

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 12, 2023

Morton Education & Administration Center 5:30 PM

The mission of our Morton District 709 Board of Education is to be a provider of and an advocate for the education of all children.

DISTRICT GOALS –

- **Achievement** – Morton District 709 will nurture and challenge each student to reach their potential through the highest quality teaching using evidence based instructional practices, curriculum, programs and services.
- **Communication** – Morton District 709 will strive to engage all members of the district and community in open, meaningful two-way communication providing timely information and opportunities for dialogue regarding key educational issues.
- **Climate** – Morton District 709 will maintain a cohesive organizational system, which fosters a culture characterized by mutual trust and respect among the board, administration, faculty, staff, students and community resulting in an organization focused on continuous improvement.
- **Facilities** – Morton District 709 will develop and maintain facilities providing the current and future students with safe, well-maintained and functional space to support research based best practices in teaching and learning.
- **Finance** – Morton District 709 will maintain a financial position, which supports all district operations in an efficient, cost effective manner, as well as providing long-term stability for the district.

AGENDA

2023 PUBLIC LEVY HEARING – 5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Presentation of 2023 Levy
- III. Audience Questions and Discussion
- IV. Declare Levy Hearing Closed

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recognition of Excellence
 - A. Band – 2A Champions & Grand Champions, BOA Sectional Grand Champions & BOA
 - B. Cross Country – State Medalists: Yonas Wuthrich & Josh Weeks
 - C. MHS Volleyball – 4th Place at IESA State Finals
 - D. Special Olympics Bowling – 4th Place – Maggie Getz
 - E. Central Illinois Valley High School Principal of the Year – Mrs. Deidre Ripka
- 1V. Audience Presentations –

This is the only time set aside for Audience Presentations. The Board of Education will take all presentations under consideration and respond, at the latest, by the end of the next regular Board of Education meeting. Please limit your comments to 5 minutes. Participants are expected to conduct themselves with civility and respect, and follow the guidelines outlined in Board Policy 8:30, “Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.” Further information about public participation in Board of Education meetings can be found in Board Policy 2:230.
- V. Reports
 - A. Administrative
 1. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. Technology in the Classroom Report – Courtney Eddleman, Deidre Ripka, & Don Sturm
 - b. 2024-25 School Calendar – Dr. Joe Sander

B. Board

- 1. President’s Report
- 2. Agenda Building

VI. Discussion Item –

- A. Public Comment Process Review

VII. Action Items –

- A. Approve 2023 Levy Resolution
- B. Approve Bond Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Treasurers Report – October 2023
- C. Approve Minutes of the November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting; the November 28, 2023, Closed Session Meeting
- D. Approve Bills

	Bills 12-01-23 12-04-23
Ed. Fund (10)	\$104,751.88
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$52,742.24
Trans. Fund (40)	\$13,998.30
IMRF (50)	
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IX. Closed Session as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

X. Next Meeting: December 19, 2023 – Special Meeting at 5:30 PM

Future Meetings: January 16, 2024 5:30 PM-- Regular Meeting at the MEAC; January 23, 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting at the MEAC (5: 30 PM- SSS Building Meeting at Morton Academy); February 6, 2024 5:30 PM-- Regular Meeting at the MEAC; February 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM-- Regular Meeting at the MEAC (Lincoln Teacher Meeting- 5:30 PM)

XI. Adjourn