to identify needs and potential avenues for improvement. Great discussion with the common goal of pursuing excellence. The data is newly released. Dr. Teater stated we would keep digging into the data.

Dr. Smock revisited the pie graph that showed the indicators were growth-heavy and proficiency carried less weight in the performance evaluation. It gives lower-achieving schools credit for their gains. It is frustrating to be ranked “Commendable” when we perform so highly. Dr. Krall noted she looks forward to seeing how our District responds to the data, evaluates the data, and finds ways to grow. Where are the growth opportunities for Districts like ours? How do we master these standards?

### **President’s Report – Mr. Tim Braker**

- Mr. Braker added congratulations to the Jr. High Cross Country Team on their success and wished the MHS Cross Country the best as they head to the IHSA State meet on Saturday. Also, recognizing the Band marching into their next competition.
- The IASB Convention is ahead. We will discuss more next meeting.
- Mr. Braker summed up the Report Card report by noting we want to continue to grow. We want to continue to do better.

### **Agenda Building---**

- Mr. Neeley and Dr. Krall asked what we can continue to do to continue to grow and do better. They noted the discussion was helpful on the School Report Card. One of our district goals is Achievement, which was addressed and discussed.
- Dr. Krall asked for an update on where we are with reviewing student responsibility and district responsibility with regard to technology. Dr. Smock stated Dr. Teater is doing some research. We want to look at some antidotal data from our district. How are kids using iPads? What is the cost-benefit ratio? We will look at screen time. For students with phones, not all of their screen time is on school iPads. December 13<sup>th</sup> we will have an update.

### **Action Items—**

#### **Approve 2023-24 Proposed Budget and 2022 Tentative Levy–**

A motion was made by Mr. Neeley and seconded by Mr. Rudd to approve the 2023-24 Proposed Budget and 2022 Tentative Levy.

**Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Dr. Cross)**

The motion carried.

#### **Approve IASB Delegate and Alternate –**

A motion was made by Mr. Neeley and seconded by Mrs. Leman to approve Mr. Rudd as the IASB Delegate to the Conference Resolutions Committee for 2022 and President Braker as the alternate.

**Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Dr. Cross)**

The motion carried.

Mr. Neeley noted that they have revised the process to come back with a stronger legislative agenda. They have been working at the state level to make the resolution process better. Mr. Neeley noted the goal is to be as non-political as possible. Mr. Rudd noted it did get a little political last year. Mr. Neeley said they shortened the process time by several hours.

**Consent Agenda –**

President Braker asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Dr. Krall, second by Mrs. Leman that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Minutes of the November 1, 2022, Regular Meeting; and the November 1, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

|             | <b>Bills<br/>10-21-22<br/>10-24-22</b> | <b>Payroll<br/>10-14-22</b> | <b>Payroll<br/>10-28-22</b> |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ed. Fund    | \$477,040.75                           | \$934,520.23                | \$877,418.42                |
| Bldg. Fund  | \$87,377.17                            | 52,112.27                   | 49,625.08                   |
| Trans. Fund | \$13,928.00                            | 29,829.29                   | 25,812.93                   |
| TORT        | \$2,242.60                             |                             |                             |
| IMRF Fund   |  | 51,567.09                   | 44,040.51                   |

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent 1 (Dr. Cross)

Motion carried.

**Closed Session –**

A motion by Mr. Rudd, second by Mr. Roth, for the Board of Education, to enter into a closed session for discussion of **Purchase or Sale of Property. (5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent 1 (Dr. Cross)

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 6:52 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Roth, second by Mrs. Leman, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

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Roll Call:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      (Absent: Dr. Cross)

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 7:29 p.m.

**Adjournment –**

Motion by Mr. Rudd that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Roth.

Voice Vote:                      Yea 6                      Nay 0                      Absent: Dr. Cross

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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