

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, June 11, 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 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at in the Garden Terrace Room 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 and Jeffry Pesek

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos, Dr. Margaret Kelly and Sandra Tomschin

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Timothy Truesdale, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Josh McMahon, Director of Human Resources Randall Borgardt, CFO Christopher Blomquist, Attorney Claudia Castro, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Sally Walsh.

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Jaramillo-Flores moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. in the Board Room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flore, Kraft and Pesek

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Kelly and Tomschin

Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

4.2. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee 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).

4.3. 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. 5ILCS 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. 5ILCS 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)

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 6:22 p.m. in the Garden Terrace room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Kelly and Tomschin

Motion carried.

6. ROLL CALL

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

Members Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Mark Kraft and Jeffry Pesek

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos, Dr. Margaret Kelly and Sandra Tomschin

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Timothy Truesdale, Attorney Claudia Castro, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Sally Walsh

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

8. RECOGNITIONS:

8.1. Staff:

Dina Loumakis

Loukia Mastrodimos

Pharmacy Technician Students

Abygail Martinez

Arely Grajeda

Crystal Patino

Evyangely Ferrer Castro

Marlen Resendez Leyva

Rosalia Cruzado

8.2. Boys' Rugby

Coaches:

Head Coach: Aaron Sweeney

Assistant Coaches: Adrian Gannon, Dan Delaney, Cesar Ramirez, Gonzo Barragan and Danny Raygoza

Student Managers: Yvette Arceo, Miley Berrios, Ashly Madrigal, Sabina Maldonado and Jasmin Vargas

Athletes:

Coaches:

Julian Alarcon

Francisco Aldana

Miguel Barban

Krystian Belmer

Tramar Bratton

Christian Carranza

Daniel Carranza

Allan Correa

Israel Duran

Gerald Espinoza

Michael Esquivel

Miguel Estrada

Brian Garfias
 Esteban Solis
 Fortunato Campos
 Manuel Lopez
 Jose Martinez
 Victor Mejia
 David Ocampo
 Daniel Razo
 Xavier Soto
 Emmanuel Cano
 Kevin Lainez
 Julian Mendoza
 Nathian Perez
 Adrian Saucedo
 Aidan Torres

Alejandro Perez
 Osvaldo Villalba
 Romeo Garcia
 Diegoivan Lozano
 Alejandro Medina
 Hristo Melo
 Argenis Ortega
 Anthony Rubio
 Vince Veals
 Henry De La Cruz
 Jonathan Leanos
 Santiago Moya
 Anthony Pineda
 David Malvaez
 Leonardo Argueta

Jaime Pesina
 Daniel Cahue
 Andrew Garza
 David Martinez
 Noah Medo
 Adrian Mora
 Abel Quintana
 Ethan Lopez
 Khريس Moreno
 Elijah Flores
 Jesse Mena
 Kevin Navarrete
 Anthony Salgado
 Christopher Serna

8.3. Girls' Rugby

Coaches:

Head Coach: Luis Castanon

Assistant Coaches: Ricardo Santillan, Gerardo Medina and Jose Salazar

Student Managers: Alexandra Casillas, Mirian Corona and Kimberly Vazquez

Athletes:

Jeanette Aldana
 Isabel Arana
 Melissa Castellanos
 Ahnais Del Valle
 Dania Graullera
 Jalissa Jaramillo
 Andrea Martinez
 Genesys Mireles
 Ava Perez
 Monica Roman
 Heidi Sotelo
 Ana Vela

Alysson Alpizar
 Liliana Avalos
 Brianna Cruz
 Daisy Escalera
 Stefany Guzman
 Valentia Lopez
 Brissia Mendez
 Bellarely Molina
 Nadia Perez
 Isabella Salcido
 Yareli Valdez
 Fatima Velazquez

Genesis Andry
 Yolanda Barrera
 Nazalia De la Puente
 Yazmin Garcia
 Nevaeh Hearvey
 Jazelle Martin
 Kamila Mendez
 Fatima Ocana
 Karla Ramirez
 Isabella Sanchez
 Makayla Veals
 Gaby Villasenor

8.4. Boys' Track and Field

Coaches:

Head Coach: Ken Lager

Distance Coach: Bill Bloom

Assistance Distance Coach: Rob Anderson

Sprints & Relays Coach: Nate Munoz

Jumps Coach: Jerome Warren

Pole Vault Coach: Joe Gianneschi

Athletes:

Alex Rodriguez:	4 x 800 Meter Relay & 1600 Meter Run
Orlando Sandoval	4 x 800 Meter Relay and 1600 Meter Run
Miguel Flores	4 x 800 Meter Relay and 3200 Meter Run
Christian Valadez	4 x 800 Meter Relay
Noah Bey	110 High Hurdles
Alan Rivera	Pole Vault

9. REPORTS

9.1. Superintendent's Committee Reports: None

9.2. Student Board Member's Reports: None

9.3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Truesdale reported.

9.4. Assistant Superintendent of Educational Program's Report: Dr. McMahon reported.

9.5. Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Report: Mr. Blomquist reported.

9.6. Executive Director of Human Resources' Report: Mr. Borgardt reported.

10. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

11. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Member Kraft motioned to Pull the Amended Personnel Report and Vote on Separately. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Amended Personnel Report. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

11.4. Approval of Personnel:

11.4.1. Personnel Report

ADMINISTRATION

Keith Beisman	Chief Technology Officer (transfer from Technology Education Teacher at East) New Position Approved April 9, 2025 Effective: 07/01/2025	District
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Christopher Camerano	Dean of Students Replacement for: Sarah Lorraine Effective: 07/29/2025	East
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Megan Delaney	Career and Work Based Learning Coordinator (transfer from Instructional Coach at West)	East
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Replacement for: Loukia Mastrodimos
Effective: 07/29/2025

Alex Karr	Dean of Students Replacement for: Matthew Kocourek (transfer) Effective: 07/29/2025	West
Matthew Kocourek	Director of PE, Health, and Driver Education (transfer from Dean at West) Replacement for: Austin Reagan Effective: 07/01/2025	District
Dr. Michael Kuzniewski	Interim Superintendent Replacement for: Dr. Timothy Truesdale Effective: 07/01/2025	District

CERTIFIED STAFF

Meaghan Collins	Science Teacher Replacement for: Justin Chang Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Miguel Gutierrez	EL Teacher New Position Approved April 24, 2025 Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
Jaweria Hamid	School Psychologist Replacement for: Allison Quady Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Allyson Hansen	Math Teacher New Position Approved May 2025 Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
Juan Hernandez-Flores	EL Teacher (transfer from Teaching Assistant) Replacement for: Lithza Mateo Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
AiLien Hung	Chinese Teacher (transfer from West) Replacement for: Shiyun Pan (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
Nicole Jameson	Social Science Teacher (transfer from EL Teacher)	West

	Replacement for: McKenna Powers (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	
Katelyn Klein	EL Teacher Replacement for: Nicole Jameson (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Amy Kulaga	Freshman Edge Teacher Replacement for: Raja Shah Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Blake Lindholm	EL Teacher (transfer from English Teacher) New Position Approved April 24, 2025 Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
Rafael Mendoza	English Teacher Replacement for: Raleigh Moon Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Maggie Morales	EL Teacher (transfer from Freshman Edge) New Position Approved April 9, 2025 Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	FC
Madison Murphy	Freshman Edge Teacher Replacement for: Alexandra Platek (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Sean O'Hara	Special Education Teacher Replacement for: Zachary Bastian Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Martin Orozco	EL Teacher New Position Approved April 24, 2025 Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	East
Shiyun Pan	Chinese Teacher (transfer from East) Replacement for: AiLien Hung (transfer) Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Kevin Paulus	Social Science Teacher (transfer from EL Teacher) Reduction in EL Support Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	West
Alexandra Platek	English Teacher (transfer from Freshman Edge at West)	East

Replacement for: Blake Lindholm (transfer)
Effective: *Start of the 2025-2026 School Year*

Diana Saucedo	English Teacher	East
	Replacement for: Lilia Contreras	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Stephanie Tadda	Freshman Edge Teacher	West
	Replacement for: Mark Anbinder	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Liliana Tinoco	EL Teacher (transfer from Biliteracy Coach)	FC
	New Position Approved April 9, 2025	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Lizeth Torres Lima	School Psychologist	West
	Replacement for: Elizabeth Sanchez	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Abigail Vanderlee	Science Teacher	East
	Replacement for: Kristel Garcia	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Coaching/Clubs/Activities for the 2025-2026 School Year

Maria Vitalo	Assistant Cheer Coach
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NON-CERTIFIED

