

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, November 13, 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 5:09 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 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, Mark Kraft and Jeffry Pesek

Absent: Member Sandra Tomschin

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 Kraft moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Tomschin

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 Kraft motioned to adjourn from Closed Session and Reconvene to Open Session at 6:09 p.m. in the Garden Terrace room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

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, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Abbie Valladares-Stevenson

Absent: Member Sandra Tomschin

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. Kimberly Estrada - Morton East - Summer Internship, Aqui en Chicago Project at the Chicago History Museum

8.2. Board of Education

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

11.1. Approval of Minutes

11.1.1. Closed Session

11.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: October 9, 2024

11.1.2. Open Session

11.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: October 9, 2024

11.2. Approval of Payroll

11.2.1. Education: \$5,392,245.98

11.2.2. Building: \$766,691.43

11.2.3. Transportation: \$1,503.00

11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment

11.3.1. November 14, 2024a: \$3,904,276.39

11.3.2. November 14, 2024b: \$162,310.31

11.4. Approval of Student Discipline

11.4.1. Expulsion(s)

11.4.1.1. 473057

Expelled for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 24-25 school year, held in abeyance pending enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School evening program.

11.4.1.2. 471156

Expelled for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and the entire 2025-2026 school year, held in abeyance pending the enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School.

11.4.1.3. 450055

Expelled for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, held in abeyance, pending enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative school.

11.4.1.4. 481475

Expelled for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 school year, held in abeyance pending enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School.

11.5. Approval of Board Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125

11.5.1. Board of Education

COSSBA National Conference
March 20-23, 2025
Funding Source: Department Funded

11.6. Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125

11.6.1. Dr. Timothy Truesdale
COSSBA National Conference
March 20-23, 2025
Funding Source: Department Funded

11.7. Approval of Student Travel

11.7.1. 20-25 Chaperones and 500 Students
Morton West SAALT Lock-in
November 26-27, 2024
Berwyn, Illinois
Funding Source: Student Funded

11.7.2. Jonathan Carrillo, Chaperone and 16 Students
Morton West Civic Leaders of America (formerly known as JSA) Annual Spring Conference
February 11-16, 2025
Arlington, Virginia
Funding Source: Student Funded

11.8. Approval of Facility Requests

11.8.1. Stickney Soccer Association

11.8.2. Pink Divas & Gents

11.8.3. West Suburban Special Recreation

11.8.4. City of Berwyn Development Center

11.8.5. Class of 1954 Alumni Tour

11.8.6. Mustang Youth Football

11.8.7. Blanca Vargas

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

11.9.1. Morton West Junior Class Club Fundraiser

11.10. Approval to Bid or Quote - None

11.11. Approval of Bid Results - None

11.12. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants

11.13. Approval to Dispose of District Property

11.13.1. Dell 23" Monitors - Morton West

12. ACTION ITEM(S)

12.1. Approval of Personnel

12.1.1. Personnel Report

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: Member Godinez

Absent: Member Tomschin

ADMINISTRATION

Hannah Gallardo	Career and Work Based Learning Coordinator (transfer from Dean)	West
	Replacement for: James Connelly (transfer)	
	Effective: 01/06/2025	

CERTIFIED STAFF

Lead Teachers for 2024-25 School Year

Kathleen Carnahan	Support Staff Coordinator	West
Georgia Hiotis	Support Staff Coordinator	FC
Joscelyn Rivera	Support Staff Coordinator	East

Coaching/Clubs/Activities for 2024-2025 School Year

Victoria Ayala	Book Club	West
Michael Doherty	Rock Music Club	West
Deborah Maxwell	Book Club	West
Sebastian Mora	Youth Technology Corps Club	East
Brian Surina	Aviation Club	West
James Tsenes	Assistant Girls Bowling Coach	

Substitute Teachers

Diego Sandoval	Permanent Substitute Teacher	East
	Effective: pending background check	

NON-CERTIFIED

Non-Bargaining

Gerardo Godinez	Community Outreach Digital/Website and Social Media Specialist	District
	Replacement for: Darrielle McCord	
	Effective: pending background check	
Isela Martinez	Substitute School Nurse	FC
	Coverage for: Yesenia Earp	

