

**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 twelfth day of August, 2025, at 6:14 p.m.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
PRESENT:**

PRESENT: Mark Ponce, Vice President (President Pro Tem)
Jennifer Hill
Sean Hogan, (Secretary Pro Tem)
Laura Mellon
Sophia Schneckloth

ABSENT: Peter Rastrelli, President
Aaron Wellington, Secretary

D120 ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy Superintendent
Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal
Kevin Quinn, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, and Schneckloth were present for the August 12, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 5-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Margene Sinclair and Willard Strom, community members, shared their opinions and concerns on future construction projects that will commence September 2025 on the Village Green property. They also shared their perspective on what the construction would mean for the North Hill subdivision.

Mike Warner and Amy Bartusch, Mundelein Mustang swim club members, shared their opinions and concerns about the facility's rental fees and the impact it would have on the club. They also shared their perspective on how the swim club supports the community and the swimming program.

Mike Lieberman, Jon Leslie Lynn, and Patrick Blake, Kirk Players members, shared their opinions and concerns about the facility's rental fees and the impact it would have on the theater group. They also shared the collaboration the group has with the high school theater program.

Mindi Billock, community member, shared her opinion on the budget and pricing related to the building rental fees.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Mellon that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the consent agenda of August 12, 2025, which included:

- July 15, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- SAF Bill List
- Annual Renewal List/FOIA
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report

Employment – Certified FY26: Angelica Ruiz Molano

Employment – Classified FY26: Janel Burt, Alexis Morris, Adriana Rubio

Resignation: Kristen Kinsella

Employment – Coaches and Activity Sponsors:

2025-2026	Activity Stipends & Sponsors for Payroll		2025-2026	Activity Stipends & Sponsors for Payroll	
Activity	Timing	Sponsor	Activity	Timing	Sponsor
Academic Team	Full Year	Steven Brin	Mock Trial	Full Year	Nicole Malham
Academic Team Asst.	Full Year	John Pauley	Model UN (1 of 2)	Full Year	Andy Johnson
Art Club	Full Year	Jonathan Pruc	Model UN (2 of 2)	Full Year	Jesse Piland
Asian Culture Club	Full Year	Samantha Rizzo	Musical Director	Spring	Madeline Martorana
Asst. Group Interpretation	Winter	Hayley Johnson	National Art Honor Society	Full Year	Kevin Shifley
Auditorium Manager	Full Year	Brandon Curtis	National Honor Society	Full Year	Aaron Dame
Band Director (1 of 2)	Full Year	Andy Sturgeon	National Honor Society Assistant	Full Year	Michele Bonadies
Band Director (2 of 2)	Full Year	Jerry Shelato	New Faces Director	Fall	Jeff Harding
Best Buddies (SPLIT .5)	Full Year	Kathleen Szydlowski	New Faces Tech Director	Fall	Katelynn Weidman
Best Buddies (SPLIT .5)	Full Year	Krysta Penuel	Newspaper	Full Year	Diane Covert
Black Student Union	Full Year	Shirlese Locke	Orchestra	Full Year	Anna Grig
			Paint & Design Specialist	Full Year	Robin Moe
Broadcast Team	Full Year	Kent Meister	Peer/AP Tutors	Full Year	Hope Babowice
Byte Club	Full Year	Austin Vazquez	Pep Band (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Andy Sturgeon
Chess Team	Full Year	Tom Buenik	Pep Band (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Jerry Shelato
Choral Dir (Musical)	Spring	Cory Thompson	Percussion Ensemble 1	Full Year	Ryan Jacobi
Choral Director (1 of 2)	Full Year	Cory Thompson	Percussion Ensemble 2	Full Year	Ryan Jacobi
Choral Director (2 of 2)	Full Year	Cory Thompson			
COEXIST (Gay/Straight Alliance)	Full Year	Leah Kolcz	Pit Band-Musical	Spring	Jerry Shelato
Color Guard	Fall	Kiley Billock	Poetry Slam (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Krysta Penuel
Common Ground	Full Year	Anna Grig	Poetry Slam (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Meredith Teuber
Community Outreach Specialist	Full Year	Fred Kloria	Puertas (1 of 2) (SPLIT - .5 each)	Winter	Carsyn Rodriguez
Community Outreach Specialist	Full Year	Oneida Huizar	Puertas (1 of 2) (SPLIT - .5 each)	Spring	Juan Lopez- Robles
Diversity Club	Full Year	Krysta Penuel	Puertas (2 of 2)	Full Year	Joanna Rodriguez
			Robotics Team	Full Year	Manny Aldana
El Baile (1 of 2)	Full Year	Carsyn Rodriguez	Robotics Team Assistant	Full Year	Melissa Whitaker
El Baile (2 of 2)	Full Year	Joanna Rodriguez	Science Olympiad (1 of 3)	Full Year	Jackie Hogan
Environmental Club	Full Year	Marissa Grayson	Science Olympiad (2 of 3)	Full Year	Mark Michalski
Equity Stipend - HR (1 of 2)	Full Year	Fred Kloria	Science Olympiad (3 of 3) (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Jacquelyn Vargas
Equity Stipend - HR (2 of 2)	Full Year	Oneida Huizar	Science Olympiad (3 of 3) (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Melissa Whitaker
FBLA	Full Year	Chris Hoster	Senior Class Advisor	Full Year	Leah Kolcz
FBLA Asst.	Full Year	Amy Amber	Show Choir Combo Band	Full Year	Andy Sturgeon
Film Club	Full Year	Kent Meister	Show Choir Director (1 of 2)	Full Year	Cory Thompson
			Show Choir Director (2 of 2)	Full Year	Cory Thompson
Freshman Class Advisor	Full Year	Alix McArthur	Sophomore Class Advisor	Full Year	Georgina Aguirre
Gaming Club (SPLIT .5)	Full Year	Austin Vazquez	Spanish Club	Full Year	Leslie Osorio
Gaming Club (SPLIT .5)	Full Year	Matt Crowe	Student Leadership (1 of 2)	Full Year	Carly Schwartz
Girls Who Code (Split .5)	Full Year	Andi McCulloch	Student Leadership (2 of 2)	Full Year	Nicole Pomerleau
Girls Who Code (Split .5)	Full Year	Marissa Grayson	Tech Theatre Dir (Musical)	Spring	Katelynn Weidman
Group Interpretation	Winter	Mark Landuyt	Tech Theatre Dir. (1st)	Fall	Brandon Curtis
Help One	Full Year	Ernie Billitier	Tech Theatre Dir. (2nd)	Winter	Katelynn Weidman
Jazz Band (1 of 2)	Full Year	Andy Sturgeon	Theatre Prod. Dir. (1st)	Fall	Madeline Martorana
Jazz Band (1 of 2)	Full Year	Jerry Shelato	Theatre Prod. Dir. (2nd)	Winter	Madeline Martorana
Junior Class Advisor	Full Year	Barbara Alvarez	Theatre Prod. Dir. (3rd)	Full Year	Jeff Harding
Link Crew (1 of 2)	Full Year	Cynthia Henrichs	Thespians/Drama Club	Full Year	Madeline Martorana
Link Crew (2 of 2)	Full Year	Patrick Gaughan	Voices Literary Magazine (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Diane Covert
Marching Band (1 of 2)	Full Year	Andy Sturgeon	Voices Literary Magazine (SPLIT - .5 each)	Full Year	Meredith Teuber
Marching Band (2 of 2)	Full Year	Jerry Shelato	Weightlifting Club (Strength Club)	Full Year	Craig Stocker
Math Team	Full Year	Randy Lerner	Yearbook	Full Year	Diane Covert
Math Team Asst.	Full Year	Brett Sorby			

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

DISTRICT 120 REPORT

FY 2025-26 Budget

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, shared that no additional inquiries were made on the 2025-26 budget.

D120 Classroom Addition Phase 1, Bid Group #3

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids that were received from the bid group #3, master facility proposals. The recommended contractors will provide the renovations for the D120 classroom additional phase.

Village Green, Bid Group #1

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids that were received from the bid group #1, master facility proposals. The recommended contractors will provide the renovations at the Village Green property.

Intergovernmental Agreement(s) with District 118 & District 127

Jamie DiCarlo, assistant superintendent of student services, reviewed the recommendations with the intergovernmental agreements with Wauconda School District 118 and Grayslake High School District 127. Both districts will send participants to the D120 Transition Center. Discussion was held on the topic.

Dr. Tafoya also shared the Grand Opening for the new Transition Center will be September 10, 2025.

Job Description(s)

Mr. McCreery, assistant superintendent of human resources and legal, reviewed the revised job descriptions for the building secretary's and webmaster. He shared the job descriptions were revised and adjusted to reflect the current job duties that are assigned to the roles. Discussion was held on the topic.

PRESS Policy #119, Second and Final Reading

Dr. Tafoya, superintendent, and committee member Hogan reviewed the second and final reading of PRESS #119 policy recommendations made by the Illinois Association of School Boards. They shared which policies include language and edit updates. Discussion was held on the topic.

Board Agreement Update

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the modifications to the declaration and board agreements. The board members also established the parameters for board-superintendent communication expectations. Discussion was held on the topic.

School Calendar Modification

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendations for the modifications for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school calendars. Discussion was held on the impact to students in the areas of testing, athletics and Fine Arts department. They also discussed whether the dates could be modified, and the topic tabled until the next scheduled board meeting. Discussion was held on the topics.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Facilities

Committee member Hogan shared information on the future construction of the Village Green property. He shared the facilities committee reviewed the open practice spaces and roofing and water proofing of the property. Ms. Johnson shared the rental fee rates will be reevaluated.

Finance

No update.

PRESS Policy

Committee member Hogan reviewed additional information from the second reading of PRESS #119. A recommendation was made to modify a policy that would recommend that language be added to include volunteers.

Shared Services

The shared services transition committee members met with the superintendent to review the board/superintendent progress goals.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

SEDOL

No update.

Community Outreach

Committee members shared the various events they attended. Committee member Schneckloth also included a recommendation to create a calendar of events that would include community and school events that board members could share and decide if they are interested in attending.

Legislative Update

No update.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

FY 2025-26 Budget

It was moved by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 adopt the FY2025-2026 Budget, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

Classroom Addition Phase 1, Bid Group #3

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 bids from vendors listed to provide the renovation at the D120 Classroom Addition Phase 1, Bid Group #3, in the amount of \$496,000.

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, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

Village Green, Bid Group #1

It was moved by Board Member Hogan, seconded by Board Member Schneckloth, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bids from the vendors listed to provide the renovation at Village Green, Bid Group #1 in the amount of \$144,500. Funds are budgeted in the Capital Project funds.

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, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement with District #118

It was moved by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Mundelein High School District #120 and District #118, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement with District #127

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 Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Mundelein High School District #120 and District #127, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

PRESS Policy #119, Second and Final Reading

It was moved by Board Member Hogan, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve PRESS Policy #119, second and final reading, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

Declaration and Board Agreement Amendment

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 adopt the document to establish the Shared Service Board-Superintendent Communication Expectation parameters, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

ABS: Board member: Hill

School Calendar Modifications

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Ponce, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the school calendar modifications for school years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, as presented.

AYE: Board members: Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: Board member: Hill, Hogan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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 8:57 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, and Schneckloth were present for the August 12, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 5-0

ACTION

Executive Session Minutes

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 July 15, 2025, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Schneckloth

NAY: None

ABS: Board member: Hill

President's Prerogative

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, and Schneckloth moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on August 12, 2025, at 8:59 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PONCE, PRESIDENT (PRO TEM)
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEAN HOGAN, SECRETARY (PRO TEM)
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION