

**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 March 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 (Secretary Pro Tem)
Aaron Wellington, Secretary (arrived at 8:02 pm)
Jennifer Hill
Sean Hogan
Laura Mellon

ABSENT: Sophia Schneckloth

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
Dr. Anthony Kroll, Assistant Superintendent of Specialized Programs
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Legal
Kevin Quinn, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations
Kat McCreery, Athletic Director
Stevee Libert, Interim Principal
Rich Stiles, Department Chair, Fine Arts & Career Technical Education
Emmanuel Aldana, Certified Staff Member
Mark Michaliski, Certified Staff Member
Jonathan Pruc, Certified Staff Member

GUEST: Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director, Lake County Tech Campus
Derrick Burgess, Principal, Lake County Tech Campus

CALL TO ORDER

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

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

RECOGNITION

Dr. Tafoya celebrated with board members and family members the achievements of Mundelein High School students. They included the Illinois Music Association All-State musicians, Andy Gallup, Natalie Moon, and Jacob Dubinskiy.

In addition, the Mundelein Varsity Dance Team members, Ava Erickson, Kaylee Estrada, Violet Goodrich, Emilia Harrison, Taylor Hinkle, Anna Hulls, Reese Kessel, Alexis Knauff, Lilianna Lopez, Lillian Oliver, Allie Olson, Emma Olson, Matilda Pimentel, Hadley Rocha, Aleksandra Safro, Kailiana Stanczak, Ella Szalony and Sophia Whipple.

He also acknowledged the Cheer Team members, Paisley Beam, Nalani Brooks, Avery Buckley, Calleigh Cacucciolo, Alyssa Crne, Khloe Glina, Ashleigh Grosvenor, Shannon Guerrero, Callie Hagel, Madison Lahey, Addison Lee, Lena Meyer, Ella Novotney, Elizabeth Osei, Alexa Puga, Reagan Russell, Leah Stanke, Madison Thomas, Alana Trotz, and Rylee Wise.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 consent agenda of March 10, 2026, which included:

- February 10, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
- February 17, 2026, Special Board Minutes
- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Annual Renewal List
- Approval of Personnel Report
 - Change in Assignment, Certified: Justin Hart, Chris Lagioia, Randy Lerner
 - Change in Assignment, Classified: Heather DeMuth
 - Employment – Administration: Tom Buenik, Arthur Vallicelli
 - Employment Certified: Payton Gibson
 - Employment – Spring Coaching Updated: Michael Cosentino, Paul Franzen, Angel Melendez, Tyler Stempinski
 - FMLA/Other Leaves: Sabastian Falinski, Danielle Giangrand, Andy Hirshman, KC Olson
 - Intent to Retire: Tom Buenik, Susan Theotokatos (end of the 2029-30 SY), John Harjung, (10/04/2027)
 - Resignation: Bryan Villanueva
 - Granting of Tenure: Barbara Alvarez Shannon Flynn, Shannon Franklin, Marissa Grayson, Rachel Gross, Joshua Jorns, Stephanie Lara, Juan Lopez, Elisa Metzger, Elliot Morrison, Joey Philipp, Samantha Rizzo, Lisa Sarti, Kevin Shifley, Rich Stiles, Sarah Teipel, Thomas Wierenga

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABS: Board member: Ponce

Dr. Tafoya introduced and welcomed Dr. Arthur Vallicelli, as the newly hired Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

DISTRICT 120 REPORT

Lake County Tech Campus Update

Dr. Sebastian Kapala, executive director, and Derrick Burgess, principal, Lake County Tech Campus, provided an update on the collaboration between the Tech Campus and Mundelein High School. Dr. Kapala and Mr. Burgess reviewed enrollment, course selection, and student success rates. Discussion was held on the topic.

Board president Rastrelli thanked them for being able to provide these opportunities for the students.

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Update

Staff members, Rich Stiles, Manny Aldana, and Mark Michaliski, provided an update on the Career and Technical education programs. They reviewed the goals, course and student growth, and the growing enrollment for the Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology & Trades curriculum. They also shared they are expanding the professional industry organizational credentials that students have an opportunity to earn prior to graduation

Dr. Kroll, assistant superintendent of specialized programs, also shared the opportunities for community connections the programming has provided. Discussion was held on the topic.

2026-27 School Calendar Progress Report

Stevee Libert, interim principal, and Jonathan Pru, certified staff member, provided an update that are being made to prepare for the 2026-27 school year calendar. They shared the together with stakeholders' they continue to review the areas and items that require additional planning. Discussion was held on the matter.

26-27 Encumbrance Expenditures Authorization

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the recommendation to authorize up to 75 percent of the 2026-27 preliminary control budgets, which are being developed within the encumbrance and expenditure budget guidelines. Discussion was held on the topic.

Community Donation

Ms. Johnson shared the Myers Educational Center received a \$1,500 donation from Jim and Joyce Photopoulos in support of the Transition Program. The district also received a \$500 donation from Direct Fitness Solution to support the Robotics Club.

State of Illinois Rock Salt Joint Agreement

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to participate in the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) CY2026-027 Joint Purchase Master Contract for rock salt. The agreement would be for a one-year term with no renewal options.

D120 Fieldhouse Comp Gym Addition Phase 2, Bid Group #7

Ms. Johnson reviewed the bids that were received from the phase 2, group #7, fieldhouse comp gym addition. The recommended contractors will provide work for the cafeteria renovation, fieldhouse, and competition gym addition for Mundelein High School. Discussion was held on the topic.

Classified Staffing Update

Shane McCreery, assistant superintendent of human resources and legal, reviewed the anticipated classified staffing allocation for the 2026-2027 school year. He also provided an overview of the adjustments and staffing recommendations for general and special education. Discussion was held on the topic.

Approval of Resolutions

Mr. McCreery reviewed the resolution regarding the non-renewal and honorable dismissal of three certified staff members for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion was held on the topic.

Communication Calendar

Dr. Corey Tafoya, superintendent, reviewed the communication plan to address the short- and long-term goals for the district. He also shared the next steps and the priorities that would be addressed in the 2026 communication cycle. Discussion was held on the topic.

Resolution Rescinding Petition for Withdrawal from the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL)

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendation to rescind the petition for withdrawal from the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL). Ms. DiCarlo also shared the changes that SEDOL has made to improve communication with the district. Discussion was held topic.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Facilities

Discussion was held in the district report. The next scheduled Facilities committee meeting will be a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Finance

Committee member Ponce reported that the Finance committee meeting reviewed revising the charts to financial reports.

PRESS Policy

No update.

Shared Services

Dr. Tafoya summarized the Mundelein Village Joint Official Quarterly Meeting held on February 27, 2026. He has also reported that he has reached out to Dawn Bridges, IASB Director of Professional Learning, to invite her to the July 2026 board meeting. Additionally, a shared service meeting is scheduled for April 2026.

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

26-27 Encumbrance Expenditures Authorization

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 authorize the administration to encumber and expend up to 75 percent of the 2026-27 preliminary budgets, which are being developed within budget guidelines established by the Board of Education, and to pay salaries and benefits within Board-approved rates and schedules before official budget approval.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Community Donation

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Rastrelli, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the \$1,500 donation to the Myers Educational Center from the Photopoulos Family and \$500 from Direct Fitness Solution for the Robotics Club.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval of 26-27 Joint Purchase Master 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 the 2026-2027 Joint Purchase Master contract for a period of one-year with no renewal options with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS).

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

D120 Fieldhouse Additon, Phase 2, Bid Group #7

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 cafeteria renovation, fieldhouse, and competition gym addition work at 1350 West Hawley St. for the Mundelein High School Master Facility Phase 2 project in the amount of \$44,458,404.

The Board hereby authorizes its Superintendent or designee to approve and execute contracts on behalf of the Board for services related to the project and to approve and execute change orders. 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 hereby 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.

No alternates to the base bid are being considered for approval.

<u>Bid Awarded</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>	<u>Proposal Received</u>
Acoustical Ceiling Tile & Ceiling Systems	Just Rite Acoustics (Elk Grove Village, IL)	\$996,450.00	2
HMA Pavement	Schroeder Asphalt (Marengo, IL)	\$294,000.00	7
Concrete	Premium Concrete, Inc. (St. Charles)	\$2,942,000.00	4

Demolition	Midwest Wrecking Company (Geneva, IL)	\$747,007.00	5
Fire Protection	Nelson Fire Protection (Rockford, IL)	\$1,548,979.00	1
Landscaping	Allied Landscaping Corporation (Joliet, IL)	\$251,020.00	5
Masonry	GC Masonry, Inc. (Elgin, IL)	\$977,000.00	8
Millwork & Casework	Hargrave Builders (South Elgin, IL)	\$1,012,450.00	1
Painting	K&J Painting, LLC (Elburn, IL)	\$588,780.00	5
Terrazzo	Menconi Terrazzo, LLC (Bensenville, IL)	\$1,870,000.00	2
Wall Treatments & Folding Partitions	Just Rite Acoustics, Inc. (Elk Grove Village, IL)	\$1,198,200.00	1
Electrical	Associated Electrical Contractors, LLC (WoodStock, IL)	\$12,519,000.00	1
General Trades	Manusos General Contracting, Inc Fox Lake, IL)	\$3,770,000.00	4
Low Voltage & Technology	Low Voltage Solutions, Inc (Crest Hill, IL)	\$2,290,370.00	2
Mechanical	Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating Company (Chicago, IL)	\$6,348,900.00	5
Plumbing	C.R. Leonard Plumbing (Joliet, IL)	\$2,837,000.00	3
Sports Equipment	Carroll Seating Company, Inc (Wood Dale, IL)	\$888,128.00	2
Storefronts, Curtainwall, & Glazing	LS Glass LLC (Chicago IL)	\$2,587,000.00	2
Miscellaneous Metals	McKinney Steel & Sales, Inc. (Zion, IL)	\$792,120.00	1

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Resolution Regarding Non-Renewal and Honorable Dismissal of PEL-Licensed Employee

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 Resolution Regarding Non-Renewal and Honorable Dismissal of PEL-Licensed Employee(s), Anna George, Daniel Tagtmeier and Jarod Hesse.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Resolution Rescinding Petition for Withdrawal from the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL)

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

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Rastrelli, 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 8:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

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 February 10, 2026, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABS: Board member: Ponce

President's Prerogative

Board president Rastrelli reviewed the process for the board member meeting reflection (exit slip).

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hogan, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Rastrelli, and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on March 10, 2026, at 8:57 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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