

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of Mundelein High School District 120 held on the seventh day of April 2026, at 6:01 p.m.**

**Members of the Board of Education Mundelein High School District 120 present:**

**PRESENT:** Peter Rastrelli, President  
Mark Ponce, Vice President  
Aaron Wellington, Secretary  
Jennifer Hill  
Sean Hogan  
Laura Mellon  
Sophia Schneckloth

**ABSENT:** None

**D120 ADMINISTRATORS:**

Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent  
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy Superintendent  
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Dr. Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations  
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Legal  
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations  
Stacey Gorman, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Fred Kliora, Director of Security and Events  
Kevin Quinn, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
Stevee Libert, Interim Principal  
Joe Scheuers, Assistant Director of Athletics

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington were present for the April 7, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

**RECOGNITION**

Dr. Tafoya celebrated with board members and family members the achievements of Mundelein High School students. They included IHSA State Qualifiers from Girls' Gymnastics, Lexie Ede; Wrestling, Ethan Banda, Michael Vincic; Girl's Bowling Team, Rhiannon Ellis, Cecilia Osorio-Rodriguez, Alexia Pacheco, Alexia Pacheco, Morgan Lawlak, Mia Ryan, Paige Winters; and Boys' Swimming and Diving team, Jack Jansen, Marek Sikora, Cameron Wiklund, Daniel Tatevosian, and Griffin Rogers. Paige Prochnow, National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

He shared the coach's statements that expressed the season accomplishments that each student and teams had during the season.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Softball varsity coaches, Heather Ryan and Jackie Starkell, and student athlete, Shea Eaman, shared their opinion on the shortage of playable field space. They shared their concerns due to limited practice spaces and the team playing all away games, stating that it has contributed to a

loss of players. Coaches and the players feel the program is being overlooked. Head coach Ryan shared her prior communications and concerns about the season.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Ponce that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the consent agenda of April 7, 2026, which included:

- March 10, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Annual Renewal List
- Approval of Personnel Report
  - Change in Assignment, Certified: Andrea Pfannkuche, James Schiffer
  - Employment – Administration: Dan Lindahl
  - Employment – New: Amorso Bennett, Joseanna Moseby, Lauren Thompson
  - Employment – Coaching Updates: Max Keil, DeAngelo McClellan, Jason Newburger
  - Resignation: Daniel Crowe, (June 30, 2026), Susan Lange, (June 1, 2026), Maggie Mahar, March 27, 2026)

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli, and Wellington

NAY: None

Dr. Tafoya introduced the newly hired Math Department Chair, Dan Lindahl.

**DISTRICT 120 REPORT**

**FY27 Tentative Budget**

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the 2026-27 tentative budget. The tentative budget will be on public display as mandated by the State. She also reviewed the areas that will require monitoring for any changes. Board members held on the topic.

**FY26 Audit Services**

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to engage audit services with Baker Tilly US, LLP. District 120 has been notified that its long-time auditing firm, Miller Cooper, is transitioning away from governmental audits. Following an abbreviated RFP, three responses were reviewed. While Baker Tilly's price was not the lowest of the three, the experience with shared services provided a competitive edge.

**Community Donation**

Ms. Johnson shared a donation of \$500 from Weller Metalworks was made in support of the Spark Force: Minecraft Summer Camp. This contribution will fund all materials for middle school students, enabling them to create their own Minecraft 3D swords and laser imaging of water bottles.

**1% Sales Tax**

The Board discussed the 1 percent sales tax being considered by school districts across Lake County for placement on the November 2026 ballot. The tax would be used to fund eligible school facility needs, including capital improvements, technology infrastructure, durable equipment, and possibly school resource officers and mental health professionals. The Board will consider voting on whether to put the question to voters. To be placed on the ballot, school boards representing a

majority of students in Lake County must vote to support the ballot placement. Voters across Lake County would then decide if the sales tax should be implemented.

MHS Master Facility Project, Furniture Phase 1

Ms. Johnson reviewed bids to purchase classroom furnishings for the Health and Driver Education classrooms and adjacent common spaces. The furnishings will be procured through established purchasing cooperatives.

Village Green Phase 2, Bid Group #3

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids from four vendors to provide the site conversion of Village Green. The bids awarded include concrete, pavement (asphalt), fencing and landscaping work.

