

**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 fourteenth day of January 2025, at 6:31 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

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 120:**

**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

**D75 ADMINISTRATORS:**

Dr. Kevin Myers, Superintendent  
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy Superintendent  
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations  
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal  
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations  
Dave Zaremba, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
Ryan Zak, Director of Linguistic Programs  
Itzel Iverson-Gutierrez, Certified Staff Member  
Titina Youtsey, Certified Staff Member

**D120 ADMINISTRATORS:**

Stacey Gorman, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning  
Kevin Quinn, Director of Facilities and Maintenance  
Diane Covert, English/EL Bilingual Department Chair  
Autumn Graef, Certified Staff Member

**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 January 14, 2025, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**BOE COMMENTS**

They also discussed number six of the standard and principles from school board policy #2:280-E Exhibit, board member code of conduct. Discussion was held on the topic.

**DISTRICT 75 REPORT**

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**

D120 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 Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, 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 10:19 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 January 14, 2025 regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 7-0

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Board Policy

No update.

Finance Advisory

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025.

Community Outreach

No update.

**REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES**

STEAM Foundation

Committee member Fingerhut provided an update on the Pizza Throwdown that the STEAM Foundation will be hosting.

SEDOL

Committee member Billittier shared the interim superintendents have been agreed to remain at SEDOL. Approval of the recommendation is pending until the March SEDOL board meeting.

Village Liaison

No update.

**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 January 14, 2025, which included:

- December 4, 2025, Special Board Minutes
- December 17, 2024, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- Annual Renewal List/FOIA
- Financial Report
- Approval of Personnel Report
- Classified Staff – Employment: Vaneesha Vasquez, Ericka Hernandez
- Classified Staff – Rescind Employment: Jacob Brei
- Retirement: Christos Vokolos

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

**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 December 4, 2024 and December 17, 2024 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 reminded board members about the upcoming superintendent interviews. A board member requested that the PRESS policies schedule be reshared.

**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 January 14, 2025 at 10:24 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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KRISTIE FINGERHUT, PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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ERIC BILLITTIER, SECRETARY  
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION