

**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 October 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Peter Rastrelli, President
Aaron Wellington, Secretary
Laura Mellon
Sophia Schneckloth

ABSENT: Mark Ponce, Vice President
Jennifer Hill
Sean Hogan

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
Stacey Gorman, Director of Teaching and Learning

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Mellon, Rastrelli, Schneckloth and Wellington were present for the October 7, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 4-0

RECOGNITION

Dr. Tafoya, superintendent, congratulated Mundelein High School students, Paige Prochnow and Liam O'Neill, for their remarkable accomplishments that reflect their commitment to excellence. Paige Prochnow achieved a perfect score on the ACT & was chosen as a 2025 National Merit Semi-finalist. Liam O'Neill also achieved a perfect score on the ACT.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Larisa Brener, community member, shared her viewpoint and suggested a recommendation on how to create an informational system for parents in the community that were from the former Soviet Union.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 consent agenda of October 7, 2025, which included:

- September 9, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
- August 12, 2025, Regular Board Minutes (Revised)
- Bill List

- Annual Renewal List
- FOIA Request(s)
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report
 - New Hire – Classified: Sarah Heuser
 - Retirement/Resignation: Alexandria Taylor (effective: June 30, 2026), Rob Bever (effective: May 25, 2025)
 - Leave of Absence: Andy Hirshman, Nicole Morris
 - Winter Coaches 2025-26: Scheuers, Joe; Mahar, Frank; Paganis, George; Bellito, Matt; Morrison, Elliott; Salvador, Omar; Sweno, Christopher; Johnson, Andy; Healy, Melissa; McCafferty, Caleigh; Duffy, Laura; Newsom, Christina; Rosale, Chris; Sack, Boden; Teague, Evan; Hagel, Scott; Gold, Maya; Flynn, Shannon; Arrango, Melanie; Finnegan, Riley; Teipel, Sarah; Brow, Nick; Holly, Ben; Jorns, Josh; Silva, Alina; Jones, Kim; Strauss, Daniella; Finnegan, Riley; Vukovics, Mike; Billock, Kiley; Stocker, Craig; Cordova, Nick; Carlsen, Anthony; Goldufsky, Jesse; Durlacher, Dave; Dart, Brandon; Harris, Scott; Senescu, Matthew; Durlacher, Dane

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

DISTRICT 120 REPORT

2026-2027 Course Guide

Stacey Gorman, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning, reviewed the process, new additions, modifications and updates, to the 2026-2027 course guide. Discussion was held on the topic.

Estimated Aggregate Tentative Tax Levy Year 2025

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, provided an overview of the estimated 2025 aggregate tax levy. She also reviewed the recommendation to approve the resolution authorizing the estimated 2025 aggregate tax levy and the resolution for the Notice of a Public Hearing for Levy Year 2025. Discussion was held on the topic.

Estimated Aggregate Supplement Levy

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to approve a resolution for the estimated aggregate supplement levy. In 2011, district voters approved a funding limit (DSEB) that increases each year with inflation. When the district issued bonds in 2022, it planned for a 2% annual increase, to keep up with inflationary measures, the district must now approve a new levy in 2025 to collect \$216,357, which adds roughly 1 cent to the tax rate and needs separate board approval. Discussion was held on the topic.

Budget Calendar

Ms. Johnson reviewed the annual budget calendar. The calendar will guide the preparation of the budget, and other organizational and review processes that occur during budget development.

Equipment Purchase

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation made by Elara Engineering to replace a mechanical chiller. They reviewed and obtained direct pricing from the equipment manufacturers to purchase a mechanical chiller for the high school building. Discussion was held on the topic.

IASA Vision 2030 Resolution

Dr. Corey Tafoya, superintendent, reviewed the recommendation for supporting IASA Vision 2030. Development of Vision 2030 was led by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), Illinois Principals Association (IPA), Illinois Association

of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) and Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents (IARSS). Discussion was held on the topic.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Facilities

Committee member Wellington shared the facilities committee reviewed several topics that related to the construction projects on Winchester & Midlothian property. Board president Rastrelli shared that he reviewed the information at the Mundelein Village Joint Officials quarterly meeting attendees. Dr. Tafoya also shared that he met with Alicia Dodd, Fremont Highway commissioner, to share information related to the project.

Finance

No update.

PRESS Policy

No update.

Shared Services

No update.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

SEDOL

Committee member Mellon provided an update on the SEDOL meeting.

Community Outreach

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

Legislative Update

Committee member Mellon provided several legislative updates.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2026-2027 Course Guide

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the 2026-2027 Course Guide, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Estimated Aggregate Tentative Tax Levy Year 2025

It was moved by Board Member Rastrelli, seconded by Board Member Schneckloth, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the estimated aggregate tentative tax levy year 2025, as outlined, including authorizing a public hearing to be held concerning the proposed levy on November 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mundelein School Districts 75 & 120 - District Office East located at 470 North Lake Street, Mundelein; and authorizes the Secretary to publish a notice of the public hearing.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Budget Calendar

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 budget calendar, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Equipment Purchase

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 bid proposal from Trane for the purchase of mechanical chiller in the amount of \$319,000.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

IASA Vision 2030 Resolution

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the IASA Vision 2030 Resolution, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Wellington, 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. 5ILCS 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 8:41 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Mellon, Rastrelli, Schneckloth, Wellington were present for the October 7, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 4-0

ACTION

Confidential and Administrator FY26 Salary Increase

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve a 3.85% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2025, for employees in the confidential and administrator job classifications.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Confidential and Administrator Employment Benefit Matrix

It was moved by Board Member Mellon, seconded by Board Member Rastrelli, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District to continue the utilization of the confidential and administrator employment benefit matrix.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the September 9, 2025, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Schneckloth, seconded by Board Member Mellon, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Mellon, Rastrelli, Schneckloth, and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on October 7, 2025, at 8:45 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

AARON WELLINGTON, SECRETARY
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION