

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

June 25, 2024

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held on June 25, 2024, at the Morton Education and Administration Center. **The meeting included the District Goals of Achievement, Communication, Climate, Facilities, and Finance.**

SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call – President Cross 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

Closed Session – President Cross called for a motion to enter into closed session for the matters of Negotiations and Personnel as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18). Mr. Neeley motioned for the Board to enter into closed session. Mr. Rudd seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The Board entered Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. to interview the Grundy School principal candidate.

Recess Closed Session- Dr. Cross requested a motion to recess the closed session. Mr. Roth moved that the Board recess from Closed Session. Dr. Krall supported.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried. The Board returned to Open Session at 6:41 p.m. to conduct open session business.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent's Report— Dr. Smock

- Dr. Smock reported future meetings with the Superintendent's Committees on Policy, Facilities, and Finance in the next week for Board input.
- Dr. Smock updated the Board on the MHS Renovations. Rodney Schuck, Facilities Director, is pleased with the progression of the project. Board Approval on a construction bid required a Special Meeting of the Board.

President's Report – Dr. Cross

- Dr. Cross reported on Superintendent's Committee changes. Mrs. Leman will replace Mr. Braker on the Superintendent's Facilities Committee.
- The Board will conduct a Superintendent's evaluation with Dr. Smock.

Action Item(s) –

Approve the Transfer of Interest Income between Funds-

Mr. Rudd motioned for the permanent transfer of \$130,000 of interest income earned in fiscal year 2024 from the Working Cash Fund to the Operation and Maintenance Fund. Mrs. Lemman supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve Asbestos Removal for Summer 2024 – MHS East Gym and PE Locker Room-

Mr. Neeley motioned for the Board of Education to approve asbestos removal for Summer 2024 at MHS East Gym and PE Locker Room. Dr. Krall supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

Approve 5-year contract for Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joe Sander, transitioning to the Superintendent position in 2025-26-

Mr. Rudd motioned for the Board of Education to approve the contract for Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joe Sander, transitioning to the Superintendent’s position in 2025-26. Mr. Braker supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

The Board congratulated Dr. Sander on his appointment to the role of Superintendent. His promotion and Dr. Smock’s plan to retire at the end of FY 25. The formal announcement will be at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda –

Mr. Roth motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Lemman supported the motion.

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Minutes of the June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting; the June 4, 2024, Closed Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 6-14-24 6-17-24	Payroll 6-7-24	Payroll 6-21-24
Ed. Fund (10)	\$377,329.02	\$960,117.19	\$812,768.60
Bldg. Fund (20)	93,687.23	60,133.21	82,363.70)
Trans. Fund (40)	16,846.28	21,938.41	9,622.94
IMRF (50)		42,030.09	29,629.02
TORT (80)	1,196.00		

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

With the approval of the Personnel Report, Dr. Smock announced that Mrs. Eleanor Higus has been selected as the new principal at Ward Grundy Elementary School. Dr. Smock offered congratulations to Mrs. Higus. She will be formally announced at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Closed Session-

The Board ended the Closed Session recess at 6:57 p.m. to continue the matters of Negotiations and Personnel as Stated in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18).

Mr. Rudd motioned to re-enter Closed Session. Mr. Roth supported the motion.

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

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

Roll Call: Yea 7 Nay 0

Motion carried.

The Board re-entered open session at 7:36 p.m.

Adjournment –

Mr. Roth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Braker supported the motion.

Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0

The motion carried with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Recorded by,

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Smith, Recording Secretary

Amanda Leman, Secretary

David Cross, President