

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

March 7, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held March 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 5:34 p.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

Audience Presentations—

Mrs. Jessica Belsly thanked the board for their recent review the impact of taking college classes on their MHS Grade Point Average. She read the explanation of how GPA is calculated. It is confusing, frustrating and very few people can get the formula to work. She asked that the Board review it. It is complicated. She asked for a clear explanation.

Superintendent's Report– Dr. Craig Smock—

Dr. Smock shared that it is School Social Worker week. They have a difficult job right now with students struggling with mental health and social emotional struggles. They are on the front lines and we appreciate them. We are thankful for their work.

There have been some reported cases of Strep. He noted the importance of diligence in handwashing, disinfecting and cleaning. Dr. Cross added it is not limited to Morton 709.

Dr. Sander, Dr. Teater, Ms. Kowalski, and Dr. Smock did mock interview with MHS six freshman in Mr. Corban Williams Career Exploration class. He and Dr. Sander noted that the students did exceptionally well with real interview skills and how they presented themselves.

Luke Dennison and Aiden Belsly were introduced to the Board for their National Merit Scholar recognition by MHS Assistant Principal, Ms. Jamie Adolphson. Mr. Dennison is a finalist. Mr. Belsly is a National Merit Commended Scholar. They are in the top 15,000 students across the nation. 100 MHS students took the test in their junior year. They demonstrate great character and work ethic.

President's Report – Mr. Tim Braker—

President Braker noted it was good to recognized Mr. Dennison and Mr. Belsly for their academic excellence and achievements. Excellent academics is our goal.

Agenda Building— Mr. Neeley requested more explanation on figuring GPA's. Dr. Smock had already made notes to look into the request.

Action Items

Approve Board Reviewed Policy Changes–

A motion was made by Mr. Rudd, second by Dr. Cross, that the Board of Education approve the Board Reviewed Policy Changes as presented.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Asbestos Summer Removal 2023–

A motion was made by Dr. Cross, second by Mr. Rudd, that the Board of Education approve the Asbestos Removal Summer 2023.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

President Braker called for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Mr. Neeley, second by Mr. Rudd, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Overnight Key Club Conference to Springfield, IL
- Approve Out of State Lincoln 6th Grade Field Trip to St. Louis, MO.
- Approve 10 Year Survey for HLS (Health, Life Safety)
- Approve Summer SOAR Program
- Approve MHS Summer School - APEX
- Approve Minutes of the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting and the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

| | Bills 2-24-23 2-27-23 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ed. Fund | \$ 566,731.22 |
| Bldg. Fund | \$ 224,856.98 |
| Trans. Fund | \$14,335.34 |
| Torte | \$167.08 |

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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 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 5:52 p.m.

A motion by Dr. Cross, 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 7:01 p.m.

Adjournment –

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

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

Jerry Rudd, Secretary

Tim Braker, President