

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 5:11 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the Morton District Office Garden Terrace by Member Pesek.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Maria A. Gallegos, Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly, Jeffrey Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: Member Mark Kraft

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Tim Truesdale; Executive Director of Human Resources, Randy Borgardt; Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs, Dr. Josh McMahon; Chief Financial Officer, Christopher Blomquist; Attorney, Eric Stach and Board Clerk, Connie Chapman

3. MOTION TO ADJOUR TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Jaramillo-Flores moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1. Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

4.2. 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. 5ILCS 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. 5 ILCS 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. 5 ILCS 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)

4.7. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

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

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to adjourn from Closed Session and Reconvene to Open Session at 6:04 p.m. in the Garden Terrace room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

6. ROLL CALL

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

Members Zoe Bustamante, Maria A. Gallegos, Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly, Jeffry Pesek, Sandra Tomschin and Abbie Valladares-Stevenson

Absent: Member Mark Kraft

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Tim Truesdale; Executive Director of Human Resources, Randy Borgardt; Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs, Dr. Josh McMahon; Chief Financial Officer, Christopher Blomquist; Attorney, Eric Stach and Board Clerk, Connie Chapman

7. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

8. RECOGNITIONS

8.1. Boys' Cross Country Team – State Qualifiers

Alex Rodriguez	Miguel Flores
Orlando Sandoval	Valentino Diaz
Zach Bacci	Gianni Calderon
Kai Bell-Torres	

9. REPORTS

9.1. Superintendent's Committee Reports: no reports

9.2. Student Board Member's Reports:

9.2.1. Zoe Bustamante - Morton East

9.2.2. Abbie Valladares-Stevenson - Morton West

9.3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Timothy Truesdale

9.4. Associate Superintendent of Educational Program's Report: Dr. Joshua McMahon

9.5. Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer's Report: Christopher Blomquist

9.6. Executive Director of Human Resources Report: Randy Borgardt

10. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY – No Comments

11. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Member Godinez motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Tomschin seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Pesek, Valladares-Stevenson and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

11.1. Approval of Minutes

11.1.1. Closed Session

11.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: November 13, 2024

11.1.2. Open Session

11.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: November 13, 2024

11.2. Approval of Payroll

11.2.1. Education: \$8,600,312.14

11.2.2. Building: \$1,430,042.07

11.2.3. Transportation: \$2,092.50

11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment

11.3.1. December 12, 2024a: \$1,940,722.65

11.3.2. December 12, 2024b: \$50,716.46

11.4. Approval of Student Discipline

11.4.1. Expulsion(s)

11.4.1.1. 460731

Expulsion held in abeyance for the remainder of the 24-25 school year pending enrollment and participation in the Morton Alternative School.

11.4.1.2. 481354

Remain in re-engagement program at the FC for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 24-25 school year and pay restitution for damages.

11.4.1.3. 471610

Expulsion held in abeyance for nine weeks at the Morton Alternative school and counseling.

11.4.1.4. 470087

Expulsion held in abeyance for the remainder of the 24-25 school year pending enrollment and participation in the Morton Alternative School.

11.4.1.5. 452240

Expulsion held in abeyance for the remainder of the 24-25 school year pending enrollment and participation in the Morton Alternative School.

11.4.1.6. 471377

Remain in re-engagement program at Morton East for the remainder of the first semester of the 24-25 school year.

11.4.1.7. 480105

Expulsion held in abeyance for the remainder of the 24-25 school year and the entire 25-26 school year pending enrollment and participation in the Morton Alternative School.

