MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2026

ROLL CALL
The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Director Williams and board members, Turner, Hilliard, Riesberg, Klopfenstein, Mousty, Schieferle-Uhlenbrock and Thompson were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Adam Moser made a public appearance to express concerns about the discontinuation of Hoopla.

MINUTES
The minutes from the August 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes from the September 9, 2026, and September 10, 2026, special meetings were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT
The audit is still in process. The board reviewed the Profit and Loss reports from July and August. The new bookkeeping service is able to generate different financial reports than our previous system. Williams and Mousty will be working together to determine what additional reports may be useful to the board. **Turner moved and Klopfenstein seconded that the September bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

Total paid for September Bills: $69,399.67

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Director Williams met with Melissa Bloom of Bloom Consulting to discuss prioritizing Williams' time and ensuring good implementation of decision making and delegation. Williams plans to be out of the office one day every two weeks for an undetermined length of time due to family medical needs. She will be getting back to a schedule of regular meetings with direct reports and senior leadership, as well as check-ins with new hires. She has noted that staff are using the terminology and protocols established during the Collaborative Culture workshops with Bloom Consulting earlier this year.

Williams advised the board that September 25th has been declared "Dolly Day" ("9 to 5", 9/25). She worked with Scott Witzig at MCF to highlight the Imagination Library Fund. MCF was able to enlist donors who would match the first 100 gifts of $25 on September 25th this year. This opportunity will be advertised via social media and direct email. In addition, shirts may be ordered through Cotton Top for $25 and $13 of each sale will be donated to the Imagination Library Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the four interviews with architects that occurred during two special meetings earlier this month. Williams and Product both stood out as excellent choices. The board considered the pros and cons of proceeding with each of these.
Klopfenstein moved and Riesberg seconded to start negotiations with Product. The motion carried unanimously.

Williams asked that the library credit card limit be raised from $9,000 to $14,000. The library currently has five cards; four that are held by individual staff and one that is a general card that is used with permission for specific purchases. The increase will align with Williams' spending limit and will streamline purchasing for the library. **Hilliard moved and Riesberg seconded that the credit card limit be increased to $14,000. The motion carried unanimously.**

Turner moved and Schieferle-Uhlenbrock seconded to approve the Agreement for Library Services with Blessed Sacrament School. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Art Exhibit Policy and the Business Use of Vehicle Policy.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mousty will be meeting with Williams regarding updating Treasurer Reports reviewed by the board in meetings. The audit is expected to be completed in October.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held October 21, 2026 at 4:30 pm.