

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education
District 201, Cook County
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School, District 201 was called to order at 5:02 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at in the Staff Café at the Morton Freshman Center by Member Pesek.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Clerk Chapman called the roll and the following were present:

Members Fernando Godinez, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores and Dr. Margaret Kelly

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Michael Kuzniewski, Attorney Kurt Vogel, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Assistant Board Clerk Sally Walsh.

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Kraft moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. p.m. in the Board Room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos, Jaramillo-Flores and Kelly

Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1. Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

4.2. 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. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

4.3. 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. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

4.4. 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

4.5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

4.6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Member Kraft motioned to adjourn from Closed Session and Reconvene to Open Session at 6:03 p.m. in the Garden Terrace room at the Morton District Office. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly

Motion carried.

6. ROLL CALL

Secretary Jaramillo-Flores called the roll and the following were present:

Members Maria A. Gallegos, Fernando Godinez, Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Dr. Margaret Kelly, Mark Kraft, Jeffry Pesek and Sandra Tomschin

Absent: Members Maria A. Gallegos and Dr. Margaret Kelly

Also, present Superintendent Dr. Kuzniewski, Attorney Karl Vogel, Board Clerk Connie Chapman and Assistant Board Clerk Sally Walsh

7. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: President Pesek led the pledge.

8. RECOGNITIONS:

8.1. 2026 Girls' Rugby IYRA State Champions

Luis Castanon – Head Coach

Ricardo Santillan – Asst. Coach

Gerardo Medina – Asst. Coach

Jose Salazar – Asst. Coach

Managers

Mirian Corona

Desiree Marzano

Liliana Avalos

Yuliana Marin

Layla Valencia

Jahara Dortch

Players

Monica Aguirre

Alysson Alpizar

Genesis Andry

Gabriela Carrasquillo

Anahi Ceja

Brianna Cruz

Nazalia De La Puente

Ariana Diaz

Nevaeh Hearvey

Mayra Herrera

Yarely Herrera

Jalissa Jaramillo

Farrah Lekkas

Amaya Lester

Annabelle Linton

Valentia Lopez

Jazelle Martin

Brissia Mendez

Genesys Mireles

Bellarely Molina

Denise Najar

Milagros Nunez Monrroy

Fatima Ocana
Gianna Reyes
Valeria Riz
Alliah Salgado
Madyson Veals
Ana Vela
Pamela Velazquez

Ava Perez
Monica Roman
Isabella Salcido
Isabella Sanchez
Makayla Veals
Fatima Velazquez
Kayla Wright

9. REPORTS

- 9.1. **Superintendent's Committee Reports:** No reports.
- 9.2. **Student Board Member's Reports:** No reports.
- 9.3. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Kuzniewski reported.
- 9.4. **Assistant Superintendent's Report:** Reports are posted.
- 9.5. **Chief Financial Officer's Report:** Reports are posted.
- 9.6. **Executive Director of Human Resources Report:** No report.
- 9.7. **Principal's Reports:** Reports are posted.
 - 9.7.1. James Connelly – CTE School
 - 9.7.2. Dr. Erin Kelly – Alternative School
 - 9.7.3. Jose Gamboa – East Campus
 - 9.7.4. Eric Ramirez – Freshman Center
 - 9.7.5. Kristy Cavanaugh – West Campus

10. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY: None

11. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly
Motion carried.

11.1. Approval of Minutes:

- 11.1.1. Closed Session
 - 11.1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting: May 13, 2026
- 11.1.2. Open Session
 - 11.1.2.1. Regular Board Meeting: May 13, 2026

- 11.2. Approval of Payroll:**
- 11.2.1. Education: \$7,970,265.64
- 11.2.2. Building: \$961,115.20
- 11.2.3. Transportation: \$1,572.31
- 11.3. Approval of Bills for Payment:**
- 11.3.1. June 11, 2026a: \$95,159.54
- 11.3.2. June 11, 2025b: \$5,256,235.16
- 11.4. Approval of Student Discipline - None**
- 11.5. Approval of Personnel**
- 11.5.1. Personnel Report

ADMINISTRATION

Christina Cartwright	Special Education Coordinator (transfer from Special Education Teacher) Replacement for: Megan Stachura Effective: 07/28/2026	East
Bethany Costello-Stebelton	Teacher Appraisal Specialist Replacement for: Kristen McChesney Effective: 07/28/2026	FC
Dr. Jorge Sanchez	Principal Replacement for: Kristina Cavanaugh (transfer) Effective: 07/01/2026	West

CERTIFIED STAFF

Christian Arenas	Physical Education Teacher (transfer from FC) Transfer of FTE Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	East
Meaghan Collins	Science Teacher (Rehire) Replacement for: Abigail Vanderlee Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	East
Madeline Geyer	EL Teacher (transfer from Dean) Replacement for: Kevin Figueroa Perez Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	West
Jazmine Martinez	School Social Worker (Rehire) Replacement for: Brian Manjarrez Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	West

Ashley Pineda	English Teacher	West
	Replacement for: Kathleen Abdul-Housner	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	

Doris Rodriguez	EL Teacher	West
	Replacement for: Manjula Singh (transfer)	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	

Michael Turco	Physical Education Teacher	TBD
	Replacement for: Daniel Vashinko	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	

Lead Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year

Madeline Geyer	EL Lead Teacher	West
Sara Giannopoulos	EL Lead Teacher	FC
Scott Katzberg	Science Lead Teacher	West
Brett Rush	Lead English Teacher	West

Coaching/Clubs/Activities for the 2026-2027 School Year

Jessica Guenther	Band Assistant Director
Brandon Jarot	Drum Line Assistant
Eric Rauch	Band Assistant Director
Brett Rush	Drum Line Assistant

NON-CERTIFIED

Anne Biagi	School Nurse	West
Nicole Gapen	School Nurse	East
Julianne Kostolansky	School Nurse	West
Juanita Renteria	School Nurse	FC
Christy Sullivan	School Nurse	West

Non-Bargaining

Julia Gomez	School Nurse	West
	Replacement for: Bernadette Doherty	
	Effective: <i>Start of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	

Naomi Gonzalez	Strategic Projects Specialist	District
	Replacement for: Nicholas Valderas (transfer)	
	Effective: <i>pending background check</i>	

Clerical

Michael Cokinis	Library Clerk	West
	Replacement for: Michelle Villarreal	
	Effective: <i>08/05/2026</i>	

Food Service

Jesus Leticia Valencia Castellano	Part Time Food Service	West
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Replacement for: Miguel Ocampo Sanchez
Effective: 08/05/2026

Jesus Lomeli Gonzalez	Full Time Food Service – Utility	West
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Replacement for: Miguel Payan (transfer)
Effective: 08/05/2026

Joshua Velasquez	Full Time Food Service – Utility	FC
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Replacement for: Miguel Payan
Effective: 08/05/2026

Security

Ramonita Reyes	10 Month Full Time Security (transfer from Temporary Security - Leave Coverage)	FC
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Replacement for: Karl Galbreath (transfer)
Effective: 05/18/2026

Interns

Daisy Hernandez Loya	Human Resources Intern	District
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New Position Approved May 2026
Effective: *pending background check*

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**Summer Bridge**

Jimmy Cortez	Summer Bridge Security	FC
Elizabeth Dominick	Summer Bridge Nurse	FC
Maria Galvez	Summer Bridge Security	West
Del Guerrero	Summer Bridge Security	West
Maria Jimenez	Summer Bridge Security	West
Miguel Jimenez	Summer Bridge Security	FC
Karina Pacheco	Summer Bridge Security	FC
Nadia Marroquin	Summer Bridge Security	FC
Monica Miranda	Summer Bridge Security	FC
Claudia Ruiz	Summer Bridge Security	West
Eva Serrano	Summer Bridge Security	FC
Leticia Sinclair	Summer Bridge Security	West
Ashley Waitekus	Summer Bridge Security	West

Summer School

Richard Arevalo Jr.	Summer School Security	West
Teresa Baez	Summer School Security	East
Karla Gonzalez Jaime	Summer School Security	East

Savannah Hunter	Summer School Security	East
Lisa Koehler	Summer School Security	West
Oscar Macias	Summer School Security	West
Jose Pureco	Summer School Security	West
Brittany Rivera	Summer School Security	East
Melanie Solis	Summer School Security	West
Martin Suarez	Summer School Security	East
Deanna Viti-Huxhold	Summer School Security	West
Andre Wilson	Summer School Security	East

Enrichment Seminars

Erika Zacarias Govea	Summer Enrichment Seminar Teacher	East
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Extended School Year (ESY)

Doris Tobin	ESY Teacher	East
Angelica Valdez	ESY Teacher	East

Summer Bookstore Helpers

Brittany Espinoza Carrera	Summer Bookstore Helper	FC
Ana Orozco	Summer Bookstore Helper	FC
Joshua Ramirez	Summer Bookstore Helper	FC

Summer Maintenance Helpers

Evan Capic	Summer Maintenance Helper	West
Aiden Tracy	Summer Maintenance Helper	West
Nicholas O'Boyle	Summer Maintenance Helper	West
Leticia Sinclair	Summer Maintenance Helper	West
Miranda Sinclair	Summer Maintenance Helper	West

Summer Food Service

Carlos Diaz	Summer Food Service	East
Laura Jones	Summer Food Service	East
Abigail Montero	Summer Food Service	East
Lilia Padilla	Summer Food Service	East
Paulina Pereda	Summer Food Service	East
Yolanda Ramirez	Summer Food Service	East
Maria Ramirez Zarate	Summer Food Service	East
Martha Rodriguez	Summer Food Service	East
Monica Salas	Summer Food Service	East

Summer Temporary Operations Help

Lorena Garcia	Summer Temporary Operations Help	East
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LEAVES

Lindsey Trinite	Maternity Leave	East
	Effective: 02/09/2027 – 06/01/2027	

SUSPENSIONS

Employee #4450	Effective: 06/24/2026, 06/30/2026, and 07/15/2026
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Employee #9907	Effective: 08/19/2026
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RETIREMENTS

Manjula Singh	Dean of Students	East
	Revision to Retirement Date: <i>End of the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	

Ellen Stefanski	Part Time Food Service	FC
	Effective: 12/31/2026	

NON-RENEWAL

Employee #9262	Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>
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RESIGNATIONS

Alexus Barry	Assistant Softball Coach (only)
	Effective: 05/13/2026

Elizabeth Garcia	Human Resources Generalist	District
	Effective: 06/22/2026	

Olena Haiduk	Teaching Assistant	West
	Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Aja Lewellen	10 Month Full Time Security	East
	Effective: 05/19/2026	

Brian Manjarrez	School Social Worker	West
	Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Sebastian Mora	Business Education Teacher	East
	Effective: <i>End of the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	

Patricia Purpura	Assistant Softball Coach (only)
	Effective: 05/14/2026

Haley Reid	Science Lab Teaching Assistant	FC
	Effective: 05/21/2026	

Megan Stachura	Special Education Coordinator	East
	Effective: 06/30/2026	
Abigail Vanderlee	Science Teacher	East
	Effective: End of the 2025-2026 School Year	

11.6. Approval of Board of Education Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125: None

11.7. Approval of Staff Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 5:60:

- 11.7.1. 2 Computer Science teachers, Katie Kuhn and Christine Tabares
AP Cybersecurity Summer Institute
June 14-19, 2026
Funding Source: CTE Funded
- 11.7.2. 3 Business teachers, Peggy Stefano, Sebastian Mora and Meg Jeffries
AP Summer Institute for AP Business with Personal Finance
July 5-10, 2026
Funding Source: CTE Funded
- 11.7.3. Constandina Loumakis
Harvard Science and Cooking Teacher Outreach Program
July 21-24, 2026
Funding Source: Science Professional Development - West Campus
- 11.7.4. Colleen Del Monaco
ICTA Back to School Retreat
Normal, Illinois
July 28-29, 2026
Funding Source: CTE Department Funded
- 11.7.5. Colleen Del Monaco and Hannah Gallardo
ACTE's CareerTech Vision 2026
New Orleans, LA
December 2-5, 2026
Funding Source: CTE Department Funded

11.8. Approval of Student Travel:

- 11.8.1. Ken Lager, Bill Bloom, Rob Anderson and 4 Students
Boys' State Track Meet
May 28-30, 2026
Charleston, Illinois
Funding Source: Morton Athletics
- 11.8.2. Logan Brown, Miranda Garcia, Marek Sorrensen and 10 Student
Girls' Basketball Camp
June 26-28, 2026
West Lafayette, Indiana
Funding Source: Girls' Basketball Fund

11.8.3. Bianca Frutos, Lola Vitalo, Jimena Jimenez, Marlene Martinez and 20 Students
Cheer Camp
June 26-28, 2026
Kenosha, Wisconsin
Funding Source: Morton Athletics

11.9. Approval of Facility Requests:

- 11.9.1. City of Berwyn
- 11.9.2. Mustangs Youth Football and Cheer
- 11.9.3. MWHs Class of 1986
- 11.9.4. North Berwyn Park District

11.10. Approval of Contracts (Pending Final Legal Review and Negotiation [if necessary]):

- 11.10.1. CLIC Liability Insurance Renewal
- 11.10.2. Filebound
- 11.10.3. SoundWave – MWHs 2026 Homecoming DJ
- 11.10.4. City Cruise – MW 2027 Senior Cruise
- 11.10.5. Aston Place – MWS 2027 Prom Venue

11.11. Approval to Bid or Quote: None

11.12. Approval of Bid Results: None

11.13. Approval to Accept Donations/Grants: None

11.14. Approval to Dispose of District Property:

- 11.14.1. Band Equipment

12. ACTIONS ITEM(S):

- 12.1.** Second and Final Reading of PressPlus Board of Education Policy Update #121:
2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 2:265, 4:40, 4:165, 5:30, 5:50, 5:250, 5:330, 6:50, 6:65,
6:100, 6:145, 6:170, 6:180, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:260,
7:280, 7:300, 8:90

Member Kraft motioned to approve the Second and Final Reading of PressPlus Board of Education Policy Update #121:

2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 2:265, 4:40, 4:165, 5:30, 5:50, 5:250, 5:330, 6:50, 6:65, 6:100, 6:145, 6:170, 6:180, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:260, 7:280, 7:300, 8:90. Member Jaramillo-Flores seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly
Motion carried.

12.2. Approval to Appoint a Delegate to Attend the Illinois Association of School Board Annual Delegate Assembly

Member Godinez motioned to approve to Appoint Jessica Jaramillo-Flores as the Delegate to Attend the Illinois Association of School Board Annual Delegate Assembly. Member Kraft seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member Gallegos and Kelly
Motion carried.

12.3. Approval to Hold Annual Maintenance Contingency Picnic
Member Kraft motioned to approve to Hold Annual Maintenance Contingency Picnic. Member Godinez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Member
Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS: None

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

15. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS: None

16. DISCUSSION: None

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

18. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

18.1. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will take place at Morton District Office on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, starting at 5:00 p.m. and going directly into Closed Session.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:15 p.m., Member Kraft moved to adjourn. Member Godinez seconded.

Ayes: Members Godinez, Jaramillo-Flores, Kraft, Pesek and Tomschin
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Members Gallegos and Kelly
Motion carried.

Jeffry Pesek, President

Date

Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

Date