Non-Bargaining

Sandra Estrada	Food Service Manager (transfer from full-time Food Service)	West
	Replacement for: Jeannie Lynch	
	Effective: <i>06/03/2025</i>	

Food Service

Yolanda Ramirez	Head Cook (transfer from Assistant Cook at West)	East
	Replacement for: Eliada Dermos	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Teaching Assistants

Jenni Bencosme	Teaching Assistant (transfer from Food Service)	FC
	Replacement for: Katherine Dattner	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Clerical

Llaqueni Guzman	LSS Secretary (transfer from Assistant LSS Secretary) Replacement for: Sally Walsh (transfer) Effective: 06/12/2025	District
Denise Speck	Clerical Substitute	

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer School

Azailee Barraza	Summer School Teaching Assistant	East
Kimberly Dominguez	Summer School Teacher	East
Megan Jennings	Summer School Teacher	East
Matthew Russo	Summer School Teacher	East
Joel Ruvalcaba	Summer School Teacher	East
Victoria Therriault	Summer School Librarian	East
Rebecca Wilson	Summer School Teacher	East

Summer Bridge

Elizabeth Dominick	Summer Bridge Nurse	FC
Maureen Holt	Summer Bridge Teacher	FC
Paola Ibarra	Summer Bridge Teacher	West
Vanessa Montalvo	Summer Bridge Teacher	FC
Shiyun Pan	Summer Bridge Teacher	FC
Alexandra Platek	Summer Bridge Teacher	West
Dea Qendro	Summer Bridge Teacher	West

Summer Boot Camps

Samuel Bonner	Boot Camp Teacher	East
Cassandra Drummond	Boot Camp Teacher	East
Alexandra Payne	Boot Camp Teacher	West
Kate Perek	Boot Camp Teacher	West
Silvestre Rodriguez	Boot Camp Teacher	West
Sara Svoboda	Boot Camp Teacher	West

Summer Enrichment Seminars

Natalie Juarez	Summer Enrichment Seminar Teacher	West
Samantha Letkiewicz	Summer Enrichment Seminar Teacher	West
Mario Valdivia	Summer Enrichment Seminar Teacher	FC

Extended School Year

Deanna Bednowicz	ESY Teaching Assistant	MTC
Gabriel De Loera	ESY Teaching Assistant	MTC
Elva Lopez	ESY Teaching Assistant	MTC
Yadira Nungaray	ESY Teaching Assistant	MTC
Bianca Reyes	ESY Teaching Assistant	MTC

Summer Temporary Operations Help

Blanca Lopez	Summer Temporary Operations Help	West
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Summer Bookstore Helpers

Antonio Ballesteros	Summer Bookstore Helper	FC
Maria Calvillo	Summer Bookstore Helper	East
Maria Loza	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Martina Magallanes	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Tammy Moreno	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Miguel Payan	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Aida Rivas	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Juliana Salcedo	Summer Bookstore Helper	East
Carla Sanchez	Summer Bookstore Helper	East
Joseph Starr Jr.	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Erica Torres	Summer Bookstore Helper	West
Silvia Velasquez	Summer Bookstore Helper	West

Summer Maintenance Help

Brendan Chlada	Summer Maintenance Help
Miriam Lopez	Summer Maintenance Help
Miriam Martinez	Summer Maintenance Help
Rosa Pina	Summer Maintenance Help
Diana Sahagun	Summer Maintenance Help

LEAVES

Lithza Mateo Nieves	Leave of Absence	West
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Effective: 2025-2026 School Year

RELEASES

Employee #9939	Probationary Release
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Effective: 05/23/2025

RESIGNATIONS

Mark Anbinder	Freshman Edge Teacher	West
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Effective: End of the 2024-2025 School Year

Zachary Bastian	Special Education Teacher	West
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Effective: *End of the 2024-2025 School Year*

Glenn Brunton Without Prior Mutual Agreement	Assistant Principal Effective: 06/30/2025	FC
Katherine Dattner	Teaching Assistant Effective: 06/05/2025	FC
Andrew Jordan Without Prior Mutual Agreement	Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Effective: 06/04/2025	District
Austin Reagan	Director of PE, Health, and Driver Education Effective: 06/30/2025	District
Sonia Renteria	Administrative Assistant to the CFO Effective: 07/11/2025	District
Ariana Villasenor Guzman	Summer School Security (only) Effective: 06/05/2025	East

