

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**District 201, Cook County**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the Morton District Office Garden Terrace by Member Pesek.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Clerk Chapman called the roll and the following were present:

Members Fernando Godinez, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: Member Maria A. Gallegos, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores and Dr. Margaret Kelly

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 5:02 p.m. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Jaramillo-Flores and Kelly

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 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Terrace room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Godinez, Kraft, Pesek, Tomschin and Valladares-Stevenson

Nays: none

Abstain: Member Gallegos, Jaramillo-Flores and Kelly

Absent: Member

6. ROLL CALL

Board Clerk Chapman led the roll and the following were present:

Members Zoe Bustamante, Fernando Godinez, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek, Sandra Tomschin and Abbie Valladares-Stevenson

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores and Dr. Margaret Kelly

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 - none

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

10. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY – No Comments

11. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ayes: Members Bustamante, Godinez, Kraft, Pesek, Tomschin and Valladares-Stevenson

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Jaramillo-Flores and Kelly

Motion carried.

11.1. Approval of Minutes

11.1.1. Closed Session

11.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: December 11, 2024

11.1.2. Open Session

11.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: December 11, 2024

11.2. Approval of Payroll

11.2.1. Education: \$7,427,825.67

11.2.2. Building: \$959,703.20

11.2.3. Transportation: \$972.00

11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment

11.3.1. January 9, 2025a: \$48,232.18

11.3.2. January 9, 2025b: \$2,191,607.38

11.4. Approval of Student Discipline

11.4.1. Expulsion(s)

11.4.1.1. 460776

Expelled with services for the remainder of the 24-25 school year, the entire 25-26 school year and the first semester of the 26-27 school year

11.5. Approval of Personnel

11.51. Personnel Report

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

Ariana Bekteshi

English Teacher

West

**Replacement for:** Raleigh Moon

**Effective:** 12/19/2024

**Coaching/Clubs/Activities for 2024-2025 School Year**

Esther Cho

Assistant Girls Track Coach

Zahra Sammour

Assistant Girls Track Coach

**Night School Session 2**

Clarisa Basuel	Night School Teacher	East
Camille Brandon	Night School Teacher	East
Erica Coss	Night School Teacher	East
Stefano Crancich	Night School Teacher	East
Kent Frankfother	Night School Teacher	East
Denisse Henriquez	Night School Teacher	East
Maritza Huerta	Night School Teacher	East
Megan Kehoe	Night School Teacher	East
Elizabeth Mendoza	Night School Lead Teacher	East
Janet Montalvo	Night School Teacher	East
Nathaniel Moore	Night School Teacher	East
Esmeralda Ortiz	Night School Teacher	East
Jeremy Robinson	Night School Teacher	East
Veronica Rundell	Night School Teacher	East
Matthew Russo	Night School Teacher	East
Angelica Samata	Night School Teacher	East
Doris Tobin	Night School Teacher	East
Angelica Valdez	Night School Teacher	East
Enrique Yanez	Night School Teacher	East

**Substitute Teachers**

William Piva	Substitute Teacher (Rehire)
Alyssa Tomasek	Substitute Teacher

**NON-CERTIFIED**

**Non-Bargaining**

Carlos Navarro	TSI Technician	FC
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Mayra Salazar	
	<b>Effective:</b> 12/16/2024	

**Teacher Aides**

Luis Rodriguez	Teacher Aide (transfer from Security)	West
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Patricia Serpico	
	<b>Effective:</b> 01/13/2025 pending licensure	

**Security**

Gabriella Jimenez	10 Month Part Time Security	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Karina Pacheco (transfer)	
	<b>Effective:</b> pending background check	
Nadia Marroquin	10 Month Part Time Security	East
	<b>Replacement for:</b> Melania Nunez	
	<b>Effective:</b> pending background check	

Lisa Rojas 10 Month Full Time Security (transfer from Part Time) West  
**Replacement for:** Alexis Becerra  
**Effective:** 01/08/2025

**Police Officers**  
Michael Arlowski Police Officer East  
**Effective:** pending background check

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**  
**Summer Enrichment**  
Freddy Calixto Summer Enrichment Coordinator

**LEAVES**  
Yesenia Earp Maternity Leave FC  
**Effective:** 04/07/2025 – 04/17/2025

**RETIREMENTS**  
Geraldine Carpenter Teacher Aide West  
**Effective:** 05/22/2025

Roman Emano Science Teacher FC  
**Effective:** End of the 2028-2029 School Year

Marjorie Hyland Teacher Aide West  
**Effective:** 05/22/2025

Tracy Lloyd English Teacher East  
**Effective:** End of the 2028-2029 School Year

**SUSPENSIONS**  
Employee #9436 **Effective:** 1/15/2025 and 1/22/2025

**RESIGNATIONS**  
Gabriel Acosta Senior Network Analyst District  
**Effective:** 01/03/2025

Steven Edwards Security Supervisor FC  
**Effective:** 01/10/2025

**TERMINATIONS**  
Employee #9683 **Effective:** 01/09/2025

## REQUESTS FOR POSITIONS

Industrial Technology Teacher

Fire Science Teacher (0.8 FTE)

West

**New Position**

**Effective: 01/09/2025**

11.6. Approval of Board Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125 - None

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

11.8. Approval of Student Travel - None

11.9. Approval of Facility Requests

11.9.1. Woodstock Elite

11.9.2. Herman Mendez Softball

11.10. Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary]) - None

11.11. Approval to Bid or Quote

11.11.1. Athletic Trainer Medical Supplies

11.11.2. Custodial Supplies

11.11.3. Copy Paper

11.11.4. PE Uniforms

11.11.5. PE Towels

11.11.6. School Uniforms

11.12. Approval of Bid Results - None

11.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants – None

11.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property – None

12. ACTION ITEM(S)

12.1. Approval of Clerical Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Clerical Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

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, February 12, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:11 p.m. Member Godinez moved to adjourn. Member Tomschin seconded the motion.

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

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Jeffry Pesek, President

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Date

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Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

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Date