

**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 eighth day of April 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

PRESENT: Peter Rastrelli, President
Linda Vecchie, Vice President
Tom Ouimet, Secretary
Jennifer Hill
Laura Mellon
Mark Ponce
Aaron Wellington

ABSENT: None

D120 ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Kevin Myers, Superintendent
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy Superintendent
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Stacey Gorman, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Dr. Anthony Kroll, Assistant Superintendent of Specialized Programs
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations
Kevin Quinn, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Rahul Sethna, Certified Staff Member

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie and Wellington were present for the April 8, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Dr. Myers, superintendent, thanked retiring board member, Linda Vecchie, for her service to the Board of Education. He thanked her for her time, expertise, and passion to ensure that our community thrives and that students succeed. Her commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment made a lasting impact on everyone she has worked with. He shared her many achievements and expressed his deepest appreciation for her unwavering dedication to the school district's mission. Thank you for your compassion and leadership!

DISTRICT 120 REPORT

2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Assumptions

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the 2025-2026 preliminary budget assumptions. A recommendation for approval of the budget will be made at a regularly scheduled board meeting. Discussion was held on the topics.

T5 Data Center Campus Plan Update

Ms. Johnson reviewed the plans for a data center in Grayslake that will create an opportunity for property tax growth for the district in the near future. The district may be asked to consider some tax

concessions. Discussion was held on the topic. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Bank Account Closure

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation for the district to officially close a BMO bank account that has been inactive since 2020. The remaining funds will be transferred into the general fund.

AI Update

Stacey Gorman, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning and Rahul Sethna, certified staff member, provided an update on the district's generative AI work. They reviewed the goals, pilot program with Brisk and MagicSchool, and the evaluation criteria for AI platforms. They also reviewed the work of the platform, ethics and policy sub-committees; and how the AI platforms are being used in classrooms and in homes. Board members inquired about the expense and inquired if the local feeder schools have been invited to learn about the work being done. Ms. Gorman shared the district, will be hosting an AI workshop on April 30, 2025.

School Board Policy #6:14, First Reading

Ms. Gorman reviewed the recommendation for school board policy #6:14. A second and final reading will be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting

Textbook Adoption, First Reading

Ms. Gorman reviewed the recommendation for the textbook adoption of: AP United States Government, Dual Credit Chemistry, and AP English Language and Composition. A second and final reading will be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

School Calendar Modification

Dr. Anthony Kroll, assistant superintendent of specialized programs, shared that the construction firms have requested a longer summer break to facilitate more construction work. He reviewed proposed school calendars for school year(s) 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029. Discussion was held on the topic. The topic was tabled until after District 75's board meeting.

Establishment of Dates, Place and Time of Regular Meetings

Dr. Myers, superintendent, 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 6:30 p.m. of every month, unless otherwise specified. Discussion was held on the joint board meeting dates.

Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) Withdrawal

Dr. Myers reviewed the recommendation to approve the notice of withdrawal from Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL). He reviewed the district must petition for withdrawal with the SEDOL governing board no less than twelve (12) months prior to the requested effective date. The effective date would be July 1, 2026. Discussion was held on the topic.

2025-2026 Organizational Chart

Dr. Myers reviewed the proposed organizational chart for the 2025-2026 school year, which is modeled after a unit district structure. He emphasized the goal of the reorganization is to promote greater collaboration, increase efficiency and accountability, and ensure long-term alignment between D75 and D120.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Board Member Vecchie, seconded by Board Member Hill that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the consent agenda of April 8, 2025, which included:

- March 11, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- SAF Bill List
- Annual Renewal List/FOIA
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report
- Employment Certified – Long Term Substitute: Jennifer Fallon
- Granting of Tenure: Chelsea Troesch
- FMLA Request: Maria Tovar
- Other Leave of Absence Request: Maria Tovar, Maria Zavala Ruiz
- Resignation: June Kim, Anne Wrobel

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington

NAY: None

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance and Facilities

Committee members shared they continually meet with the architects to review the construction projects. Highlighting the importance of communicating plans with the community through monthly press releases. They also shared the Transition Center groundbreaking ceremony will take place on April 23, 2025. The construction bids will begin mid-April 2025.

PRESS Policy

No update.

Shared Services

No update.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

SEDOL

Committee member Mellon shared a SEDOL update.

Community Outreach

Committee members shared the various events they attended at the High School and community.

Legislative Update

Committee member Mellon provided several legislative updates.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Assumptions

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Rastrelli, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the proposed guidelines, assumptions and parameters that will be used in developing the 2025-2026 preliminary budget assumptions

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington

NAY: None

Bank Account Closure

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Wellington, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the closure of the BMO bank account and transfer the current fund balance to the general fund.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington
NAY: None

Proposed School Calendars

The topic was tabled.

Establishment of Dates, Place and Time of Regular Meetings

It was moved by Board Member Ponce, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 adopt the establishment of regular meetings of the Board of Education be held at 470 N Lake Street, Mundelein, Illinois, at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington
NAY: None

Resolution Notice of Withdrawal from Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL)

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 adopt the resolution notice of withdrawal from Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL), as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington
NAY: None

2025-2026 Organizational Chart

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Vecchie, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the 2025-2026 organizational chart, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington
NAY: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Board Member Vecchie, seconded by Board Member Mellon, 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)

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).

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposed 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 9:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie and Wellington were present for the April 8, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

ACTION

Consideration of Extended Childcare Leave of Absence

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 request for an extended childcare leave of absence for certified staff member, Maria Tovar.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington

NAY: None

Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Ouimet, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the March 11, 2025, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Mellon, Ouimet, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington

NAY: None

ABS: Hill, Ponce

President's Prerogative

Discussion was held on forming a short-term superintendent transition shared services committee, Hill and Mellon agreed to serve on the committee. Board President Rastrelli thanked retiring board member Linda Vecchie for her service to the community and students.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Vecchie, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on April 8, 2025, at 9:58 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOM OUIMET, SECRETARY
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION