

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 5:23 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at in the Great Room at the Morton Freshman Center by Member Pesek.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly and Jeffrey Pesek

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos, Mark Kraft and Sandra Tomschin

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Michael Kuzniewski, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Josh McMahon, Director of Human Resources Randall Borgardt, Business Manager Nick Valderas, Attorney Claudia Castro, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Assistant Board Clerk Sally Walsh.

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Jaramillo-Flores moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:24 p.m. in the Great Room at the Morton Freshman Center. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Kraft and 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

4.3. 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).

- 4.4. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- 4.5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- 4.6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION AND CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to adjourn from Closed Session and Convene to Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room at the Morton Freshman Center. Member Godinez seconded.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025-2028 E-LEARNING

6.1. Presentation by Administration: Dr. Josh McMahon presented.

6.2. Discussion by Board of Education: No discussion.

6.3. Audience Comments: No audience comments.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to adjourn from Public Hearing and reconvene to Open Session at 6:08 p.m. in the Great Room at the Morton Freshman Center. Member Godinez seconded.

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

8. ROLL CALL

Secretary Jaramillo-Flores called the roll and the following were present:
Members Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly, Megan Murga, Jeffry Pesek and Adrian Villarreal

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos, Mark Kraft and Sandra Tomschin

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Michael Kuzniewski, Attorney Claudia Castro, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Assistant Board Clerk Sally Walsh

9. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: President Pesek led the pledge.

10. RECOGNITIONS:**10.1. Morton East AP Scholars****AP SCHOLAR**

Alvarez	Mariana
Alvarez	Pedro A.
Anum	Rhysel K.
Arceo-Barajas	Diego I.
Arellano	Felix A.
Avalos	Michael
Bahena	Miguel A.
Boyzo	Leslie A.
Brito	Jesus
Cabrera	Jesus
Calderon	Mayra
Camacho Cornelio	Estefania
Carrazco	Angel G.
Carreno	Nancy D.
Cartagena	Steven
Castaneda	Alexander
Castillo Perez	Juan
Ceniceros	Denice
Contreras	Angel G.
Cortez	Cesar
Cruz	Kaleb Y.
Delgadillo	Herlinda N.
Flores Sanchez	Yuliana
Fuller	Jaiden A.
Galindo	Angel S.
Gamboa	Yessenia
Giron-Aguilar	Emilia
Godinez	Osiris F.
Gomez	Julia E.
Gonzalez	Jackelline
Gonzalez	Liliana
Gutierrez	John J.
Guzman	Diego
Hernandez	Ernesto
Hernandez	Evelyn
Hernandez	Martin
Hurtado	Jonathan
Jimenez	Matthew A.

Lagunas	Eli
Landaverde	Aidan D.
Lara	Brianna
Legorreta	Carmen
Lopez Granados	Camila G.
Macias	Alfredo
Magos	Joseph H.
Marquez	Giselle
Marquez	Seany S.
Martin	Jazelle D.
Millan	Angelina M.
Miller	Jack
Moran	Bryan G.
Moreno- Rivera	Cristian
Munoz	Karla
Ocampo	David
Ortega	Ytzel I.
Palma Alvarez	Montserrat
Patino	Melissa
Perez	Juan P.
Quintana	Abel J.
Ramirez	Rosa M.
Rodriguez	Ivan A.
Romero	Jaslene A.
Salazar	Fernando A.
Salgado	Paola L.
Sanchez	Charlie
Sandoval	Valery
Santos	Crystal
Sierra	Ulises Y.
Suarez	Alejandro
Terrazas	Alejandro C.
Tinoco	Maria A.
Topete	Joselyn R.
Urgiles	Juan P.
Vallejo	Emily
Vazquez	Erick
Villasenor	Imanol
Villasenor	Valeria

AP SCHOLAR WITH HONORS

Aparicio	Nathan	Meraz	Ignacio
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Barron-Alvarado	Oswaldo	Mercado-Jaimes	Estrella A.
Bustos	Izela	Molina	Edwin
Cabrera	Victoria G.	Morales	Alvaro A.
Contreras	Nonantzin X.	Ortega	Victor
Flores-Roa	Jocelyn	Rios	Ulises
Flores	Adrian	Rodriguez	Jovani
Gomez	Kevin	Roman	Renata G.
Gonzalez	Addison J.	Salas	Alexandro G.
Gonzalez	Gabriela G.	Sepulveda	Alexander
Gonzalez	Nataly	Silva	Danna P.
Hernandez-		Soto	Sofia
Jimenez	Sarah E.	Valle	Ashley M.
Hernandez	Ashley S.	Vargas	Jorge
Herrera	Camila	Vences	Ernesto
Lara	Areli	Zarco	Santiago
Lucena	Maximus		

AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION

Hernandez	Gabriel C.	Pineda	Hannah G.
Mejia Gonzalez	Alan	Salazar	Esteban A.
Nava	Dalit A.		