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

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

11.1. Approval of Minutes:

- 11.1.1. Closed Session
 - 11.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: May 14, 2025
- 11.1.2. Open Session
 - 11.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: May 14, 2025
 - 11.1.2.2. Special Board Meeting: May 19, 2025

11.2. Approval of Payroll:

- 11.2.1. Education: \$11,352,374.43
- 11.2.2. Building: \$1,384,233.91
- 11.2.3. Transportation: \$2,002.50

- 11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment:**
- 11.3.1. July 10, 2025a: \$175,057.15
- 11.3.2. July 10, 2025b: \$3,827,366.93
- 11.5. Approval of Student Discipline:**
- 11.5.1. **Expulsion(s):**
- 11.5.1.1. 471215
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 11.5.1.2. 470694
After completion of out of school suspension, return to Morton Alternative School.
- 11.5.1.3. 470535
Expulsion held in abeyance pending the successful enrollment and participation at the Morton Alternative School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 11.6. Approval of Board of Travel Education and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125:**
- 11.6.1. Board of Education
2025 NASRO Conference and Project Unite Training
July 6-11, 2025
Funding Source: District Funded
- 11.7. Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 5:60:**
- 11.7.1. Sherrie Brassard and Jenell Radojevich
2025 Legislative Semester Community of Practice Workshop
June 25-26, 2025
Funding Source: Title II
- 11.7.2. Dan Anzilotti, Kristy Cavanaugh, Jonathan Duarte, Madaline Geyer, Robert Gordon, Jeanette Hammond, Sergio Moreno, Karen Santos, Benjamin Dobes, Jennifer Pustelnik, Laurie Gragnani, Zach Snyder, Katie Zale, Carlos Murillo, Veronica Hernandez and Jim Zundell
2025 NASRO Conference and Project Unite Training
July 6-11, 2025
Funding Source: District Funded
- 11.7.3. Mark Stoch
2025 HTEC Annual Conference
July 21-24, 2025
Funding Source: Department Funded
- 11.7.4. Colleen Del Monaco
ICTA Back to School Retreat

July 28-30, 2025
Funding Source: CTE Funded

11.8. Approval of Student Travel:

- 11.8.1. Nick Nelli, Sonia Rada, Tracey Jarosz, Veronica Fernandez, 6 Chaperones and 13 Students
Special Olympics State Competition
June 20-22, 2025
Bloomington/Normal, Illinois
Funding Source: Special Olympics of Illinois and Department Funded
- 11.8.2. Ricky Santillan, Gerardo Medina, Luis Castanon and 14 Students
Girls' Rugby Tournament
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 21, 2025
Funding Source: Girls' Rugby Account
- 11.8.3. Logan Brown, Miranda Garcia and 10 Students
Girls' Basketball Camp
Peoria, Illinois
June 27-29, 2025
Funding Source: Girls' Basketball Program

11.9. Approval of Facility Requests:

- 11.9.1. City of Berwyn
- 11.9.2. North Berwyn Park District

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

- 11.10.1. Carnegie Learning Math
- 11.10.2. Pearson Education, Inc.
- 11.10.3. Panorama Education
- 11.10.4. CLIC Liability Insurance Renewal
- 11.10.5. Natural Gas Provider

11.11. Approval to Bid or Quote:

- 11.11.1. Food Concession Trailer

11.12. Approval of Bid Results: None

11.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants: None

11.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property:

- 11.14.1. Exercise Equipment – Morton West

11.15. Approval to Hold Annual Maintenance Contingency Picnic

12. ACTIONS ITEM(S):

12.1. Approval of District Consolidated Plan

Member Kraft motioned to Approve the District Consolidated Plan. Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos, Kelly and Tomschin

Motion carried.

12.2. Approval of the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate the Purchase of Real Property at 1601 South 54th Avenue, Cicero

Member Jaramillo-Flores motioned to Approve the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate the Purchase of Real Property at 1601 South 54th Avenue, Cicero. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Gallegos, Kelly and Tomschin

Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS: None

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

15. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS: None

16. DISCUSSION: None

17. CORRESPONDENCE: None

18. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

18.1. A Special Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Morton District Office.

18.2. 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.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:57 p.m., Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Kelly and Tomschin

Motion carried.

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date