Effective: 01/13/2025 – 04/0/2025

Interns

Esmeralda Arteaga District Projects Intern District
New Position (Approved October 2024)
Effective: *pending background check*

Dominic Cokinis District Projects Intern District
New Position (Approved October 2024)
Effective: *pending background check*

Food Service

Alondra Martinez Part Time Food Service East
Replacement for: Sophia Flores
Effective: *pending background check*

Nathan Orozco Full Time Food Service East
Replacement for: Virginia Goodman
Effective: *pending background check*

Julio Villasenor Food Service Substitute East
Effective: *pending background check*

Clerical

Blanca Lopez Attendance Clerk West
Replacement for: Mirian Medina (transfer)
Effective: 11/04/2024

Security

Leticia Avalos 10 Month Full Time Security (transfer from Part Time) FC
Replacement for: Sylvia Meraz
Effective: 10/25/2024

Karl Galbreath 10 Month Full Time Security FC
Replacement for: Jacqueline Johnson-Polk
Effective: *pending background check*

Shamar King 10 Month Part Time Security FC
Replacement for: Manuel Chavez
Effective: *pending background check*

Jose Pureco 10 Month Full Time Security Alt
Replacement for: Mariah Hinton
Effective: 11/13/2024

Julio Velez	10 Month Part Time Security Replacement for: Vanessa Rodriguez (transfer) Effective: 11/20/2024	West
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Teacher Aides

Ruth Mayorga	Teacher Aide Replacement for: Elena Rivera (transfer) Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	West
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Vince Plascencia	Bilingual Teacher Aide Replacement for: Jacqueline Navarro Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	FC
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Elena Rivera	Teacher Aide (transfer from West) Replacement for: Agency TA Effective: 11/11/2024	FC
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Police Officers

Nestor Carrillo	Police Officer Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	East
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Michal Skrabacz	Police Officer Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	East
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RELEASES

Employee #9786	Probationary Release Effective: 10/18/2024	
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SUSPENSIONS

Employee #9436	Effective: 11/20/2024	
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LEAVES

Samantha Rivera	Leave of Absence Effective: 01/08/2025 – 02/19/2025	
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RETIREMENTS

Virginia Goodman	Full Time Food Service Effective: 12/20/2024	East
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John Milaro	Maintenance – Receiving Effective: 08/22/2025	West
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Patricia Serpico	Teacher Aide	West
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Effective: 12/20/2024

RESIGNATIONS

Elizabeth Hettinger	Mentor Coordinator (Only) Effective: TBD	West
Mariah Hinton	10 Month Full Time Security Effective: 10/18/2024	Alt
Diana Saucedo	Re-Assessment Center Lab Teacher Aide Effective: 12/20/2024	East

12.2. Approval of the Continued Closure of the Closed Session Minutes from 11/9/2022 to 2/8/2023 based on the review and determination that the need for confidentiality still exists for all minutes

Member Kraft motioned to approve Continued Closure of the Closed Session Minutes from 11/9/2022 to 2/8/2023. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

12.3. Approval of the Destruction of the Verbatim Record Recordings of the Closed Session from 11/9/2022 to 2/8/2023

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve the Destruction of the Verbatim Record Recordings of the Closed Session from 11/9/2022 to 2/8/2023. Member Kraft seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

12.4. First and Final Reading Board of Education Policy Update Press Plus Issue #115: 2:70, 2:125, 4:70, 4:80, 5:130, 5:200, 6:140, 2:160, 4:15, 5:180, 5:290, 5:310; 6:110, 6:150 and 7:170

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to approve Press Plus Board of Education Policies Issue #115. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

12.5. Ratification of 2024-2028 Agreement between Morton High School Security Employees, Local 73 and Morton HSD

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Security Employees Agreement 2024 - 2028. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

12.6. FY25 School Maintenance Project Grant Application

Member Kraft motioned to approve the FY25 School Maintenance Project Grant Application. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

12.7. Approval of Board of Directors for Morton 201 Foundation

Member Kraft motioned to approve Christopher Blomquist and Martha Ramirez at Board of Directors for Morton 201 Foundation. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Gallegos, Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kelly, Kraft, Pesek and Valladares-Stevenson
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Tomschin

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, December 11, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:34 p.m. Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

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