D120 Fieldhouse Addition Phase 2, Bid Group #7

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids for the fieldhouse addition of phase 2 in the construction project. bid group #7 for flooring and tile work for the cafeteria renovation, fieldhouse and competition gym.

D120 Fieldhouse Addition Phase 2, Bid Group #8

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids to provide elevators, waterproofing, fluid-applied roofing and TPO roofing for the fieldhouse and competition gym of phase 2 of the construction project bid group #8, for four vendors.

MHS Phase 2 Summer 2026 Abatement

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bid to provide asbestos abatement for phase 2 of the facility improvement project.

MHS Baseball Backstop Netting System

Ms. Johnson reviewed the replacement cost for the backstop netting on the MHS Varsity baseball field.

Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) Purchase

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to purchase an additional multi-function school activity bus to allow District 120 to support special programs, including field trips and athletic events.

Rental Agreement(s)

Ms. Johnson reviewed the two contracts to supplement the District's facility rental program. They apply to two primary feeder programs, Kirk Players and the Mundelein Mustang Swim Club. The contracted rates remain below the standard rental program but are structured to reflect the district's long-standing partnerships with incremental increases each year to move toward a more sustainable and transparent cost structure.

Co-Curricular Staffing Update

Dr. Tafoya shared the topic will be brought back at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

"I Love U Guys" Program Update

Jamie DiCarlo, assistant superintendent of student services and Fred Kliora, director of security and events, provided an update on the first year of training with the "I Love U Guys" Foundation which provides crisis response and crisis reunification training to schools. The also shared the vast majority of Lake County school districts are adopting this model. The administrators called it a simple and straight-forward crisis management program.

Establishment of Dates, Place and Time of Regular Meetings

Dr. Tafoya shared the MHS Board of Education must approve and set the dates and location(s) for its regular meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Education are held at 6:00 p.m. of every month, unless otherwise specified. Discussion was held on the conflict with the September board meeting date. They agreed to move the date to Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

2026 IASB Joint Annual Conference

Board members discussed who would be interested in attending the 2026 Illinois Association of School Board's (IASB) Joint Annual Conference that is held annually in Chicago.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Facilities

Committee member Wellington reported that significant progress was made over Spring Break. The district continues to have a good working relationship with the Village of Mundelein's Planning and Zoning staff, and that Phase 2 of the construction project is 60 percent bid out.

He also shared the challenges with bids for the flooring package and that the wet weather has hindered the progress on the temporary Girls Varsity Softball Field at Carl Sandburg Middle School.

Finance

Committee member Hill provided a brief update on the Finance committee meeting.

PRESS Policy

No update.

Shared Services

Dr. Tafoya shared that a meeting has been scheduled for April 23, 2026.

**REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES**

SEDOL

Dr. Tafoya shared that he will be joining the SEDOL executive board.

Community Outreach

Board members shared activities and ceremonies that will held in the community. They also discussed volunteering in community sponsored activities/events.

Legislative Update

Committee member Mellon shared various pending legislative updates.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

FY27 Tentative Budget

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve FY27 Tentative Budget, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

FY26 Audit Services

It was moved by Board Member Rastrelli, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve and accept the engagement of audit services with Baker Tilly US, LLP., in the amount of \$48,400.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

Community Donation

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the \$500 donation from Weller Metal Work to support the Spark Force: Minecraft Summer Camp.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

MHS Master Facility Project, Furniture Phase 1

It was moved by Board Member Hogan, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bids for the Mundelein High School Master Facility Project, Furniture Phase 1, for the purchase of classroom furnishings for the Health and Driver Education classrooms and adjacent common spaces. The furnishings will be procured through established purchasing cooperatives, including Sourcewell, TIPS, and E&I.

Furniture purchases from Lowery McDonnell Company (LMC) will be made through the Sourcewell and TIPS cooperatives and will include student chairs, arm seating, soft seating, student workstations, and various tables for classroom and common-space use, in the amount of \$63,997.60.

Additional height-adjustable desks and storage pedestals will be purchased from Forward Space through the E&I cooperative in the amount of \$9,014.70.

Total amount for both purchases of \$73,012.30.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

Village Green Phase 2, Bid Group #3

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bids from the vendors below to provide the site conversion of the Village Green project in the amount of \$2,712,595.

