

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 5:14 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Morton District Office in the Board Room by Member Pesek.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Jaramillo-Flores called the roll and the following were present:

Members Maria A. Gallegos, Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly, Mark Kraft and Jeffry Pesek

Absent: Member Sandra Tomschin

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Timothy Truesdale, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Josh McMahon, Director of Human Resources Randall Borgardt, CFO Christopher Blomquist, Attorney Eric Stach and Board Clerk Connie Chapman.

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Kraft moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:14 p.m. in the Board Room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft and Pesek

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Tomschin

Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1. Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

4.2. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

4.2. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Coaches: Sherell Alexander, Karen Bellafore, Erin Blanco, Ruth Bragado, Pearl Cervantes, Michaelina Considine, Tim Drews, Tracey Jarosz, Keri Neuland and Dexter Wilson

- 8.2. Boys' Track – State Qualifiers
 - Christian Valadez 400 meter
 - Jezhian Sprinkle 300 Intermediate Hurdles
 - Alex Rodriguez 3200 run
 - Miguel Flores 4 x 800 Relay
 - Manuel Soto 4 x 800 Relay
 - Daniel Ariaga 4 x 800 Relay
 - Valentino Diaz 4 x 800 Relay
 - Orlando Sandoval 4 x 800 Relay
 - Alex Aragon 4 x 800 Relay

9. REPORTS

- 9.1. **Superintendent's Committee Reports:** No reports.
- 9.2. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Truesdale reported.
- 9.3. **Assistant Superintendent of Educational Program's Report:** Dr. McMahon reported.
- 9.4. **Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Report:** Mr. Blomquist reported.
- 9.5. **Executive Director of Human Resources' Report:** Mr. Borgardt reported

10. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

11. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Member Godinez motioned to pull and table agenda #11.10.7 Guaranteed Maximum Price to 2023 Morton East Summer Renovation. Member Kraft seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft and Pesek
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin
Motion carried.

Member Pesek motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Member Kraft seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft and Pesek
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin
Motion carried.

11.1. Approval of Minutes:

- 11.1.1. Closed Session
 - 11.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: May 8, 2024

- 11.1.2. Open Session
 - 11.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: May 8, 2024

11.2. Approval of Payroll:

- 11.2.1. Education: \$10,698,866.72
- 11.2.2. Building: \$1,167,552.47
- 11.2.3. Transportation: \$ 1,921.50

11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment:

- 11.3.1. June 13, 2024a: \$6,159,273.02
- 11.3.2. June 13, 2024a: \$321,778.23

11.4. Approval of Student Discipline:

11.4.1. Expulsion(s)

- 11.4.1.1. 461143
Expelled without services for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 11.4.1.2. 461960
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the entire 2024-2025 school year.
- 11.4.1.3. 461527
Expulsion with services for the entire 2024-2025 school year and the entire 2025-2026 school year.
- 11.4.1.4. 462232
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the entire 2024-2025 school year and the entire 2025-2026 school year.
- 11.4.1.5. 453511
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the entire 2024-2025 school year.
- 11.4.1.6. 470797
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the entire 2024-2025 school year.
- 11.4.1.7. 460736
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the entire 2024-2025 school year and the entire 2025-2026 school year.

11.5. Approval of Personnel:
 11.5.1. Personnel Report

ADMINISTRATION

Sean Arana	Dean of Students (transfer from Modern Language Teacher at West) Replacement for: Bart Bates (transfer) Effective: 07/29/2024	East
Nicholas Battaglia	Assistant Principal of Operations (transfer from Dean) Replacement for: Kevin Wiland Effective: 07/01/2024	West
Freddy Calixto	IEP Facilitator (transfer from Special Education Teacher) Replacement for: Nicholas Balzano Effective: 07/29/2024	West
Estefania Cortes	Assistant Principal of Student Support Services (transfer from Dean) Replacement for: Carol Best (transfer) Effective: 07/01/2024	East
Colleen Del Monaco	Director of Career and Technical Education (transfer from Work Based Learning Coordinator at East) Replacement for: Eric Mastey Effective: 07/01/2024	District
Madeline Geyer	Dean of Students (transfer from Math Teacher) Replacement for: Daniel Anzilotti (transfer) Effective: 07/29/2024	West
Lauren Keppler	Biliteracy Coordinator (transfer from Biliteracy Coach) Replacement for: Arianna Gonzalez (transfer) Effective: 07/29/2024	East
Justin Stringer	Dean of Students Replacement for: Nicholas Battaglia (transfer) Effective: 07/29/2024	West
Kaitlyn Zale	Dean of Students (transfer from Math Teacher) Replacement for: Estefania Cortes (transfer) Effective: 07/29/2024	East

CERTIFIED STAFF

Gerardo Acevedo	Social Science Teacher Replacement for: Alexis Couch Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	East
Mark Anbinder	Freshman Edge Teacher Replacement for: Lynne Chester Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Brian Blankenship	English Teacher (transfer from Freshman Edge Teacher at FC) Replacement for: Leana Young Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	East
Anthony Camacho	English Teacher Replacement for: Clarissa Munoz Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	East
Alexander Chapman	Special Education Teacher Replacement for: Freddy Calixto (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Thomas Finnegan	Math Teacher Replacement for: Ashley Bishop Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Phil Gary	PE/Health Teacher Replacement for: Clifford Joiner Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	East
Itzel Gonzalez	Social Science Teacher Replacement for: Liliana Tinoco (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	FC
Marta Leshyk	EL Support Teacher Replacement for: Alicia Serrano (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Zanaida Mandujano	Freshman Edge Teacher Replacement for: Benjamin Dobes (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	FC
Maggie Morales	Freshman Edge Teacher Replacement for: Brian Blankenship (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	FC

Katherine Morris	Math Teacher Replacement for: Madeline Geyer (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Carolyn Niehoff	Traveling Speech Therapist New Position Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	FC
Alexandra Platek	Freshman Edge Teacher Replacement for: Jay Ramadan Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Angelica Samata	Librarian (transfer from English Teacher) Replacement for: Brian O'Malley (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	East
Jared Shadle	Special Education Teacher New Position Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	West
Liliana Tinoco	Biliteracy Coach (transfer from Social Science Teacher) Replacement for: Janin Huerta Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	FC
Nha Truong	School Psychologist Replacement for: Denise Chavez Effective: <i>Start of the 2024-2025 School Year</i>	East
Lead Teachers for 2024-2025 School Year		
Leticia Corral	Lead Math Teacher	FC
Eden Duke	Alternative School Lead Teacher	Alt
Gabriel Villanueva	Guidance Counselor Coordinator	FC
Coaching/Clubs/Activities for 2024-2025 School Year		
Luis Castanon	Head Girls Flag Football Coach	
NON-CERTIFIED – Non-Bargaining		
Dayanna Gonzalez	College and Career Center Liaison Replacement for: Lyndsay Legel-Carmody Effective: <i>08/08/2024</i>	East
Sonia Renteria	Administrative Assistant to the CFO Replacement for: Nicholas Valderas (transfer) Effective: <i>05/28/2024</i>	District

Gina Stees	Athletic Trainer	District
	New Position	
	Effective: 07/29/2024	

Food Service

Juana Estrada	Part Time Food Service (transfer from Full Time Food Service)	West
	Replacement for: Ana Cervantes	
	Effective: 08/08/2024	

Sophia Flores	Part Time Food Service	East
	Replacement for: Lilia Padilla (transfer)	
	Effective: pending background check	

Teacher Aides

Gabriel De Loera	Teacher Aide	MTC
	New Position	
	Effective: Start of the 2024-2025 School Year	

Martha Gonzalez	Teacher Aide (transfer from MTC)	West
	New Position	
	Effective: Start of the 2024-2025 School Year	

Bianca Reyes	Teacher Aide	MTC
	New Position	
	Effective: Start of the 2024-2025 School Year	

Samantha Rivera	Teacher Aide	MTC
	New Position	
	Effective: Start of the 2024-2025 School Year	

Police Officers

Raul Perez	Police Officer	West
Karen Santos	Police Officer	West

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Extended School Year

Nasha Barrios	ESY Lifeguard	West
Gabrielle Boone	ESY Teacher	West
Liz Chiquito	ESY Lifeguard	West
Pearl Cervantes	ESY Teacher	West
Malika Manouzi	ESY Teacher	East
Edwardo Partida	ESY Teaching Assistant	West

AP Boot Camps

Emily Bohne	AP Boot Camp Teacher	West
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Kyle Boyd	AP Boot Camp Teacher	East
Nydia Cabrera	AP Boot Camp Teacher	East
Scott Katzberger	AP Boot Camp Teacher	West

Summer Bookstore Help

Blanca Lopez	Summer Bookstore Help	FC
Miguel Payan	Summer Bookstore Help	West
Catalina Sanchez	Summer Bookstore Help	West
Ana Varela	Summer Bookstore Help	FC

Summer Enrichment

Patrick Gierut	AP Seminar Teacher	East
Kennedy Irmen	AP Seminar Teacher	West
Zachary Kieffer	AP Seminar Teacher	East
Constandina Loumakis	AP Seminar Teacher	East

Summer Food Service

Tomasa Alvarez	Summer Food Service	East
Maribel Andrade	Summer Food Service	West
Laura Contreras	Summer Food Service	West
Eliada Deros	Summer Food Service	East
Carlos Diaz	Summer Food Service	East
Sandra Estrada	Summer Food Service	West
Sophia Florez	Summer Food Service	East
Celia Franco	Summer Food Service	West
Alejandra Gonzalez	Summer Food Service	West
Leticia Hernandez Pinto	Summer Food Service	East
Kasey Jimenez	Summer Food Service	West
Laura Jones	Summer Food Service	East
Olga Meza	Summer Food Service	West
Angelica Meza Gonzalez	Summer Food Service	West
Juana Montero	Summer Food Service	East
Maria Moreno	Summer Food Service	East
Miguel Payan	Summer Food Service	West
Paulina Pereda	Summer Food Service	East
Maria Ramirez	Summer Food Service	East
Yolanda Ramirez	Summer Food Service	West
Aida Rivas	Summer Food Service	West
Araceli Rodriguez Eufrazio	Summer Food Service	East
Martha Rodriguez	Summer Food Service	East
Monica Salas	Summer Food Service	East
Daniel Torres	Summer Food Service	East