11.5. Approval of Personnel

11.5.1. Personnel Report

CERTIFIED STAFF

Jenna Boyajian	Special Education Teacher	West
	Replacement for: William Bloom	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Coaching/Clubs/Activities for 2024-2025 School Year

Angelica Chavez	Youth Technology Corps Club	East
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Substitute Teachers

Samuel Honan	Substitute Teacher	
Alyssa Tomasek	Substitute Teacher	

Night School Session 2

Elizabeth DeGraff	Night School Teacher	FC
Kayla Harnish	Night School Teacher	FC
David Waldron	Night School Teacher	FC

NON-CERTIFIED

Security

Natalie Marin	10 Month Part Time Security	East
	Replacement for: Melania Nunez	
	Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	

Karina Pacheco	10 Month Full Time Security (transfer from Part Time)	East
	Replacement for: Gino Martinez (shift transfer)	

Effective: 12/16/2024

LEAVES

Katherine Creech	Maternity Leave Effective: 09/15/2025 – 10/31/2025	East
Margarita Fernandez	Food Service Effective: 12/9/2024 – 01/31/2025	East

RETIREMENTS

Karen Bellafiore	Teacher Aide Effective: 05/22/2025	West
Michaelina Considine	Special Education Teacher Effective: 06/30/2029	West
Justin Kramer	English Teacher Effective: End of the 2028-2029 School Year	West
Richard Moore	Social Science Teacher Effective: End of the 2028-2029 School Year	West
Karen Onischuk	Teacher Aide Effective: 05/22/2025	West
James Tsenes	Physical Education Teacher Effective: End of the 2028-2029 School Year	East

RESIGNATIONS

Joel Gallardo	10 Month Full Time Security Effective: 11/15/2024	East
Raleigh Moon	English Teacher Effective: 12/25/2024	West
Lazaro Navarro	10 Month Full Time Security Effective: 12/20/2024	FC
Mayra Salazar	TSI Technician Effective: 12/05/2024	FC

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Vincent Gayosso	10 Month Full Time Security Offer Declined	East
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- 11.6. Approval of Board Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125
 - 11.6.1. JAC Travel Reimbursement for Jessica Jaramillo-Flores
 - 11.6.2. JAC Travel Reimbursement for Maria Gallegos
 - 11.6.3. JAC Travel Reimbursement for Fernando Godinez
- 11.7. Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125
 - 11.7.1. JAC Travel Reimbursement for Dr. Tim Truesdale
 - 11.7.2. Kevin O'Toole
Next Generation Science Network
January 15-16, 2025
Funding Source: Next Generation
 - 11.7.3. Andres Cervantes
Illinois Music Education Conference
January 29-31, 2025
Funding Source: Department Funded
- 11.8. Approval of Student Travel
 - 11.8.1. Alex Eukovich, Jacob Paterkiewicz and 18 Students
Boy's Bowling Tournament
Rockford, Illinois
December 27-28, 2024
Funding Source: Athletics Funded
- 11.9. Approval of Facility Requests
 - 11.9.1. OPRF Swim Team
 - 11.9.2. Brookfield Baseball and Softball
 - 11.9.3. Berwyn Board of Police and Fire Commission
 - 11.9.4. Woodstock Elite
- 11.10. Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary])
 - 11.10.1. Workers' Compensation Agreement
 - 11.10.2. Veregy – HVAC Design – Morton West
- 11.11. Approval to Bid or Quote
 - 11.11.1. Storm Water Detention – Morton East
- 11.12. Approval of Bid Results - None
- 11.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants – None

11.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property – None

11.15. Approval of Amended 2024-2025 School Calendar

12. ACTION ITEM(S)

12.1. Approval to Adopt Property Tax Levy

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve the Property Tax Levy. Member Tomschin seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

12.2. Approval of Resolution Appointment of Designated Person to Prepare 2025-2026 Budget

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned approval of Resolution Appointment of Designated Person to Prepare 2025-2026 Budget. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Pesek, Valladares-Stevenson and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

12.3. Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Pesek, Valladares-Stevenson and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

13. OLD BUSINESS - None

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

16. DISCUSSION - None

17. CORRESPONDENCE - None

18. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

18.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at Morton District Office on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28 p.m. Member Godinez moved to adjourn. Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Pesek, Tomschin and Valladares-Stevenson

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Kraft

Motion carried.

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date