

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 2024

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience Presentations – Every board meeting has two opportunities for public comments. The first session of public comments, at the beginning of the meeting, is strictly for items that appear on this meeting's agenda for discussion or action. The second session of public comments, at the end of the meeting, is for other communication that is not necessarily on the board's agenda.

In order to speak at this meeting, members of the public must complete a card with their name and topic and turn it in prior to the beginning of the first segment of public comments. If you wish to speak, and have not yet turned in a card, now is your final opportunity.

The Board of Education will take all comments under consideration and respond, if necessary, in a timely manner. We ask that your comments address the board of education, and not the audience. We will limit your comments to 5 minutes. (Or, replace that sentence with the altered time limits based on the number of speakers.)

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. Scott Jones - Illinois Athletic Directors Association (IADA) District 6 Athletic Director of the Year
 - b. Krista Falk – New School Resource Officer, Morton Police Department

B. Board

1. President's Report
2. Agenda Building

VI. Discussion Item –

- A. 2024-25 School Calendar – Dr. Joe Sander
- B. Proposed High School AP Biology Textbook

VII. Action Items –

- A. Approve Board Policy 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Key Club Trip request per Board Policy 6:240 – February 23-25, 2024
- C. Approve Morton Academy Donation – Mangold Ford
- D. Approve Minutes of the December 19, 2023, Special Meeting; No Closed Session
- E. Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 12-15-23 12-18-23	Bills 1-12-24 1-16-24	Payroll 12-8-23	Payroll 12-22-23
Ed. Fund (10)	\$348,229.93	\$355,570.18	947,386.65	987,015.01
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$121,036.30	\$248,613.36	49,451.4	50,739.62
Trans. Fund (40)	\$38,862.84	\$113,284.26	23,098.25	32,481.22
IMRF (50)			43,242.3	51,277.05
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IX. Closed Session as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

X. Action Items –

- B. Approve Board Rulings on Complaint Appeals (3 Rulings)

XI. Next Meeting: January 23, 2024 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting at MEAC (5: 30 PM- SSS Building Meeting at Morton Academy)

Future Meetings: February 6, 2024, 5:30 PM-- Regular Meeting at MEAC; February 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM-- Regular Meeting at MEAC (Lincoln Teacher Meeting- 5:30 PM); March 5, 2024 – 5:30 PM - Regular Meeting at MEAC; March 19, 2024 – Regular Meeting at MEAC – 7:00 PM (Morton Jr. High Teacher Meeting – 5:30 PM); April 9, 2024 – 5:30 PM -Regular Meeting at MEAC; April 23, 2024 –Regular Meeting – MEAC – 7:00 PM (MHS Teacher Meeting – 5:30 PM); May 7, 2024 – 5:30 PM – Regular Meeting at MEAC; May 21, 2024 – 5:30 PM

XII. Adjourn