



J. Sterling Morton High School District 201

District Office, 5801 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois 60804

Open Session Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

5:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL
3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION
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)
5. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION AND CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING
6. ROLL CALL
7. PUBLIC HEARING ON 26-27 SCHOOL BUDGET
 - 7.1. Presentation by Administration
 - 7.2. Discussion by Board of Education
 - 7.3. Audience Comments
8. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
9. ROLL CALL
10. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
11. RECOGNITIONS
12. REPORTS
 - 12.1. Superintendent's Committee Reports:
 - 12.2. Student Board Member's Reports:
 - 12.2.1. Sofia Davila-Blanco - Morton West
 - 12.2.2. Annabelle Linton - Morton East

- 12.3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Michael Kuzniewski
- 12.4. Assistant Superintendent's Report: Mayra Arroyo
- 12.5. Chief Financial Officer's Report: Nick Valderas
- 12.6. Executive Director of Human Resources Report: Randy Borgardt
- 12.7. Principals' Reports:
 - 12.7.1. James Connelly - CTE
 - 12.7.2. Jose Gamboa - East Campus
 - 12.7.3. Dr. Erin Kelly - Alternative School
 - 12.7.4. Eric Ramirez - Freshman Center
 - 12.7.5. Dr. Jorge Sanchez - West Campus
- 13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY
- 14. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA
 - 14.1. Approval of Minutes
 - 14.1.1. Closed Session
 - 14.1.1.1. Regular Meeting: August 12, 2026
 - 14.1.2. Open Session
 - 14.1.2.1. Regular Meeting: August 12, 2026
 - 14.2. Approval of Payroll
 - 14.2.1. Education: \$3,434,845.21
 - 14.2.2. Building: \$687,189.05
 - 14.2.3. Transportation: \$0.00
 - 14.3. Approval of Bills for Payment
 - 14.3.1. September 10, 2026a: \$
 - 14.3.2. September 10, 2026b: \$
 - 14.4. Approval of Personnel
 - 14.4.1. Personnel Report
 - 14.5. Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125
 - 14.5.1. Mark Stoch
 - Illinois Technology Education Conference 2026
 - STEM For the Future
 - October 23-24, 2026
 - Funding Source: CTE Department Funded
 - 14.6. Approval of Student Travel
 - 14.6.1. Roman Emano, Stefanie Ammerman, Amalia Herrera, Hector Hernandez and 26 Students
 - FC Adventure Club Trip
 - Delton, Michigan
 - October 16-18, 2026
 - Funding Source: Student Funded
 - 14.6.2. Dalton Elkins, Brenda Lopez and 12 Students
 - East Snowball Retreat
 - East Troy, Wisconsin
 - November 21-22, 2026
 - Funding Source: Student Funded
 - 14.7. Approval of Facility Requests
 - 14.7.1. Cicero District 99
 - 14.7.2. Berwyn Rec Center
 - 14.7.3. Berwyn South District 100
 - 14.8. Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary])
 - 14.8.1. MPS/BFW Publishers - Purchase of "Achieve for Business with Personal Finance for AP" Textbooks

- 14.8.2. Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Insurance Renewal
- 14.8.3. Aetna Dental Insurance Renewal
- 14.8.4. CLIK Entertainment - East Homecoming D.J.
- 14.9. Approval to Bid or Quote
 - 14.9.1. Transportation
 - 14.9.2. SPED Van
 - 14.9.3. Garbage Services
- 15. ACTION ITEM(S)
 - 15.1. Approval to Adopt the 2026-2027 School Budget
 - 15.2. Second and Final Reading of the PressPlus 122 Board Policy Updates:
Draft Updates:
2:230, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:130 and 8:70
Draft Update – New
2:120-E3
Draft Update – Rewritten
7:330
Review and Monitoring:
2:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:70, 4:120, 4:175, 5:40, 5:110, 5:140, 5:185, 7:30, 7:80, 7:345 and 8:100
 - 15.3. First and Final Reading of Board Policy 5:180
 - 15.4. First and Final Reading Board Policy 7:340
 - 15.5. Approval of Construction Manager for Technology and Trade Center Pending Final Negotiations with the Superintendent
- 16. OLD BUSINESS
- 17. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
- 18. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- 19. DISCUSSION
- 20. CORRESPONDENCE
- 21. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - 21.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at the Morton Freshman Center on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.
- 22. ADJOURNMENT