

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

February 7, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held February 7, 2023, 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 5:33p.m.

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

Administrative Reports--

Superintendent's Report– Dr. Craig Smock—

- The 8th Grade Girls Basketball team placed 3rd at the IESA State Tournament earning back to back state titles. Scott Hammond, MJHS Assistant Principal/A.D., reflected on the season. He introduced Coach Megan Hasler, who credited the girls as being hard-working student athletes. The Board congratulated the team after introductions.
- Dr. Smock congratulated the Morton 709 musicians who participated and competed in the recent Illinois Music Education Association All-State Festival. The musicians will be listed in the Potter Post on Friday. Their accomplishments at the highest level of state competition is no accident. It reflects a long tradition of music excellence that begins at the grade school level and grows.
- Dr. Smock introduced the Gameball Run video by MP-TV. He noted it was good to see the faces of some of the amazing and dedicated leadership on the Gameball Run committee. Dr. Smock noted that the Morton 709 Administrators are incredibly supportive in many ways that add to the success of the Gameball Run each year. Gameball Run is a community building, philanthropic event that supports the Children's Hospital of IL.

President's Report – Mr. Tim Braker

- President Braker congratulated the MJHS Girls Basketball Team on their success. He reflected on how great it is to see kids, coaches and community come together for something special and of value like Gameball Run.
- Mr. Braker asked for any agenda building and noted that the Facility's Committee needs to meet. The Policy Committee has a meeting scheduled for February 8, 2023.
- Mr. Rudd noted he listened to the Care ♥ U Podcast episodes and found them to be very good.

Action Items –

Approve New and Revised Policy Updates –

A motion was made by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rudd, that the Board of Education approve the New and Revised Policy Updates as presented.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0
 Motion carried.

Dr. Smock offered some clarification before voting on the Consent Agenda regarding the SkillsUSA overnight trip to Peoria and answered a question on chaperones. Dr. Krall noted appreciation for the experiences like SkillsUSA even without supportive funding like a booster club. Dr. Smock noted we will continue to support these kind of academic experiences.

Consent Agenda –

A President Braker asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Krall, second by Mrs. Leman, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Treasurer’s Report- November 2022
- Approve SkillsUSA Competition Overnight
- Approve Bands of America Regional and National Competitions- Overnight/Out of State Fall 2023
- Approve Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes (July-Dec 2022)
- Approve Resolution for Partial Abatement of Taxes
- Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting and the January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 1-24-23 1-27-23 1-30-23	Payroll 1-20-23
Ed. Fund	\$247,687.06	\$802,563,41
Bldg. Fund	34,259.46	48,927.10
Trans. Fund	33,203.50	15,890.20
IMRF Fund		29,979.00
Torte	\$506.84	

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0
 Motion carried.

Closed Session –

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 5:56 p.m.

A motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mr.Roth, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 8:01 p.m.

Adjournment –

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

Jerry Rudd, Secretary

Tim Braker, President