With respect to change orders that necessitate an increase in the cost of contracts by 10% or more, or which will change the time of completion by a total of 30 days or more, the Board authorizes its Superintendent or designee to make the written determinations required by 720 ILCS 5/33E-9, that:

(1)

The circumstances said to necessitate the change in performance were not reasonably foreseeable at the time the contract was signed, or (2) the change is germane to the original contract as signed, or (3) the change order is in the best interest of the District and is authorized by law.

In accordance with District policy, the recommended bidders have submitted and signed the required Conflict of Interest Disclosure form confirming there is no conflict of interest.

<u>Bid Awarded</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>	<u>Proposal Received</u>
<b>Concrete</b>	Lindblad Construction Company of Joliet (Joliet, IL)	<b>\$702,200.00</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Pavement (Asphalt)</b>	<b>Chadwick Contracting Co. (Lake in the Hills, IL)</b>	<b>\$422,900.00</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>Action Fence Contractors (Mundelein, IL)</b>	<b>\$765,775.00</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Landscaping</b>	<b>Allied Landscaping Corp (Joliet, IL)</b>	<b>\$821,720.00</b>	<b>3</b>

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

D120 Fieldhouse Addition Phase 2, Bid Group #7

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bid from the vendor below to provide the cafeteria renovation, fieldhouse, and competition gym addition for the Mundelein High School Master Facilities Plan Phase 2 project in the amount of \$3,061,150.

<u>Bid Awarded</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>	<u>Proposal Received</u>
<b>Flooring &amp; Tile</b>	<b>TSI Commercial Floor Covering (Orland Park, IL)</b>	<b>\$3,061,150.00</b>	<b>3</b>

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NAY: None

D120 Fieldhouse Addition Phase 2, Bid Group #8

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bid from the vendors below to provide a fieldhouse and competition gym addition for the Master Facilities Plan Phase 2 project in the amount of \$3,798,014.

<u>Bid Awarded</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>	<u>Proposal Received</u>
<b>Elevators</b>	<b>Schindler Elevator Corporation (Itasca,IL)</b>	<b>\$158,700.00</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Waterproofing</b>	<b>ASC Fireproofing (South Elgin, IL)</b>	<b>\$658,718.00</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Fluid- Applied Roofing</b>	<b>Anthony Roofing Tecta America, LLC (Aurora,IL)</b>	<b>\$572,710.00</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TPO Roofing</b>	<b>Anthony Roofing Tecta America, LLC (Aurora,IL)</b>	<b>\$2,407,886.00</b>	<b>4</b>

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AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

MHS Phase 2 Summer 2026 Abatement

It was moved by Board Member Rastrelli, seconded by Board Member Wellington, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bid from the vendor below to provide asbestos abatement for the Mundelein High School Master Facility Phase 2 project in the amount of \$103,480.

<u>Bid Awarded</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>	<u>Proposal Received</u>
<b>Asbestos Abatement</b>	<b>CEC Environmental (Chicago Ridge, IL)</b>	<b>\$103,480</b>	<b>7</b>

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Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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NAY: None

MHS Baseball Backstop Netting System

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve National Sports Nets, LLC in the amount of \$37,610.00 to replace the baseball backstop netting.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

Approval to Purchase a Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB)

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the purchase of a Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) for a total cost not to exceed \$80,000.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

Rental Agreement with Kirk Players

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Schneckloth, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the rental agreement with The Kirk Players, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

Rental Agreement with Mundelein Mustangs Swim Club

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the rental agreement with the Mundelein Mustang Swim Club, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

Establishment of Dates, Place and Time of Regular Meetings

It was moved by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 adopts the establishment of regular meetings of the Board of Education begin at 6:00 p.m., as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

2026 IASB Joint Annual Conference

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve board members attend the 2026 Illinois Association of School Boards Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington

NAY: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Board Member Rastrelli, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board adjourn for 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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

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 minutes. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings 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)

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:47 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli and Wellington were present for the April 7, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

**ACTION**

Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the March 10, 2026, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth Rastrelli, and Wellington

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

Board president Rastrelli reviewed the board member reflection exit slip. Board members discussed the delays and challenges due to the wet weather to complete the temporary Girls Varsity Softball Field at Carl Sandburg Middle School. A lack of available local softball fields in the area has also

affected the ability to practice outdoors. Discussion was held on hosting a celebration upon the completion of the new softball field.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Board Member Schneckloth, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth, Rastrelli, and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on April 7, 2026, at 8:56 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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AARON WELLINGTON, SECRETARY  
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED