

**MINUTES**  
**Special Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**District 201, Cook County**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2025**

1. RETIRING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1.1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 1:06 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Morton District Office in the Garden Terrace Room by Member Pesek.

1.2. ROLL CALL

Member Jaramillo-Flores called the roll and the following were present:  
Members Maria A. Gallegas, Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: None

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Timothy Truesdale, Attorney Ed Wong and Acting Board Clerk Sally Walsh.

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

1.4. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION  
The Board elected not to go into Closed Session.

1.5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

1.6. ACTION ITEMS

1.6.1. Approval of Minutes:

1.6.1.1. Closed Session: April 9, 2025

1.6.1.2. Open Session: April 9, 2025

Member Kraft motioned to approve Closed and Open Session of Minutes for April 9, 2025. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

1.6.2. Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings: April 12, 2023, May 10, 2023, June 14, 2023, July 12, 2023, August 9, 2023 and September 13, 2023.

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings: April 12, 2023, May 10, 2023, June 14, 2023, July 12, 2023, August 9, 2023 and September 13, 2023. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

1.6.3. Announcement of Certified Election Results for April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election

1.6.3.1.1. Four-Year Term

1.6.3.1.2. Dr. Margaret Kelly

1.6.3.1.3. Maria A. Gallegos

1.6.3.1.4. Jessica Jaramillo-Flores

1.6.3.1.5. Sandra Tomschin

Member Kraft motioned to announce the Certified Election Results for April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

1.7. ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1.8. ADJOURN SINE DIE

At 1:10 p.m., Member Kraft motioned to adjourn sine die. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

2. NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS – REORGANIZATION MEETING

2.1. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY OFFICERS

- 2.1.1. Appointment of President Pro-Tem:  
Member Kraft motioned to appoint Jeffry Pesek as President Pro-Tem.  
Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

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

- 2.1.2. Designation of Secretary Pro-Tem:  
Member Pesek motioned to appoint Jessica Jaramillo-Flores as Secretary  
Pro-Tem. Member Kraft seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Gallegos, Fernando, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft,  
Pesek, and Tomschin  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none  
Absent: none

2.2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at the Morton District Office in the Garden Terrace Room by Member Pesek.

2.3. ROLL CALL

Member Jaramillo-Flores called the roll and the following were present:  
Members Maria A. Gallegas, Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr.  
Margaret Kelly, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: none

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Timothy Truesdale, Attorney Ed Wong and Acting Board Clerk Sally Walsh.

2.4. ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS

- 2.4.1. President:  
Member Kraft motioned to elect Jeffry Pesek as President. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

- 2.4.2. Vice-President:  
Member Pesek motioned to elect Mark Kraft as Vice-President. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

2.4.3. Secretary:

Member Pesek motioned to elect Jessica Jaramillo-Flores as Secretary. Member Kraft seconded the motion.

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

2.5. ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Member Kraft motioned to adopt the Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

2.6. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Kraft motioned to adjourn to Closed Session at 1:17 p.m. in the Board Room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

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

2.7. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

2.7.1. 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).

2.8. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Member Kraft motioned to adjourn to Closed Session at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

2.9. ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: none

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Timothy Truesdale, Attorney Ed Wong and Acting Board Clerk Sally Walsh.

2.10 AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

2.11 ACTION ITEM(S)

2.11.1 Approval of Personnel:

2.11.1.1 Personnel Report

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Personnel Report. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Administrative Contracts Signed**

Daniel Anzilotti	Assistant Principal	West
Sean Arana	Dean of Students	East
Nicholas Battaglia	Assistant Principal	West
Melody Becker	Director of EL and Modern Language	District
Carol Best	Executive Director of Student Services	District
Eric Bjornstad	Director of Science	District
Randall Borgardt	Executive Director of Human Resources	District
Freddy Calixto	Special Education IEP Facilitator	West
Kristina Cavanaugh	Principal	West
James Connelly	Tech and Trade Center Principal	District
Estefania Cortes	Assistant Principal	East

Salandra Crockett	Dean of Students	East
Colleen Del Monaco	Director of CTE	District
Benjamin Dobes	Dean of Students	FC
Hannah Gallardo	Career and Work Based Learning Coordinator	West
Jose Gamboa	Principal	East
Madeline Geyer	Dean of Students	West
Arianna Gonzalez	Assistant Principal	East
Dustin Heap	Assistant Principal	West
Megan Holub	Director of Mathematics	District
Dr. Erin Kelly	Principal	Alt
Lauren Keppler	Biliteracy Coordinator	East
Matthew Kocourek	Dean of Students	West
Natalie Kozlowski	Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities	District
Daniel Loftus	Special Education Coordinator	MTC
Kristen McChesney	Teacher Appraisal Specialist	FC
Barbara Meeters	Special Education Coordinator	West
Stephen Ngo	Teacher Appraisal Specialist	West
Dr. Michael Parrie	Assistant Principal	East
Jennifer Pufpaf	Special Education Coordinator	West
Eric Ramirez	Principal	FC
Margarita Ramirez	Biliteracy Coordinator	West
Gloria Ramirez-Solis	Director of MTSS	District
JoAnne Rzadzki	Assistant Principal	East
Samantha Skubal	Assistant Principal	West
Laura Smith	Teacher Appraisal Specialist	East
Zachary Snyder	Dean of Students	East
Justin Stringer	Dean of Students	West
Kevin Vesper	Director of Social Science and Fine Arts	District
Daniel Woulfe	Director of Athletics and Activities	District
Kaitlyn Zale	Dean of Students	East