Summer Bridge

Daniel Fordney	Summer Bridge Teacher	West
McKenna Powers	Summer Bridge Teacher	West

Summer School

James Blake	Summer School Teacher	East
Camille Brandon	Summer School Teacher	East
Matthew Greathouse	Summer School Nurse	East
Hannah Henry	Summer School Dean	West
Carolina Hernandez	Summer School Teacher	East
Yolanda James	Summer School Teacher	East
Adrian Kibiersza	Summer School Teacher	East
Peter Kula	Summer School Teacher	Alt
Michael McGlennon	Summer School Teacher	East
Cara Noonan	Summer School Teacher	East
Santos Patino	Summer School Clerical	East
Sofia Sandoval	Summer School Teacher	East
Jane Smith	Summer School Teacher	East
Victoria Therriault	Summer School Librarian	East
Erika Zacarias Govea	Summer School Incomplete Lab Teacher	East

Summer Maintenance Help

Alexis Becerra	Summer Maintenance Help
Deiby Burgos Moreno	Summer Maintenance Help
Rogelio Corona	Summer Maintenance Help
Jimmy Cortez	Summer Maintenance Help
Josefina Garcia	Summer Maintenance Help
Brianna Depaola	Summer Maintenance Help
Salvador Diaz Jr.	Summer Maintenance Help
Virginia Goodman	Summer Maintenance Help
John Gordon	Summer Maintenance Help
Keith Harrington	Summer Maintenance Help
Christian Marquez	Summer Maintenance Help
Alejandro Marroquin	Summer Maintenance Help
Lourdes Martinez	Summer Maintenance Help
Nicholas Martinez	Summer Maintenance Help
Alejandra Medina Cortes	Summer Maintenance Help
Beatrice Molina	Summer Maintenance Help
Maria Molina	Summer Maintenance Help
Tammy Moreno	Summer Maintenance Help
Catalina Sanchez	Summer Maintenance Help
Cody Suchy	Summer Maintenance Help
Jerome Warren	Summer Maintenance Help
Kamron White	Summer Maintenance Help

Temporary Operations

Hannah Organ	Temporary Operations Help	West
Araceli Torres Proa	Temporary Operations Help – Residency Specialist	West

SUSPENSIONS

Employee #9394

1 Day Suspension

Effective: 08/13/2024

TERMINATIONS

Employee #8630

Effective: 06/13/2024

RESIGNATIONS

Mary Beesley

Business Education Teacher

West

Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Ashley Bishop

Math Teacher

West

Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Amy Brown

English Teacher

West

Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Alexis Couch

Social Science Teacher

East

Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Lyndsay Legel-Carmody

College and Career Center Liaison

East

Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Eric Mastey

Director of CTE/MRDS

District

Effective: 06/30/2024

John Napoletano

Senior Network Analyst

District

Effective: 06/21/2024

Sean Owens

10 Month Full Time Security

West

Effective: 05/09/2024

Liz Soriano

10 Month Full Time Security

East

Effective: 04/22/2024

Eddie Stokes

10 Month Part Time Security

East

Effective: 05/24/2024

Cindy Vences

Deans Office Secretary

East

Effective: 05/15/2024

Kevin Wiland

Assistant Principal of Operations

West

Without Prior Mutual Agreement

Effective: 06/30/2024

Leana Young

English Teacher

East

Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

- 11.10. Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary]):**
 - 11.10.1. Gaggle
 - 11.10.2. Hanover Research
 - 11.10.3. FSI/LDI (SPED) Van
 - 11.10.4. CLIC Insurance Renewal
 - 11.10.5. City Cruises
 - 11.10.6. BlueWire Communications
 - 11.10.7. Guaranteed Maximum Price to 2023 Morton East Summer Renovation – TABLED until 7/10/2024
- 11.11. Approval to Bid or Quote:**
 - 11.11.1. RFP – Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract
- 11.12. Approval of Bid Results:** None
- 11.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants:** None
- 11.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property:** None
- 11.15. Approval of Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Dues for the 2024-2025 School Year**
- 11.16. Approval to Hold Annual Maintenance Contingency Picnic**
- 11.17. Approval to Modify the 2024-2025 School Calendar**
- 12. ACTIONS ITEM(S):** None
- 13. OLD BUSINESS:** None
- 14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None
- 15. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:** None
- 16. DISCUSSION:** None
- 17. CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- 18. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**
 - 18.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at the Morton District Office on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:34 p.m., Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft and Pesek

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Tomschin

Motion carried.

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date