

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, July 29, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at in the Superintendent's Conference 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, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos and Dr. Margaret Kelly

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Michael Kuzniewski, Assistant Superintendent Mayra Arroyo, Director of Human Resources Randall Borgardt, CFO Nick Valderas, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Assistant Board Clerk Sally Walsh.

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

4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

5. ACTIONS ITEM(S):

5.1. Approval of Bid Results

5.1.1. Food Service Management Company

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve the Food Service Management Company. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly

Motion carried.

5.1.2. 26-27 Custodial Supplies

Member Kraft motioned to approve the 26-27 Custodial Supplies. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly

Motion carried.

5.2. Approval of Personnel

5.2.1. Personnel Report

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

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

CERTIFIED STAFF

Yasmin Carrillo	Science Teacher	West
	Replacement for: Rosa Reimer	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Marissa DeLaurentis	Special Education Teacher	FC
	Replacement for: Erin Laxamana (transfer)	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Elisha Langdon	Special Education Teacher	FC
	Replacement for: Adilene Medina (transfer)	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Adilene Medina	Special Education Teacher (transfer from FC)	East
	Replacement for: Edwin Bagley	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Martin Orozco	Math Teacher (transfer from EL at East)	West
	Replacement for: Alyssa Morales	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Joseph Petrone	Special Education Teacher	East
	Replacement for: Trinite Leave	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Noelia Rivera	EL Teacher	West
	Replacement for: Madeline Geyer	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
Laura Turk	Special Education Teacher	West
	Replacement for: Laura Winkelmann	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	

Coaching/Clubs/Activities for the 2026-2027 School Year

Jesus Valadez	Assistant Flag Football Coach
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Lead Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year

Daniel Bulster	Lead Special Education Teacher	East
Sylvia O'Malley	Lead EL Teacher	West

Substitute Teachers

Dean Matsui	Long Term Substitute Math Teacher Coverage for: Nathaniel Moore Effective: 08/28/2026 – 09/18/2026	East
Ruth Nava	Long Term Substitute PE/Health Teacher Coverage for: Megan Gary Effective: 08/10/2026 – 09/18/2026	FC
Francis Zaylik	Permanent Substitute Teacher Effective: 08/10/2026	West

NON-CERTIFIED Non-Bargaining

Crystal Perez	Human Resources Generalist (transfer from Principal's Secretary at West) Replacement for: Elizabeth Garcia Effective: TBD	District
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Food Service

Christina Acosta	Cook Replacement for: Gertrude Rodriguez Effective: 08/05/2026	FC
Raquel Guillen	Full Time Food Service Replacement for: Raquel Fregoso (transfer) Effective: 08/05/2026	East

Clerical

Claudia Gonzalez	Principal's Secretary (transfer from Assistant Principal's Secretary) Replacement for: Crystal Perez (transfer) Effective: TBD	West
Maria Zarate	Guidance Secretary (transfer from Assistant Principal's Secretary) Replacement for: Lucy Galvez (transfer) Effective: TBD	FC

Teaching Assistants

Marisol Beltran	Re-Assessment Center Teaching Assistant Replacement for: Sergio Nava Effective: Start of the 2026-2027 School Year	East
Xenia Bernal	Teaching Assistant Replacement for: Kenya Cano (transfer)	FC

6. AUDIENCE		Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	
	Kenya Cano	Teaching Assistant (transfer from FC) Transfer of FTE Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	East
	Juanita Ramirez	Special Education Teaching Assistant (transfer from CTE Teaching Assistant at West) Transfer of FTE Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	East
	Security		
	Marisol Sandoval	10 Month Part Time Security Replacement for: Shamar King Effective: <i>08/07/2026</i>	FC
	LEAVES		
	Grace Dwyer	Leave of Absence Effective: <i>2026-2027 School Year</i>	East
	RETIREMENTS		
	Gordon Gnat	Skilled Maintenance – Fireman Effective: <i>04/30/2027</i>	East
	RESIGNATIONS		
	Edwin Bagley	Special Education Teacher Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
	Stefanus Doelman	English Teacher Effective: <i>07/27/2026</i>	East
	Freddy Calixto	Special Education Coordinator Effective: <i>07/17/2026</i>	West
	Julian Hernandez	Softball Coach (only) Effective: <i>07/22/2026</i>	
	Alyssa Morales	Math Teacher Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
	Juanita Renteria	School Nurse Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
	Omar Serna	10 Month Full Time Security Effective: <i>07/26/2026</i>	East

COMMENTS: None

7. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS: None

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

8.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at Morton District Office on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:17 p.m., Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos and Kelly

Motion carried.

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date