

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 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. Timothy Truesdale, Attorney Claudia Castro and Dr. Michael Kuzniewski

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer 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).

4.2. 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).

4.3. 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).

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

6. ROLL CALL

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

8. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY:** None

9. **ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1. **Approval to Adopt the 2024-2025 School District Amended Budget**

Member Kraft motioned to Adopt the 2024-2025 School District Amended Budget.
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.

9.2. **Approval of Personnel Report**

9.2.1. **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

Andrew Curran	Special Education Teacher	West
	Replacement for: 0.8 FTE Overload	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Erin Fagan	Billiteracy Coach	FC
	Replacement for: Liliana Tinoco (transfer)	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

NON-CERTIFIED

Nurse Employment Contracts Signed

Anne Biagi	School Nurse	West
Bernadette Doherty	School Nurse	West
Lisa Escobar	School Nurse	West
Nicole Gapen	School Nurse	East
Jasmine Hawthorne	School Nurse	East
Rosalba Hernandez	School Nurse	East
Mary Maloney	School Nurse	West
Christy Sullivan	School Nurse	West

Non-Bargaining

Erika Rodriguez	Administrative Assistant to the CFO	District
	Replacement for: Sonia Renteria	
	Effective: <i>06/30/2025</i>	

Food Service

Elizabeth Arroyo	Part Time Server Replacement for: Elizabeth De La Cruz Effective: 08/11/2025	West
Laura Contreras	Full Time Cashier (transfer from Part Time) Replacement for: Sandra Estrada (transfer) Effective: 08/11/2025	West
Maria Ramirez Zarate	Full Time Catering (transfer from Part Time) Replacement for: Paulina Pereda (transfer) Effective: 08/11/2025	East

Teaching Assistants

Sergio Nava	Re-Assessment Center Aide Replacement for: Diana Saucedo Effective: 08/11/2025	East
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Maintenance

Bryant Diaz-Colon	Substitute Custodian	
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RETIREMENTS

Mary Maloney	School Nurse Effective: 06/30/2026	West
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RESIGNATIONS

Catherine Goodwin	Freshman Edge Teacher Effective: 06/24/2025	FC
Sarah Lorraine	Dean of Students Effective: 06/27/2025	East
Zanaida Mandujano	Freshman Edge Teacher Effective: 07/25/2025	FC
Elena Rivera	Teaching Assistant Effective: End of the 2024-2025 School Year	FC
Alexa Vazquez	10 Month Full Time Security Effective: 06/20/2025	East

REQUESTS FOR NEW POSITIONS

Industrial Technology Teacher	Traveling Automotive Teacher New Position Effective: Start of the 2025-2026 School Year	District
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9.3. Approval of Superintendent Contract Agreement

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Superintendent Contract Agreement. 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.

9.4. Resolution for Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Capital Projects Fund of J. Sterling Morton HSD 201

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Resolution for Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Capital Projects Fund of J. Sterling Morton HSD 201. 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.

9.5. Approval of Disposal District Property

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Disposal of District Property. 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.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None

11. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

13. DISCUSSION: None

14. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

- 14.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at the Morton District Office on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

At 1:20 p.m., Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly

Motion carried.

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date