#### **CERTIFIED STAFF**

Nayeli Arellano	Science Teacher	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Kyle Boyd (transfer)	
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Kyle Boyd	Biliteracy Instructional Coach (transfer from Science Teacher)	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Diana Martinez (transfer)	
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Amanda Del Bianco	Special Education Teacher (transfer from West)	MTC
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Maggie Mullins	
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Steve Pardin	Mathematics Teacher	FC
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Freddy Calixto (transfer)	
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Diana Saucedo	EL Teacher	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Georgianna Monnier	
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Jackson Schumacher	Mathematics Teacher	
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Dustin Seelinger	West
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Jenna Valenti	Mathematics Teacher	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Mark Karadimos	
	<b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

### Summer School

Edwin Bagley	Summer School Teacher	East
Jake Brown	Summer School Teacher	East
Juanita Chacon	Summer School Clerical	East
Daniel Delaney	Summer School Teacher	West
Sofia Gonzalez	Summer School Teacher	West
Samantha Gutheim	Summer School Teacher	East
Callie Helton	Summer School Teacher	West
Jessica Joyce-Cervantes	Summer School Teacher	East
Stephany Juarez	Summer School Teacher	East
Yvette Kirby	Summer School Teacher	West
Lisa Litberg	Summer School Teacher	West
Sarah Llort	Summer School Teacher	East
David Lopez	Summer School Teacher	Alt
Malika Manouzi	Summer School Teacher	East
Michael McGlennon	Summer School Teacher	West
Yolanda Miranda	Summer School Teacher	West
Cara Noonan	Summer School Teacher	East
Santos Patino	Summer School Library Clerical	East
Carmen Salgado	Summer School Teacher	East
Maria Salgado	Summer School Teacher	West
Jane Smith	Summer School Teacher	West
Doris Tobin	Summer School Teacher	East
Charles Verdico	Summer School Teacher	East
David Waldron	Summer School Teacher	East
Andre Wilson	Summer School Security	Alt
Erika Zacarias Govea	Summer School Teacher	East

**Summer Bridge**

Danita Guerrero	Summer Bridge Teacher Aide	West
Juan Hernandez-Flores	Summer Bridge Teacher	West
Juanita Ramirez	Summer Bridge Teacher Aide	West
Estela Valenciano	Summer Bridge Teacher Aide	West

**Extended School Year**

Jennifer Bozyk	ESY Teacher	MTC
Steven DeMaertelaere	ESY Teacher	MTC
Margaret Mullins	ESY Teacher	MTC

**Summer Temporary Operations Help**

Kai Bell-Torres	Summer Temporary Operations Help	West
Maren Cavanaugh	Summer Temporary Operations Help	West
Rosalva Chacon	Summer Temporary Operations Help	East
Jenna Manfre	Summer Temporary Operations Help	West

**RETIREMENTS**

Susan Bily	Full Time Food Service <b>Effective: 05/31/2025</b>	East
Rhonda Bustamante	Full Time Food Service <b>Effective: 05/31/2025</b>	East

**RESIGNATIONS**

Alan Moreno	10 Month Full Time Security <b>Effective: 04/15/2025</b>	FC
Giovannie Ortiz	College and Career Center Liaison <b>Effective: 04/23/2025</b>	West
Dr. Timothy Truesdale	Superintendent <b>Effective: 06/30/2025</b>	District

**REQUESTS FOR POSITIONS**

EL Teachers	EL Teacher x1 <b>New Position</b> <b>Effective: Start of 2025-2026 School Year</b>	FC
EL Teachers	EL Teacher x4 <b>New Position</b> <b>Effective: Start of 2025-2026 School Year</b>	East

**INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

Danielle Aylward	Special Education Teacher <b>Offer Declined</b>	West
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Patrick Harris	10 Month Full Time Security <b><i>Offer Rescinded</i></b>	West
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Brenda Ramirez	FACS Teacher – Culinary Arts <b><i>Offer Declined</i></b>	East
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2.10.1 Approval to Bid Resurfacing of 59<sup>th</sup> Court between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets at Morton East High School

Member Kraft motioned to approve to Bid Resurfacing of 59<sup>th</sup> Court between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets at Morton East High School. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

2.10.2 Approval to Bid Installation of Pickleball Courts at Morton East High School

Member Kraft motioned to approve to Bid Installation of Pickleball Courts at Morton at Morton East High School. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

2.10. AUDIENCE COMMENTS - NONE

2.11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Pesek congratulated the re-elected board members.

2.12. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:34 p.m., Member Kraft motioned to adjourn. Member Kelly seconded.

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

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Jeffry Pesek, President

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Date

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Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

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Date