

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
**District 201, Cook County**  
**Monday, January 5, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 3:08 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026, at in the Garden Terrace Room at 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, Business Manager Nick Valderas, Attorney Claudia Castro, 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. ACTION ITEM(S)**

5.1. Resolution Authorizing Preliminary Proceedings in Connection With The Issuance Of General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2026 Of J. Sterling Morton High School District Number 201, Cook County, Illinois, Of Up To \$102,000,000 Of Working Cash Fund Bonds And Paying For Costs Related Thereto

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing Preliminary Proceedings in Connection With The Issuance Of General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2026 Of J. Sterling Morton High School District Number 201, Cook County, Illinois, Of Up To \$102,000,000 Of Working Cash Fund Bonds And Paying For Costs Related Thereto. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Jaramillo-Flores

Motion carried.

**6. AUDIENCE 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, January 14, 2026, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 3:09 p.m., Member Godinez moved to adjourn. Member Tomschin seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos and Jaramillo-Flores

Motion carried.

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Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

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Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date