

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**District 201, Cook County**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 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 5:02 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at in the Garden Terrace Room at the Morton District Office by Member Pesek.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos and Jessica Jaramillo-Flores

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

**3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Member Kraft moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. in the Board Room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek, and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Jaramillo-Flores

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 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Member Kraft motioned to adjourn from Closed Session and Reconvene to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Terrace room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos

Motion carried.

**6. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Absent: Maria A. Gallegos

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

**7. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** President Pesek led the pledge.

**8. RECOGNITIONS:** None

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1. Superintendent's Committee Reports:**

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

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

**9.4. Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Report:** None

**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 Kraft motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

**11.1. Approval of Minutes:**

- 11.1.1. Closed Session
  - 11.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: June 11, 2025
  - 11.1.1.2. Special Meeting: June 25, 2025
- 11.1.2. Open Session
  - 11.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: June 11, 2025
  - 11.1.2.2. Special Meeting: June 25, 2025

**11.2. Approval of Payroll:**

- 11.2.1. Education: \$13,236,580.65
- 11.2.2. Building: \$754,981.99
- 11.2.3. Transportation: \$0.00

**11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment:**

- 11.3.1. July 10, 2025a: \$132,253.09
- 11.3.2. July 10, 2025b: \$6,118,212.23

**11.4. Approval of Student Discipline:**

- 11.4.1. **Expulsion(s):** None

**11.5. Approval of Personnel**

- 11.5.1. Personnel Report

**ADMINISTRATION**

Arianna Gonzalez	Assistant Principal (transfer from Assistant Principal at East) <b>Replacement for:</b> Glenn Brunton <b>Effective:</b> 07/02/2025	FC
Mark Sujak	Assistant Principal (transfer from Director of English Language Arts and Media Services) <b>Replacement for:</b> Arianna Gonzalez (transfer) <b>Effective:</b> 07/02/2025	East

**Administrative Contracts Signed**

Keith Beisman	Chief Technology Officer	District
Dr. Michael Kuzniewski	Interim Superintendent	District

## **CERTIFIED STAFF**

Lindsay Blackburn	Instructional Coach (transfer from English Teacher) <b>Replacement for:</b> Megan Delaney (transfer) <b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Giselle Espinosa Carrera	EL Teacher <b>Replacement for:</b> Georgianna Monnier <b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
Saeed Kuzmar	Math Teacher <b>Replacement for:</b> Catherine Goodwin <b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	FC
Erin Laxamana	Freshman Edge Teacher <b>Replacement for:</b> Zanaida Mandujano <b>Effective:</b> <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	FC

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

Christian Arenas	Freshman Assistant Football Coach
Kevin Cervantes	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach

## **NON-CERTIFIED**

### **Nurse Employment Contracts Signed**

Linda Crossman	School Nurse	FC
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### **Non-Bargaining**

Yasirahamed Mohamed Yaseen	Network Administrator <b>Replacement for:</b> Herbert Reyes <b>Effective:</b> <i>pending background check</i>	District
Jazmin Morales	District Projects Intern <b>New Position Approved October 2024</b> <b>Effective:</b> <i>pending background check</i>	District
William Womack	Systems Administrator <b>New Position Approved February 2025</b> <b>Effective:</b> <i>07/07/2025</i>	District
Lorena Garcia	Attendance Secretary <b>Replacement for:</b> Ana Olivo (transfer) <b>Effective:</b> <i>08/05/2025</i>	East
Cynthia O'Boyle	Clerical Substitute	

**Food Service**

Maria Acosta	Full-Time Food Service (Cashier)	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Rhonda Bustamante	
	<b>Effective:</b> 08/11/2025	

Lorena Garcia	Food Service Substitute	East
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Ana Orozco	Full-Time Food Service	FC
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Jenni Bencosme (transfer)	
	<b>Effective:</b> 08/11/2025	

**Security**

Diana Enriquez	10 Month Full Time Security	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Yanheli Patino	
	<b>Effective:</b> 08/08/2025	

Savannah Hunter	10 Month Full Time Security	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Jaelah Keys	
	<b>Effective:</b> 08/08/2025	

Ramonita Reyes	Temporary 10 Month Full Time Security	FC
	<b>Leave Coverage for:</b> Jaime Castro	
	<b>Effective:</b> 08/08/2025	

Brittany Rivera	10 Month Part Time Security	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Nadia Marroquin (transfer)	
	<b>Effective:</b> 08/08/2025	

**Maintenance**

George Cokinis	Fireman (transfer from Custodian at East)	FC
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Thomas Lovero	
	<b>Effective:</b> 07/14/2025	

**SUSPENSIONS**

Employee #9649	<b>Effective:</b> 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, and 07/30/2025
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**RESIGNATIONS**

Kevin Burke	Student Information System Administrator	District
	<b>Effective:</b> 07/15/2025	

Allison Quady	School Psychologist	West
	<b>Effective:</b> End of the 2024-2025 School Year	

**11.6. Approval of Board of Education Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125: None**

**11.7. Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 5:60:**

11.7.1. Colleen Del Monaco, James Connelly, Megan Delaney and Hannah Gallardo  
CTE Best Practices and Innovations Conference  
September 24-26, 2025  
Funding Source: CTE Department

**11.8. Approval of Student Travel: None**

**11.9. Approval of Facility Requests:**

11.9.1. LULAC of Cicero

**11.10. Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary]):**

11.10.1. CLIK Entertainment LLC – DJ for Morton East Homecoming

11.10.2. Spirit of Chicago – Morton West Senior Breakfast Cruise

11.10.3. City Cruises – Morton East Senior Breakfast Cruise

11.10.4. Student-Centered Services, LLC – Cathy Johnson

**11.11. Approval to Bid or Quote: None**

**11.12. Approval of Bid Results:**

11.12.1. Concession Truck

**11.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants: None**

**11.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property: None**

**12. ACTIONS ITEM(S):**

**12.1. Approval of ATC Settlement Agreement**

Member Kraft motioned to Approve ATC Settlement Agreement. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos

Motion carried.

**12.2. Approval for Architecture Rank Order and to Enter the Contract Negotiation Phase of the QBS Process**

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to Approve Architecture Rank Order and to Enter the Contract Negotiation Phase of the QBS Process. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

**13. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**15. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:** None

**16. DISCUSSION:** None

**17. CORRESPONDENCE:**

17.1. Uniform Policy Concern

17.2. Morton Music Program

**18. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

18.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at the Morto District Office on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

**19. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:09 p.m., Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

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

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Jeffrey Pesek, President

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Date

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Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

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Date