

**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 ninth day of September 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: None

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
Dr. Alexandria Taylor, Principal

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Rastrelli, Schneckloth and Wellington were present for the September 9, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Margene Sinclair, community member, shared her opinions and concerns on future construction projects at the Winchester and Midlothian property. She also shared her concerns about drainage at the North Hill subdivision.

Craig Buckey, community member, shared his opinions and concerns on future construction projects at the Winchester and Midlothian property. He also inquired if the overhead lighting would affect his property.

Linda Werner, community member, shared her opinions and concerns on future construction projects at the Winchester and Midlothian property. She also shared she is concerned for her property.

Bill Strom, community member, shared his opinions and concerns on future construction projects related to the referendum at the Winchester and Midlothian property.

Aingeal Richardson, community member, shared his opinions and concerns on future construction projects at the Winchester and Midlothian property. He also shared his concerns with wildlife and the noise levels.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 consent agenda of September 9, 2025, which included:

- Bill List
- FOIA Request(s)
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report
 - New Hire – Certified: Kasiani Alexander, Riley Finnegan, Susan Theotokatos
 - New Hire – Coach/Activity Sponsor: Melissa Healy, Matt Bellito, Grace Martin, Paiton Plucinski, David Bajjalieh, Raytheon Hamblin, Mason Cohen, Sara Keefe, Bobby Gray, Randy Lerner, Frank Mahar, Maggie Mahar, Stella Walker, Brittany Haslett, Suan Lange
 - Resignation: Alexandria Taylor (effective: June 30, 2026)
 - Leave of Absence: Val Riley

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

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 items of September 9, 2025, which included:

- August 12, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
- August 12, 2025, Public Hearing Minutes

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABS: Rastrelli

CONSENT AGENDA

Board members agreed to table the annual renewal list that included the disposal of equipment.

DISTRICT 120 REPORT

MHS Quarterly Report Q1 2025-2026

Dr. Alexandria Taylor, principal, reviewed the progress for each strategic goal in the areas of graduation, student growth, identity & connections, future readiness, and fiscal responsibility. Discussion was held on each goal and the ongoing commitment to the learning environment for all students.

She also informed the board members that she submitted her letter of resignation effective June 30, 2026. She thanked the board for their support.

Joel Finfer, executive director, Lake County ROE Foundation, presented Sarai Herrera and Deacon Jensen, Mundelein High School students, with scholarships to continue their educational studies.

Rental Fee Rates

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed her recommendation to return the rental fee rates policy to the previous structure that was in place prior to February 2025. She shared the recommendation would allow the district to reevaluate and review the implementation of the rates and invoicing process. Discussion was held on creating a subcommittee to assist with the process. Board members Schneckloth and Hill will participate in the subcommittee.

Approval of Mundelein Mustang Swim Club Agreement

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to enter into a one-year extension of the current agreement, beginning July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026. The agreement will maintain the existing terms and conditions with changes to the fee adjustment, billing cost for any hours not specified in the agreement and the facility rental rate for activities outside normal hours.

Approval to Post Request for Proposals for Fiduciary Advisory and Bond Proceeds Management Services

Ms. Johnson shared the district will be requesting proposals from firms to provide fiduciary financial advisory services and bond proceeds management services in connection with the district's building bond referendum. Discussion was held on adding board representation to assist with the interview process. Board members Rastelli and Ponce agreed to participate in the interview process.

D120 Transition Center Update

Jamie DiCarlo, assistant superintendent of student services, shared an update on the growth of the Transition Center. She also highlighted the achievements participants have attained.

Board president Rastrelli stated the Transition Center is a gem for our community.

The Renaming of the Transition Center

Dr. Corey Tafoya, superintendent, reviewed the recommendation to rename the D120 Transition Center be named the "Myers Education Center" after former superintendent, Kevin Myers, for his outstanding years of service.

IASA Vision 2030

Dr. Tafoya 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). He reviewed the three areas the resolution focuses on, which include future-focused learning, shared accountability, and predictable funding. Discussion was held on the topic.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendation to enter an intergovernmental agreement with the Lake County School Mutual Aid Response Team (LCSMART). The agreement with other Lake County K-12 public school districts will provide additional school resources, should an emergency exceed their resources. Equipment and/or school personnel of a given public agency will be made available to assist.

IASB Delegate Selection

Dr. Tafoya reviewed that the Board of Education must elect a delegate to attend the IASB Delegate Assembly. After discussion, the board members recommended Mark Ponce, board member.

Calendar Change Consideration

Dr. Corey Tafoya shared how every other month he and members of the high school administration plan throughout the school year to keep the board updated about planning for the 26-27 school year. He shared items that have already been considered and are being discussed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Facilities

Committee member Wellington shared information on the construction that will begin soon on Winchester & Midlothian property. He shared the facilities committee reviewed several topics that included drainage, traffic flow, zoning and the purchase of a chiller, that will be needed for phase 1 & 2 of the construction projects.

Finance

Committee member Hill reviewed the committee reviewed several areas that included the rental fees, swim club agreement, and the Kirk Players. Board members Schneckloth and Hill will participate in the subcommittee to review the rental fee rates policy and structure.

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

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. Discussion was held on developing a plan on how to recognize students for their achievements. Additional information will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Dr. Tafoya shared the technology department is also reviewing how to improve the audio and recording system for the board meetings.

Legislative Update

Committee member Mellon provided several legislative updates.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Rental Rate Fees

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 return to 2017 rental rates, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval of Mundelein Mustang Swim Club Agreement

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Rastrelli, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve a one-year extension of the current agreement: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, maintaining all existing terms and conditions, with the following change, as presented.

- Fee Adjustment: Increase to \$15,486 for 2025–26.
- Additional Use: Any hours not specified in the agreement will be billed at \$50 per hour.
- Fundraising Events: Continue at the Tier 1 – Natatorium Facility Rental Rate for activities outside normal hours.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval to Post Request for Proposals for Fiduciary Advisory and Bond Proceeds Management Services

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 authorizes the Administration to release the Request for Proposals for Fiduciary Advisor and Bond Proceeds Management Services in accordance with the proposed schedule, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

The Renaming of the Transition Center

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 renaming of the Transition Center as Myers Education Center located at 1500 W. Hawley St., as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

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 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between Mundelein High School District #120 and other Lake County Regional Office of Education, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

IASB Delegate Selection

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 select Mark Ponce, board member, as the Illinois Association of School Board [IASB] Delegate from Mundelein High School District 120 Board of Education Member.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Board Member Rastrelli, 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. 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 9:21 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Rastrelli, Schneckloth, Wellington were present for the September 9, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

ACTION

Executive Session Minutes

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 August 12, 2025, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABS: Rastrelli, Wellington

Review of Closed Session Minutes

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 following closed session minutes continue to require confidentiality and are recommended to remain in the closed session file.

- June 11, 2024
- July 9, 2024 (I & II)
- August 13, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- November 6, 2024
- November 8, 2024
- November 9, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 4, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025 (I & II)
- January 22, 2025
- January 25, 2025

Review of Closed Session Minutes (No Longer Require Confidentiality)

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 following closed session minutes no longer require confidentiality and are available for public inspection.

- September 10, 2024
- October 2, 2024

Verbatim Record (Audio Recording) of Executive Session

It was moved by Board Member Hogan, seconded by Board Member Hill, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the closed session verbatim records be destroyed as presented after September 9, 2025.

Date of recording	18 months	Eligible for Destruction
6/6/2023	December-24	yes
7/11/2023	January-25	yes
8/8/2023	February-25	yes
9/12/2023	March-25	yes
10/10/2023	April-25	yes
11/8/2023	May-25	yes
12/5/2023	June-25	yes
1/24/2024	July-25	yes (I)
1/24/2024	July-25	yes (II)
2/13/2024	August-25	yes

President's Prerogative

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Wellington, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Hogan, Mellon, Ponce, Rastrelli, Schneckloth, and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on September 9, 2025, at 9:27 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

AARON WELLINGTON, SECRETARY
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION