

**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 tenth day of February 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Mark Ponce, Vice President

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 & Legal
Kevin Quinn, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations
Stacey Gorman, Director of Teaching and Learning
Kat McCreery, Athletic Director
Stevee Libert, Interim Principal

GUEST: Bruce Koch, President & CEO, Net56

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Rastrelli, Schneckloth and Wellington were present for the February 10, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

RECOGNITION

Dr. Tafoya celebrated with board members and family the achievements of Mundelein High School student, Denver Russell. He shared the coach's statement that summarized Denver's hard work and commitment to excellence.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 consent agenda of February 10, 2026, which included:

- January 13, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
January 13, 2026, Special Board Minutes
January 29, 2026, Special Board Minutes

- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Approval of Personnel Report
- Change in Assignment: Magaret August
- Employment – Administration: Autumn Graef, Tom Buenik, Joey Phillip, Rich Stiles, Jennifer Kazimer, Ben Horowitz
- FMLA/Other Leaves: David Bajjalieh, Marissa Grayson, Nicole Pomerleau, Alex Taylor, Sarah Teipel, Tom Wierenga
- MESA Resignation: Amy Bogseth
- MEA Intent to Retire: Corey Knigge (end of 2029-2030 SY)
- Employment – Spring Coaches:

Name	
Lerner, Randy,	Blezien, Jeff
Kuhn, Tom	Ward, Mike
Johnson, Andrew	Sierzputkowski, Jakub
Hermestroff, Dustin	Filley, Elizabeth
Borucki, Ray	DeVito, Don
TBD	McArthur, Alix
Kastin, Aaron	Falinski, Sebastian
Sweno, Jeff	Goodwin, Kelli
Holly, Ben	Martin, Grace
Sellers, Chris	Pauley, John
Moczisko, Mitchell	Alcantar, Noe
Silva, Jose	Kloss, Leah
Heelan, Anthony	Zagula, Brenda
Perez, Sal	Haller, Jane
Jump, Ryan	Samano, Ahtziry
Parola, Todd	McClure, Stephanie
Plucinski, Paiton	Licata, Madeleine
Rutz, Kurt	Ryan, Heather
Sweet, Nathan	Starkey, Jackie
Tsagalis, Jim	Mahar, Margaret
Adams, Alex	Mahar, Frank
Dressen, George	Sarti, Lisa
Willis, Beth	Keefe, Sara
Silva, Alina	Vukovics, Mike
Fansler, Mike	Teuber, Meredith
Diaz, Dago	Gross, Rachel

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Stevee Libert, Interim Principal, introduced and welcomed the newly appointed Division Chairs, Autumn Graef, Tom Buenik, Joey Phillip, Rich Stiles, Jennifer Kazimer and Ben Horowitz.

DISTRICT 120 REPORT

Revised Rental Fee Agreement

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, shared that the committee reviewed and proposed clarifying rental tiers, distinguishing community and non-school groups, maintaining category 1 priority, and streamlining fees to cover staffing costs appropriately. She also shared the Mustang Swim Club; Mundelein Park District and The Kirk Players are not part of the agreement.

D120 Fieldhouse Addition Phase 2 Bid Group 6

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids that were received from the Mundelein High School Master Facility Phase 2. Phase 2, Bid group # 6,. The recommended contractors will provide work attributed to the addition of the Fieldhouse, excavation and underground detention work and structural steel.

Cooperative Direct Purchases for MHS Emergency Power and HVAC Systems

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to purchase three items through two separate cooperatives. An emergency generator, 2 intake air units and 13 rooftop HVAC units.

Technology Improvements

Ms. Johnson and Bruce Koch, Net56, reviewed the recommendation to support the district with the remediation of high-risk cybersecurity gaps that were identified in a recent assessment. Discussion was held on various areas, that included the length, terms and cost of the agreement. They also discussed the timelines that the plan would utilize to support the improvements. It was agreed to hold a special board meeting on February 17, 2026, to allow for additional discussion on the topic.

Technology Equipment Purchase

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to purchase 600 Acer Chromebook Spin 311 devices and 600 Google Chrome Education upgrade licenses for the 2026-27 school year.

Lakeside Transportation Contract

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to approve a one-year contract extension with Lakeside Transportation, Cook, Illinois Corporation, for the 2026-2027 school year.

FY27 Certified Staffing Update

Shane McCreery, assistant superintendent of human resources & legal, provided an overview of general education certified FTE allocation for the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. DiCarlo provided additional information on the special education allocation. Discussion was held on the topic.

2026-2027 School Calendar Update

Mr. McCreery reviewed the recent changes to the 2026-2027 school calendar due to the high school athletics Fall sport practice schedule.

Mid-Year Review

Stevee Libert, interim principal, presented a mid-year update of the progress in various strategic planning areas. It included data-driven metrics and indicators used to monitor progress and growth. The advanced placement class also continued to increase. She also shared that 25 students have initiated and continued the Hope Squad program that began in middle school.

Redwood Development of Round Lake

Dr. Corey Tafoya, superintendent, reviewed the impact fees that were shared by the Village of Round Lake for a new development within the boundaries of District 120. He reviewed the potential contributions based on the calculations and method used to determine the impact fees.

Communication Consulting Services

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendations to hire Allerton Hill Communication to provide the district with additional support with communications to the community. They will aid with promoting initiatives, student successes, increase public awareness on the construction updates, and communicate the district's story. The total cost will be shared with District 75, pending their approval. Discussion was held on the topic.

Strategic Goals & Planning

Dr. Tafoya held discussion to gauge the board's interest in initiating a review of the district's strategic plan, with consideration given to beginning the process in June or July 2026. Discussion was held on topic.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Facilities

Committee members Wellington and Hogan shared the facilities meeting focused on financial updates and project progress related to the committee's initiatives. They also reviewed various construction-related projects and bids. The projects remain on-time and on schedule. Discussion was held on various topics.

A discussion was also held on regarding whether to open the meetings to all board members interested in attending. The topic will be reviewed again at the next scheduled board meeting.

Finance

Committee member Hill reported that the bond sale is going well and she also provided a brief update on the Finance committee meeting.

PRESS Policy

No update.

Shared Services

Dr. Tafoya provided an update on the projects that the committee reviewed. The next scheduled meeting will be held in March.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

SEDOL

No update.

Community Outreach

Board members shared activities and meetings that were held in the community.

Legislative Update

Committee member Mellon shared various legislative updates.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Revised Rental Fee Agreement

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 revised Rental Fee Agreement, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

D120 Fieldhouse Addition Phase 2, Bid Group #6

It was moved by Board Member Hogan, seconded by Board Member Wellington, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the bids from the vendors below to provide the renovation for the Mundelein High School Master Facility Phase 2, fieldhouse addition, Bid Group #6, in the amount of \$10,034,000. Funds are budgeted in the Capital Project funds.

<u>Bid Awarded</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>	<u>Proposal Received</u>
Excavation & Underground Detention	Berger Contractors, Inc. (Wauconda, IL)	\$5,624,000	3
Structural Steel	Affordable Welding (Chicago, IL)	\$4,410,000	3

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.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval to Purchase Mechanical and Power Infrastructure Equipment - Zonatherm Products

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Rastrelli, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve Zonatherm Products, as the vendor to provide a 500-kW natural gas emergency generator in the amount of \$333,795.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval to Purchase Mechanical and Power Infrastructure Equipment - The Brucker Company

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 Brucker Company, as the vendor to repurchase two Greenheck indirect gas makeup air units in the amount of \$73,251.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval to Purchase Mechanical and Power Infrastructure Equipment - Midwest Applied Solutions

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve Midwest Applied Solutions, as the vendor to provide 13 rooftop and custom DX energy-recovery units in the amount of \$3,477,800.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval of Master Service Agreement

Topic was tabled.

Approval to Purchase Technology Equipment

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve CDW-G, as the vendor to purchase technology equipment, in the amount of \$197,400.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Lakeside Transportation Contract

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve a one-year contract extension with Lakeside Transportation, Cook, Illinois Corporation, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Communication Consulting Services

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Schneckloth, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve Allerton Hill Communications in the amount of \$30,000, effective February 11, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

The total cost is \$60,000 that will be shared equally between Mundelein High School D120 and Mundelein Elementary School District 75, in the amount of \$30,000 per district. The final cost acceptance will be contingent upon approval from Mundelein Elementary School District 75 at its next scheduled board meeting.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: Board member: Hogan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hogan, 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. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

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 10:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Rastrelli, Schneckloth and Wellington were present for the February 10, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

ACTION

Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Hogan, seconded by Board Member Wellington, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the January 13, 2026, executive session minutes #1, January 13, 2026, executive session minutes #2, January 13, 2026, executive session minutes #3, January 29, 2026, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

Board president Rastrelli inquired if a board member would be interested in attending Leadership day at Mechanics Grove, District 75. A reminder was shared on the Mundelein Joint Village meeting and IASB Spring dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Rastrelli, Schneckloth and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on February 10, 2026, at 10:17 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

AARON WELLINGTON, SECRETARY
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION