

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

May 7, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held on May 7, 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 5:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Recognition of Excellence: The Board of Education recognized the following teams for placing in the top teams at IESA, ICTM, and SkillsUSA finals. MJHS Boys Bowling finished in 2nd place. MHS Math Team placed 2nd at the 2A ICTM State Math Contest, and SkillsUSA top student finishers, and leadership recognition for Mrs. Tiffany Beard as the Illinois SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year. SkillsUSA teams and individuals who finished in 1st place will be going to the National Competition. The recognition was for excellence in academics, athletics, and in the trades.

Re-Organization of the Board:

Elect President Pro-Tem – President Braker called for a nomination to make Dr. Smock President Pro-Tem until a new President is elected. Mr. Neeley nominated Dr. Smock to be President Pro-Tem until the new President is elected and seated. Dr. Cross seconded the nomination.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. Dr. Craig Smock served as President Pro-Tem.

Elect President -

Dr. Smock, President Pro Tem, asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education. Mr. Braker nominated Dr. Cross to serve as President. There being no other nominations, Dr. Cross was declared President by acclamation and he assumed his seat as President.

Elect Vice President -

President Cross asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Neeley nominated Mr. Jerry Rudd to serve as Vice President. There being no other nominations, Mr. Rudd was declared Vice President by acclamation.

Elect Secretary -

President Cross asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Roth nominated Mrs. Leman to serve as Secretary. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Leman was declared Secretary by acclamation.

Set Time and Place of Regular Meetings – Dr. Cross and the Board of Education agreed to hold regular Board of Education meetings for the 2024-25 school year on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting of the month is at 5:30 p.m. and the second meeting of the month is at 7:00 p.m. at the Morton Education and Administration Center unless otherwise noted.

Audience Presentations: There were no agenda related audience presentations. Three cards were completed for Non-Agenda related presentations during Audience Presentations for Non-Agenda Related items.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent's Report— Dr. Smock

- Dr. Smock shared the faculty involvement in a professional development activity with Dr. Krista Leh. District faculty and staff received training in recognizing both bullying and mistreatment. Her program included prevention, recognition, strategies including developing connectedness that promotes kindness. “Interrupting Bullying Behaviors and Creating a Culture of Connection” was the name of the workshop. Dr. Smock has presentation slides to share with the Board of Education.
- Dr. Smock will present to the Morton Rotary on Thursday on the MHS renovations.
- Dr. Smock, Dr. Sander, and Dr. Teater visited the MHS Co-op to interview students. They were amazing. Some already have certifications, some will change their path, some have discovered their passion. The students did a fantastic job. Dr. Sander interviewed several teaching assistants working in our grade schools. Administration thanked the Board for helping support the Co-op program and Karen Gardner who facilitates the program, working with the students and community partners.
- It is Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week. Dr. Smock noted how much the administration appreciates the work they do every day and enjoy the opportunity celebrate them. Monical’s Pizza, salad and Carius Creamery deliveries are scheduled for each building and team.
- Dr. Smock thanked Mr. Braker for his leadership and service in the role of Board President. He is an outstanding leader and a great sounding board in his role.
- Dr. Smock recognized Ms. Deidre Ripka for her 19 years of service at MHS. She leaving for a promotion in another district. Ms. Ripka thanked the Board for hiring her in 2009 her and trusting her to lead as principal in 2019. Dr. Smock noted he has not known MHS without her. She thanked her Morton High School team and her family for their support.
- Dr. Smock made a public statement to correct false accusations and comments that have presented to the Board during audience presentations. He warned of the seriousness of making false accusations.

President's Report – Dr. Cross

- Dr. Cross noted the pleasure is seeing students coming before the Board excelling in many different areas of learning, working, and leading.
- He reminded the Board to let Mrs. Smith know their plans for the IASB Conference in November.

Agenda Building -

- Dr. Cross asked about maximizing the Co-op experience for more students to be involved. Dr. Smock is already tracking it. There is a screening process and other actives might interfere with students being able to participate. Administration is committed to maximizing opportunities through Co-op to the benefit of students and employers.

Action Item(s) –

Approve Policy Revisions and Updates -

The Board of Education reviewed and discussed the Policy Revisions/Updates as recommended by the IASB PRESS Policy Service at the previous meeting. Mr. Rudd motioned for the Re-employment of Administration with salary increases to be determined. Mr. Roth supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Mrs. Leman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Rudd supported the motion.

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Building Rental Rates for FY25
- Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Regular Meeting; the April 23, 2024, Closed Session Meeting
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills	Payroll 3-9-24 (Corrected)	Payroll 4-12-24	Payroll 4-26-24
Ed. Fund (10)	\$242,247.44	1,023,855.51	850,136.82	907,392.21
Bldg. Fund (20)	\$113,203.24	51,843.84	46,436.55	49,620.55
Trans. Fund (40)	\$7,919.04	33,684.65	15,377.92	34,586.44
IMRF (50)		51,949.49	33,552.76	51,520.92

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Non-Agenda Presentations:

Ms. Kathy McNeil, Ms. Heather McMeekan, and Mr. Brian Groth requested time to address the Board of Education on Non-Agenda related items. Each one spoke for five minutes.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Neeley to re-enter open session. Mr. Roth supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

The Board re-entered open session at 7:41 p.m.

Action Item(s) –

Approve Board Ruling on Complaint Appeal (1 Ruling)

Mr. Rudd made a motion for the Board of Education to affirm the decision of the Superintendent in the complaint filed by Bryan Groth on February 20, 2024, and formally appealed to the Board of Education on April 18, 2024, for reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision. The Board directed the Board President to provide written notice to the complainant of the Board’s decision within five school business days. Mrs. Lemman supported.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment –

Dr. Krall made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

The motion carried with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

Amanda Lemman, Secretary

David Cross, President

The mission of our Morton District 709 Board of Education is to be a provider of and 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. Agenda Related 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.

IV. Reports

A. Administrative

1. Superintendent’s Report

- a. Transition to Junior High – Chris Carter, Principal, MJHS
- b. MHS GPA

B. Board

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

V. Discussion Items

- A. Proposed Changes to the District Student Handbooks

VI. Action Items

- A. Approve Interfund Transfer of Interest Income
- B. Approve Food Service Breakfast at Jefferson and Set Pricing

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Minutes of the May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting; and the May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- C. Approve Bills

	Bills 5/17 & 5/20
Ed. Fund (10)	\$221,699.93
Bldg. Fund (20)	141,507.35
Trans. Fund (40)	6,570.75

VIII. Non-Agenda Audience Presentations

IX. Closed Session as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

- A. Interview Morton High School Principal Candidate
- B. Hearing to Prohibit Bryan Groth from School Property and Events

X. Action Item(s) –

- C. Approve Hiring of Morton High School Principal
- D. Action to Prohibit Bryan Groth from School Property and Events

XI. Next Meeting: June 4, 2024, 5:30 PM

**Future Meetings: July 16, 2024, 5:30 PM; August 6, 2024, New Teacher Dinner 5:30 PM,
Regular Meeting (Special Time) 7:30 PM; August 20, 2024, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM
(Special Time for 2nd Meeting); September 3, 2024 – 5:30 PM**

XII. Adjourn

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] FOIA Physical touch video / security tape of Gretchen Hohulin at the district office January 18 2024

tamarawoodmancy@icloud.com Tamara Woodmancy

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:03:59 PM Central Daylight Time

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Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 3:44:00 PM Central Daylight Time

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Attached is the response to the FOIA request in the first paragraph of your email.



Troy A. Teater Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent

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Time

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Bryan Groth and his wife are very loving and involved parents. Bryan's wife works 30 minutes away and is frequently out of town for her job. Bryan is often the only care giver available to his children. Dr. Sander didn't like Bryan touching him, and wrongly it was spun that Bryan was somehow being aggressive. Bryan and his son are only about non-violent advocacy. I have had specific conversations over time with them about this. Please consider allowing Bryan to return to school grounds by the start of the new school year.

I was at the September 5th meeting where hate speech was allowed. I WAS TERRIFIED! Dr. Ashley Fisher was so afraid that she decided it wasn't safe for her to give her speech. MORTON 709 FAILED! Bryan stood up (non of you men in leadership would) when his son was being targeted and the speaker was saying that something was wrong with Bryan's son. Should he have just allowed that? Absolutely anyone with a heart would not think that was okay. Why didn't Dr. Sander step in and stop it? Is it because all of you agree with the speaker? NONE OF YOU STOPPED YOUR STUDENT FROM (his son) BEING TARGETED BY A SPEAKER. NON OF YOU STOPPED HATE SPEECH. NONE OF YOU STOPPED DR. SMOCK'S ADULT SON FROM LAUGHING WHILE I SPOKE (I had NO idea who he was until later). Remember I mentioned it during my speech. DR. SANDER CAN TOUCH A SINGLE WOMAN, WHILE THE REST OF YOU MEN INTIMIDATE HER, right? Mr. Faye can block the door and scare the crap out of us with no consequence. YOU GROWN MEN THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAD CALLED THE POLICE WHEN I USED A SWEAR WORD TO MR. FAYE! YOU SURELY DIDN'T CARE UNTIL MR. FAYE HAD HIS FEELINGS HURT BY A CURSE WORD. He stood out in the parking lot and wouldn't leave. That is okay? You wouldn't know because you failed to investigate.

I wish I would have never used the curse word. I should never say bad words. I was placed in a situation that I felt I had to keep us safe. Mr. Faye left after us, and somehow wound up facing us all, blocking the door. He stopped and engaged. Gretchen said to me, "I thought he was going to beat the shit out of us!" You men did nothing to protect us women. I as a grandmother of six was placed in a position I shouldn't have been faced with. You cannot know how we (as women and rape survivors) felt! You didn't even investigate. Instead, you used extreme punishment to rob us of our first amendment rights.

I accept a punishment for swearing, but not a lifetime ban. A lifetime ban for calling bigots what the dictionary says they are? A lifetime ban for clapping (before he said we couldn't) when laughing and clapping is allowed by those attacking marginalized student? Remember that Mr. Breaker interrupted Heather the week afterward. Those whose beliefs align more with the bigots than with those standing up for marginalized kids are allowed to break whatever rules they want in your biased rule book.

What about Mr. Faye? What about the son of Dr. Smock? What about the extremists spewing hate speech? BAN THEM TOO!

Gretchen has had a letter (for some time) that explains how terrified she was of Mr. Faye at

the board meeting that led to me being banned. A group of women faced by a man with zero security as we exited. She has not felt comfortable sending the letter, because she is afraid. You have one set of rules for people that think like you, and another set for women, marginalized people, and those standing up for marginalized students.

I will not pressure Gretchen to confront you all, and have asked her permission to send this letter.

In the Grip of a Loving God that defends the marginalized,

Tamara Woodmancy

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Bryan Groth

stevestein21@yahoo.com Steve Stein
To: craig.smock@mcusd709.org Craig Smock

Friday, May 24, 2024 at 9:58:57 AM Central Daylight Time

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Right, By continuance, I meant postponed. It could occur on June 4.

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- **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.
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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Excellence

- A. MJHS and MHS Track Athletes – State Placement Performances

IV. Agenda Related 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. Restrained Time Out (RTO) Report - Lindsay Franklin

B. Board

1. President’s Report

2. Agenda Building

VI. Action Items

- A. Approve Proposed Changes to the District Student Handbooks for FY25
- B. Approve Reappointment of CFO for FY25
- C. Approve Tentative Salary & Wage Increase for 12-Month Employees for FY25

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Report
- B. Approve Minutes of the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting; and the May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- C. Approve Hazardous Bus Routes
- D. Approve Consolidated District Plan for FY25
- E. Approve Treasurers for 2024-25 School Year and Adopt Treasurer Resolution
- F. Approve Resolution Designating Depositories and Signatories
- G. Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans and Transfers
- H. Approve Resolution to Set Fees for Freedom of Information Act
- I. Approve Liability Insurance Renewal
- J. Approve Complaint Managers
- K. Approve Donation/Scholarship Report
- L. Approve Life Safety Extension of Time
- M. Approve Out of State/Overnight Trip – MHS SkillsUSA- Nationals - June 2024 per Board Policy 6:240
- N. Approve 2023-24 Physical Restraint Data Report and Reduction Plan
- O. Approve Treasurers Report – April 2024
- P. Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 5-21-24	Bills 5-31-24 6-3-24	Payroll 5-10-24	Payroll 5-24-24
Ed. Fund (10)	\$221,699.93	\$545,901.53	\$1,000,288.97	\$1,010,026.06
Bldg. Fund (20)		386,181.15	49,455.43	49,105.86
Trans. Fund (40)		25,153.25	33,593.29	34,428.20
IMRF (50)			51,206.20	51,949.53
TORT (80)		310.58		

VIII. Non-Agenda Audience Presentations

IX. Closed Session as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)

- A. Hearing to Prohibit Bryan Groth from School Property and Events

X. Action Item(s) –

- D. Action to Prohibit Bryan Groth from School Property and Events

XI. Next Meeting: July 16, 2024, 5:30 PM

Future Meetings: August 6, 2024, New Teacher Dinner 5:30 PM, Regular Meeting (Special Time) 7:30 PM; August 20, 2024, Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM (Special Time for 2nd Meeting); September 3, 2024 – 5:30 PM

XII. Adjourn