10.2. **Morton East and FC AP Teachers**

AP World History: Modern - FC

Eileen McCormack

AP Seminar

Cynthia Belmares-Brown

Logan Brown

Candice Daly

Alexandria Ellison

Sofia Gonzalez

Jeremy Robinson

AP Precalculus

Luke Brzostowski

James Dobrzanski

Patrick Gierut

Matthew Horvath

John Lindenberg

Bogdan Tsios

AP Chemistry

Cassandra Drummond

10.3. **Principals**

Kristina Cavanaugh Morton West

Jose Gamboa Morton Easts

Dr. Erin Kelly Alternative School

Eric Ramirez Freshman Center

11. REPORTS

11.1. **Superintendent's Committee Reports:** No reports

11.2. **Student Board Member's Reports:**

11.2.1. Megan Murga – Morton East

11.2.2. Adrian Villarreal – Morton West

11.3. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Kuzniewski reported.

11.4. **Assistant Superintendent of Educational Program's Report:** Dr. McMahon reported.

11.5. **Business Manager's Report:** Nick Valderas reported.

11.6. **Executive Director of Human Resources' Report:** Mr. Borgardt reported

11.7. **Principal's Reports:** No Reports

11.7.1. Dr. Erin Kelly – Alternative School

11.7.2. Jose Gamboa – East Campus

11.7.3. Eric Ramirez – Freshman Center

11.7.4. Kristy Cavanaugh – West Campus

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

13. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Member Godinez motioned to pull from the Consent Agenda items 13.10.7. Bond Counsel Services and 13.10.8. Municipal Advisor Services. Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Murga, Pesek and Villarreal

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos, Kraft and Tomschin

Motion carried.

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to table agenda item 13.10.7 Bond Counsel Services. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Murga, Pesek and Villarreal

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos, Kraft and Tomschin

Motion carried.

Member Godinez motioned to table agenda item 13.10.8. Municipal Advisor Services. Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

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

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

13.1. Approval of Minutes:

- 13.1.1. Closed Session
 - 13.1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting: September 10, 2025
- 13.1.2. Open Session
 - 13.1.2.1. Regular Board Meeting: September 10, 2025

13.2. Approval of Payroll:

- 13.2.1. Education: \$ 5,986,765.48
- 13.2.2. Building: \$792,850.00
- 13.2.3. Transportation: \$958.50

13.3. Approval of Bills for Payment:

- 13.3.1. October 9, 2025a: \$ 4,170,957.79
- 13.3.2. October 9, 2025b: \$ 157,204.30

13.4. Approval of Student Discipline:

- 13.4.1. **Expulsion(s):**
 - 13.4.1.1. 461422
Expulsion held in abeyance for the remaining of the 25-26 school year and the entire 26-27 school year, pending the successful participation at the Morton Alternative School.
 - 13.4.1.2. 473057
Expulsion held in abeyance for the 25-26 school year, pending the successful participation at the Morton Alternative School.
 - 13.4.1.3. 480873
Expulsion held in abeyance for the remaining of the 25-26 school year and the entire 26-27 school year, pending the successful participation at the Morton Alternative School.

13.4.1.4. 491357

Expulsion held in abeyance for the 25-26 school year, pending the successful participation at the Morton Alternative School.

13.5. Approval of Personnel

13.5.1. Personnel Report

ADMINISTRATION

Jason Hlavacs	Career and Work Based Learning Coordinator	East
	Replacement for: Loukia Mastrodimos	
	Effective: 09/29/2025	

CERTIFIED STAFF

William Bloom	Special Education Teacher (Rehire)	FC
	Replacement for: Patrick Morris	
	Effective: 09/15/2025	

Coaching/Clubs/Activities for the 2025-2026 School Year

Christina Cartwright	Student Council	East
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Substitute Teachers

Doris Rodriguez	Permanent Substitute	FC
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NON-CERTIFIED

Non-Bargaining

Luis Rodriguez	Truancy Officer (transfer from Teaching Assistant at West)	District
	New Position Approved August 2025	
	Effective: 10/20/2025	

Zachary Snyder	Data and Assessment Coordinator (transfer from Dean at East)	District
	Replacement for: Matsa Felder	
	Effective: 09/30/2025	

Clerical

Giselle Castaneda	Assistant Payroll Clerk	District
	Replacement for: Nereida Echeverria	
	Effective: pending background check	

Blanca Lopez	Night School Secretary	West
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Kenia Rebolledo	Clerical Substitute	District
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Food Service

Leticia Hernandez Pinto	2 nd Cook (transfer from Food Service at East)	West
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	Replacement for: Kevin Quintana (transfer) Effective: 10/20/2025	
Oscar Lemus	Part Time Server Replacement for: Silvia Zazueta Garcia Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	FC
Nancy Medrano	Part Time Server Replacement for: Aracely Saldivar Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	West
Matthew Orozco	Part Time Dishwasher Replacement for: Saul Portillo (transfer) Effective: 10/06/2025	FC
Miguel Payan	Full Time Utility Worker (transfer from West) Effective: 10/03/2025	FC
Security		
Theodore Meza	10 Month Full Time Security (transfer from Part Time) Replacement for: Theodore Meza (transfer) Effective: 10/14/2025	West
Frank Soto	10 Month Full Time Security Replacement for: Arturo Estrada Effective: 10/08/2025	FC
Maintenance		
Yarinette Guevara	Substitute Custodian	
Teaching Assistants		
Melinda Contreras	Teaching Assistant Replacement for: Agency TA Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	West
Jacqueline Dixon	Teaching Assistant Replacement for: Agency TA Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	West
Ariadna Galindo Rodriguez	Bilingual Teaching Assistant Replacement for: Juan Hernandez-Flores Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	West
Olena Haiduk	Teaching Assistant Replacement for: Agency TA	West

Effective: 10/06/2025

Kevin Quintana	Teaching Assistant (transfer from Food Service) Replacement for: Agency TA Effective: 10/20/25	West
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JOB ABANDONMENT

Wendy Godinez	10 Month Full Time Security Effective: 09/26/2025	FC
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RESIGNATIONS

Phillip Chiappetta	Industrial Technology Teacher (0.8 FTE) Effective: 10/17/2025	West
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Matsa Felder	Data and Assessment Coordinator Effective: 10/03/2025	District
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Silvia Zazueta Garcia	Part Time Food Service Effective: 09/15/2025	FC
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INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Sandra Cruz	Clerical Substitute Offer Declined	
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Maria Tiscareno	Bilingual Teaching Assistant Offer Declined	West
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- 13.6. **Approval of Board of Education Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125:** None
- 13.7. **Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 5:60:** None
- 13.8. **Approval of Student Travel:** None
- 13.9. **Approval of Facility Requests:**
 - 13.9.1. Irving Elementary School
 - 13.9.2. Mustangs Youth Football and Cheer
- 13.10. **Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary]):**
 - 13.10.1. Dominican University – Registered Nursing Program
 - 13.10.2. Ashton Place – Morton East Prom
 - 13.10.3. Ashton Place – Morton West Prom

- 13.10.4. Morton West NHS Lollipop Fundraiser
- 13.10.5. Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal
- 13.10.6. Aetna Dental Insurance Renewal
- 13.10.7. Bond Counsel Services - TABLED
- 13.10.8. Municipal Advisor Services - TABLED
- 13.10.9. Architectural Engineering Services – Pending Final Negotiations with the Superintendent

13.11. Approval to Bid or Quote: None

13.12. Approval of Bid Results: None

13.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants: None

13.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property:
 13.14.1. Printers – Morton Transition Center

14. ACTIONS ITEM(S):

14.1. Approval of 2025 Tentative Levy
 Member Godinez motioned to approve the 2025 Tentative Levy. Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

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

14.2. Approval of 2025-2028 E-Learning Plan
 Member Godinez motioned to approve the 2025-2028 E-Learning Plan. Member Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

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

14.3. Approval of 2025-2026 Summer School Calendar
 Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Summer School Calendar. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

15. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

16. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

NAME

Marisol Brambila
Christina Perez
Luz Chavez
Cynthia Brito
Vanessa Avalos
Judith Landeros
Valeria Deloera
Milagros Martinez
Izela Bostos
Andy Carrasquedo
Jose Patino
Leticia Gutierrez

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Student Safety
KYR, Pesek
KYR
Protecting Kids
Protecting Kids/Youth
Student Safety
Student Outreach
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17. **BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:** None

18. **DISCUSSION:** None

19. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

20. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

20.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at Morton West High School on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:32 p.m., Member Jaramillo-Flores moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Jeffrey Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date