

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MUNDELEIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 75**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 held on the twenty-sixth day of August 2025, at 6:01 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 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:

Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy Superintendent
Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal
Dave Zaremba, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations
Micheal Tonnelli, Technology Trainer

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose were present for the August 26, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

BOE COMMENTS

Board member reviewed statement number one of the standard and principles from school board policy #2:280-E Exhibit, board member code of conduct. Discussion was held on the topic.

Board members welcomed back the staff members and students to a new school year. A reminder was shared about Tiger Truck Fest.

DISTRICT 75 REPORT

Google Calendar Training

Micheal Tonnelli, technology trainer, provided a hands-on tutorial on the use of google calendar.

Audio Sound System

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the recommendation to replace the current sound system for the theater program that is over 20

years old. Three vendors quotes were obtained; Sound of Music was selected replace the current sound system.

Matching Grant Program

Ms. Johnson shared the district has applied for the State of Illinois school maintenance grant, also known as the 50/50 grant. The grant will reimburse 50% of approved maintenance projects, up to a maximum of \$50,000. The grant will help to replace classroom door handle systems and install additional IP security cameras in multiple district buildings.

District Master Planning Process Overview

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation for GreenAssociates to perform an evaluation that would meet the Life Safety requirements. The state requires districts to conduct a 10-year plan to ensure our buildings comply with the School Code. The evaluation would also create a comprehensive Master Plan. A Master Plan takes into consideration the age of the buildings, changes in enrollment, new educational programs, evolving technology, increased student services, or the need for flexible learning spaces. It would also address facility maintenance, safety, instructional needs, and long-term improvements.

Construction Update

Dave Zaremba, director of facilities and maintenance, provided an update on the construction of the stage at Carl Sandburg Middle School. He also reviewed the building improvements that have been completed at Carl Sandburg Middle School, Mechanics Grove, Washington Early Learning Center, and Lincoln Early Childhood Center. He also invited board members to a tour of the stage construction.

PRESS Policy #119, Second and Final Reading

Dr. Tafoya, superintendent, and committee member Fingerhut reviewed the second and final reading of PRESS #119 policy recommendations made by the Illinois Association of School Boards. They shared which policies include language and edit updates. Discussion was held on the topic.

Board Agreement Update

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the modifications to the declaration and board agreements. The board members also established the parameters for board-superintendent communication expectations. Discussion was held on the topic.

School Calendar Modification

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendations for the modifications for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school calendars. He shared that he has met with Mundelein Park District representatives to review the after-school care programs. Discussion was held on the topic.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendation for the Intergovernmental Lake County School Mutual Aid Response Team (LCSMART) agreement. The intergovernmental agreement will provide additional school resources if needed due to a natural and/or human made disaster.

Other school districts will also contribute and provide financial assistance in the amount of \$250 per year. Administration activities that will be overseen by the advisory panel to the Regional Superintendent.

Intergovernmental Agreement with District #79

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the intergovernmental agreement with Fremont District 79. The intergovernmental agreement provides for a student attending the district's self-contained special education programming.

IASA Vision 2030

Dr. Tafoya reviewed that Vision 2030 was developed 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 shared that Vision 2030 provides a roadmap to enhance public education through future-focused learning, shared accountability, and predictable funding. A recommendation will be reviewed at the next scheduled board meeting.

IASB Delegate Selection

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the Board of Education must elect a delegate to attend the 2025 IASB Delegate Assembly. Discussion was held on the topic and board members recommended Kristie Fingerhut, board member, to serve as the district delegate.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Policy

Section twelve and thirteen will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Finance Advisory

The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2025.

Shared Services

No update.

Community Outreach

Dr. Tafoya thanked the Village of Mundelein for providing a community tour of Mundelein.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

STEAM Foundation

Committee member Duran shared the STEAM foundation is accepting grant requests from teachers. The next meeting is September 4, 2025.

SEDOL

Committee member Billittier shared SEDOL approved the final budget.

Village Liaison

Committee member Rose shared the Mundelein Arts Festival will take place on September 6-7, 2025. He also shared the Mundelein Historical Commission has an open position.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Hitzke, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the consent agenda of August 26, 2025, which included:

- July 15, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
- April 22, 2025, Regular Board Minutes (Revised)
- Bill List
- Annual Renewal List

- FOIA
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report
 - Certified Staff – Employment: Carol Basel
 - Classified Staff – Employment: Harper Yaffe, Jenna Peterson, Odalis Larios, Yulisa Olmos Ibarra, Martha Morales, Daisy Silva
 - Change In Assignments: 2025-2026 School Year: Jesica Ambriz-Arteaga, Lisa Bauman, Maria Morales, Laura Kollar
 - Reduction In Force – Reemployment: Fiala Quintin
 - Resignations: T. Rancak, Homero Cantu, Elizabeth Mule, Pryianka Parmar, Sara Noli, Francisca (Kika) Williams, Vaneesha Vasquez, Adrianna Guzman, Tyler Winkelman

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Audio Sound System

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the purchase and installation of the updated sound equipment project to Sound of Music, for a total cost of \$21,062.43

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

Matching Grant Program

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the plan to seek bids for the purchase and installation of the new door handle systems and submit the School Maintenance Grant application to secure partial funding for the project.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

Approval of District Master Plan Fee

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the cost and scope for the master plan fee in the amount of \$93,126.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

PRESS Policy #119, Second and Final Reading

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve PRESS Policy #119, second and final reading, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

Declaration and Board Agreement Amendment

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Hitzke, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 adopt the document to establish the Shared Service Board-Superintendent Communication Expectation parameters, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

School Calendar Modifications

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Aguirre, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the school calendar modifications for school years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Other Lake County K-12 Public School Districts

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between Mundelein Elementary School District #75 and other Lake County Regional Office of Education, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement with District #79

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Mundelein Elementary School District #75 and Fremont District #79, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

IASB Delegate Selection

It was moved by Board Member Billittier, seconded by Board Member Aguirre, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 select Kristie Fingerhut, board Member, as the Illinois Association of School Board [IASB] Delegate from Mundelein Elementary School District 75 Board of Education Member.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, 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)

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 7:43 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose were present for the August 26, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

ACTION

FY26 Administrator & ESP Compensation

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the Administrator and Education Support Personnel compensation increase for FY26, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the July 15, 2025, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

Board president Fingerhut inquired if anyone had a future board topic that a board member would like to add.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Hitzke, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl, and Rose adjourn the meeting of August 26, 2025, at 7:45 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTIE FINGERHUT, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ERIC BILLITTIER, SECRETARY
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED