

# MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

**March 19, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held on March 19, 2024, at the Morton Education and Administration Center. **The meeting included the District Goals of Achievement, Communication, Climate, Facilities, and Finance.**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – President Braker called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call:            Yea 6        Nay 0        Absent 1 (Neeley)

## **Administrative Reports**

### **Superintendent’s Report— Dr. Smock**

- Dr. Craig Smock gave updates on the MHS Renovations. There are short and long version videos available detailing the renovations. Administration shared the videos with Morton 709 families, staff, and the community.
- Three Morton Jr. High School sports teams brought home IESA titles. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball finished 1<sup>st</sup> place in two games. MJHS wrestler, Brody Watson, made history finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place at 112, a first for the MJHS wrestling program.
- Mr. Braker, Dr. Sander and Dr. Smock were invited guests at the Lincoln 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Etiquette Luncheon. It is impressive to see students growing their skills. They did a great job.

### **President’s Report - Mr. Braker**

Mr. Braker thanked Lincoln for their efforts on the Etiquette Luncheon. He and the Board enjoyed meeting with Mr. Carter and the Morton Jr. High teachers. He thanked them for taking the time to share the great things they are doing there. Meeting in the Kiln foyer was a great reminder that the High School will soon have a similar space.

The Board expressed appreciation for the videos detailing the renovations. The Board recognized the good work the MJHS teaching team is doing at MJHS.

## **Discussion Item(s) –**

### **Student Fees and Lunch Fees for 2024-25**

Ms. Lisa Kowalski, CFO, presented to the Board are review of District Fees. With input from district staff, she is recommending the combining of some fees. There is no recommendation for increases in fees. Combining fees streamlines the process for Parents/Guardians, Administrative Assistants, and the Business Office. Ms. Kowalski answered questions.

**Action Item(s) –**

**Approve 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar**

Mr. Rudd motioned for the Board to approve the 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar as presented. Dr. Cross supported the motion.

Roll Call:            Yea 6      Nay 0    Absent 1 (Neeley)

Motion carried.

**Approve Asbestos Removal Summer 2024**

Mr. Roth motioned for the Board to approve the Asbestos Removal for Summer 2024 as presented. Dr. Krall supported the motion. Dr. Smock shared that the work will include work at Grundy and Jefferson.

Roll Call:            Yea 6      Nay 0    Absent 1 (Neeley)

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Dr. Cross motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Rudd supported the motion. President Braker thanked Sam Leman for the donation offering appreciation for community businesses that support our students.

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Donation Report - Sam Leman to MHS FFA per Board Policy 8:80
- Approve Minutes of the March 5, 2024, Regular Meeting; the March 5, 2024, Closed Session Meeting
- Approve Bills

	<b>Bills 3-5-24 3-6-24</b>
Ed. Fund (10)	\$203,483.62
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$50,439.61
Trans. Fund (40)	\$11,682.85

Roll Call:            Yea 6      Nay 0    Absent 1 (Neeley)

Motion carried.

**Non-Audience Presentations:**

Ms. Heather McMeekan, Brian Groth, and Dr. Ashley Fischer requested time to address the Board regarding non-agenda items. Each was spoke for five minutes to the Board of Education.

**Closed Session** – President Braker called for a motion to enter into closed session for the matters of **Personnel** and **Negotiations**. Dr. Cross motioned for the Board to enter into closed session. Dr. Mr. Rudd seconded the motion.

Roll Call:        Yea 6     Nay 0     Absent 1 (Neeley)

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Cross to re-enter open session. Mr. Rudd seconded the motion.

Roll Call:        Yea 6     Nay 0     Absent 1 (Neeley)

The Board re-entered open session at 8:48 p.m.

**Adjournment** –

Mr. Rudd made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:     Yea 6     Nay 0     Absent 1 (Neeley)

The motion carried with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

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Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

Jerry Rudd, Secretary

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Tim Braker, President