

**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 fourteenth day of January 2025, at 6:31 p.m.**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

**PRESENT:** Peter Rastrelli, President  
Linda Vecchie, Vice President  
Tom Ouimet, Secretary  
Jennifer Hill  
Laura Mellon  
Mark Ponce  
Aaron Wellington (arrived at 7:55 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** None

**D120 ADMINISTRATORS:**

Dr. Kevin Myers, Superintendent  
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy Superintendent  
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Stacey Gorman, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning  
Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations  
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal  
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations  
Kevin Quinn, Director of Facilities and Maintenance  
Diane Covert, English/EL Bilingual Department Chair  
Autumn Graef, Certified Staff Member

**Mundelein Elementary School District 75**

**PRESENT:** Kristie Fingerhut, President  
Ray Rose, Vice President  
Eric Billittier, Secretary  
Georgina Aguirre  
Marcela Duran  
Al Hitzke  
Emily Karl

**ABSENT:** None

**D75 ADMINISTRATORS:**

Dave Zaremba, Director of Facilities and Maintenance  
Ryan Zak, Director of Linguistic Programs  
Itzel Iverson-Gutierrez, Certified Staff Member  
Titina Youtsey, Certified Staff Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, and Vecchie were present for the January 14, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Dean Petros, MEA president, expressed his concerns on the process with the next round of interviews for the new superintendent. He shared that excluding the stakeholders input makes the process more challenging for staff and suggested retaining the current practice, which incorporates stakeholder involvement.

**DISTRICT 120 REPORT**

**Shared Services Update**

Administrators from the Business Office, Human Resources Management, and Student Services reviewed and discussed their departmental shared services goals. They focused on aligning their objectives to enhance collaboration, streamline processes, and improve efficiency across departments. This review served as an opportunity to assess current progress, identify areas for improvement, and ensure their goals are aligned with the organization's overarching mission and vision.

Administrators and certified staff members from District 75 and 120, provided an overview of the multilingual programs. They outlined the program's goals and structure, providing a timeline for implementation and development. They also shared key data insights, including metrics on student progress and language proficiency levels across each grade and building. This collaborative effort highlighted the program's impact on students' academic growth and linguistic abilities, emphasizing its alignment with district-wide educational objectives.

Dr. Myers, superintendent, reviewed that the Board of Education conducts an annual review of the declaration for the shared services model. During this process, board members assess whether the document requires any modifications or edits. This year, they participated in a collaborative team activity to evaluate the responsibilities and guiding principles of the board. Following a discussion on the topic, the board reached a consensus to implement minor revisions to the agreement.

**COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Shared Services**

Committee member Vecchie shared the committee members met recently to review and establish the next steps, timeline, and dates to interview potential superintendent candidates. Discussion was held on the topic.

Ms. Johnson reviewed a proposal that would realign the job responsibilities in the business office. Job descriptions will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting. Discussion was held on the proposal.

D75 Board of Education members and administrators moved to Conference Room A & B.

D120 Board of Education members remained in Studio 75.

**JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Board Member Ouimet, 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)

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:12 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, and Wellington were present for the January 14, 2025 regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Board Member Vecchie, seconded by Board Member Mellon that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the consent agenda of January 14, 2025, which included:

- December 4, 2025, Special Board Minutes  
December 10, 2024, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- SAF Bill List
- Annual Renewal List/FOIA
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report (revised)  
Change in Assignment: Nicole Hansen  
Employment Coaching (Spring Updates): Ryan Jump, Karen Stitcher  
Overload Assignments: Michelle Billone, Melissa Buenik, Lisa Sarti, Carly Schwartz, Sam Fehrman, Paul Franzen, Brittany Haslett, Cynthia Henrichs  
Resignation: Caeli Kinsella

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington

NAY: None

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Finance and Facilities

Committee members shared an update on the construction timeline and bids. The recommendation will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting. They also shared that construction may begin March 2025.

PRESS Policy

No update.

**REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES**

SEDOL

No update.

Community Outreach

No update.

Legislative Update

Committee member Mellon provided several legislative updates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Mellon, 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)

The 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 10:32 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie and Wellington were present for the January 14, 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 Wellington, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 approve the executive session minutes listed below:

- December 4, 2024 and December 10, 2024, Executive Session Minutes

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Hill, Mellon, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie, Wellington

NAY: None

ABS: Ouimet

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Board Member Wellington, seconded by Board Member Vecchie, that the Board of Education of Mundelein High School District 120 board members: Hill, Mellon, Ouimet, Ponce, Rastrelli, Vecchie and Wellington moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on January 14, 2025, at 10:34 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETER RASTRELLI, PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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TOM OUMET, SECRETARY  
DISTRICT 120, BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED