

**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-fourth day of February 2026, at 6:02 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 75:

PRESENT: Kristie Fingerhut, President
Ray Rose, 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
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations

GUEST: Bruce Koch, President & CEO, Net56
Crystal Moon, Lead Cybersecurity, Net56

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 February 24, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

RECOGNITION

Dr. Tafoya spotlighted four certified members, Phil Farino, certified staff member, presented The Peer Buddy Program, at the IAPHERD Conference. Janet Mathe, Cristina Youtsey, and Katie Frank certified staff members, presented The Dictado: Practical Implementation for Multilingual Learners at the 2025 Statewide Conference for Educators Serving Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students. The staff members shared their experiences with the board members.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

BOE COMMENTS

Board members reviewed statement number eight of the standard and principles from school board policy #2:280-E Exhibit, board member code of conduct. Discussion was held on the topic. Information was shared on the upcoming Musical and the Pizza Throwdown events.

DISTRICT 75 REPORT

Lakeside Transportation Contract

Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the recommendation to approve a one-year contract extension with Lakeside Transportation, Cook, Illinois Corporation, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Technology Improvements

Bruce Koch, and Crystal Moon, Net56, reviewed the recommendation to support the district with the remediation of high-risk cybersecurity gaps that were identified in a recent assessment. Discussion was held on various areas, that included the cybersecurity insurance and cost of the agreement. They also discussed the timelines that the plan would utilize to support the improvements.

Technology Equipment Purchase

Ms. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to purchase 250 Acer Chromebook devices and 250 Google Chrome Education upgrade licenses for the 2026-27 school year.

FY27 Certified Staffing Update

Shane McCreery, assistant superintendent of human resources & legal, provided an overview of general education and special education certified FTE allocations for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion was held on the topic.

Revised 2026-2027 School Calendar

Mr. McCreery reviewed the recent changes to the 2026-2027 school calendar due to the high school athletics Fall sport practice schedule.

Recommendation to Reschedule a Regular Board Meeting

Dr. Tafoya, superintendent, shared that due to lawful requirements by the State of Illinois a board meeting cannot be held on the day of a general election. To comply with the Open Meetings Act the board members must agree on a new meeting date. Board members agreed to reschedule the board meeting to Monday, March 16, 2026.

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Illinois State Board of Education

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendation to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois State Board of Education in the 2026-2027 school year. He shared the responsibilities that both ISBE and the district for the VIT program.

Communication Consulting Services

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the recommendations to hire Allerton Hill Communication to provide the district with additional support with communications to the community. They will aid with promoting initiatives, student successes, increase public awareness and communicate the district's story. The total cost will be shared with District 120. Discussion was held on the topic.

Strategic Goals & Planning

Dr. Tafoya held discussion to gauge the board's interest in initiating a review of the district's strategic plan, with consideration given to beginning the process in June or July 2026. Discussion was held on topic.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Policy

Board members discussed and agreed on a practice to review the PRESS Policy sections. Discussion was held and it was agreed that committee member Aguirre will manage the process.

Finance Advisory

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2026.

Shared Services

Committee member Billittier reviewed that a meeting was held to review topics related to Human Resources.

Community Outreach

Committee members Rose and Duran are scheduled to attend the Mundelein Joint Village Meeting, that will be held at the Myers Educational Center.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

STEAM Foundation

Committee member Duran shared information about the Pizza Throwdown. She also shared the possible funding of a summer camp.

SEDOL

A brief discussion was held on how the services and communication continue to improve.

Village Liaison

Committee member Rose shared various events taking place in the Mundelein community.

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 November 18, 2025, which included:

- January 13, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Annual Renewal List
- Approval of Personnel Report

Change in Assignment: Savannah Gonzalez, Cassandra Lopez

Increase in Pay (Overload): Nicole Seibt

Resignation: Nicole Flamank, Christopher Smith, Yolanda Escalante, Ali Niemet, Quintin Fiala, Angie Esparza, Marcia Kramer

Leave of Absence: Tracy Fuentes, Gloria Mendoza

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Lakeside Transportation Contract One-Year Extension

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve a one-year contract extension with Lakeside Transportation, Cook, Illinois Corporation, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval of Master Service Agreement, Net56

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Duran, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the Master Service Agreement with Net56 Incorporated, in the yearly amount of \$503,153, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Approval of Purchase Technology Equipment, CDW-G

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve CDW-G, as the vendor to purchase technology equipment, in the amount of \$82,250.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Revised 2026-2027 School Calendar

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 revised 2026-2027 School Calendar, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Recommendation to Reschedule a Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve rescheduling the Tuesday, March 17, 2026, board meeting to Monday, March 16, 2026.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Board of Education

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve into an Intergovernmental Agreement hereby made and entered between the Illinois State Board of Education, an agency of the State of Illinois and Mundelein Elementary School District 75, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Communication Consulting Services

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve Allerton Hill Communications in the amount of \$30,000, effective February 24, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

The total cost is \$60,000 that will be shared equally between Mundelein High School D120 and Mundelein Elementary School District 75, in the amount of \$30,000 per district.

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)

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

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

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 8:47 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 February 24, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

ACTION

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 January 13, 2026, executive session minutes #1 and #2.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

Board members discussed submitting a proposal to IASB for the 2026 Triple I conference.

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 adjourned the meeting of February 24, 2026, at 8:55 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