

**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 July 2026, at 6:06 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 75:

Members of the Board of Education Mundelein Elementary School District 75 present:

PRESENT: Kristie Fingerhut, President
Ray Rose, Vice President
Georgina Aguirre
Marcela Duran
Al Hitzke
Emily Karl, Secretary Pro Tem

ABSENT: Eric Billittier, Secretary

Members of the Board of Education Mundelein High School District 120 present:

PRESENT: Peter Rastrelli, President
Mark Ponce, Vice President
Jennifer Hill
Sean Hogan
Laura Mellon
Sophia Schneckloth, Secretary Pro Tem

ABSENT: Aaron Wellington, Secretary

D120 & D75 ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent
Jamie DiCarlo, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Dr. Cathy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Shane McCreery, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Legal
Art Vallicelli, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Kevin Quinn, Director of Maintenance and Facilities

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose were present for the July 14, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

RECOGNITION

No recognition.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

Strategic Goal Discussion

Dr. Tafoya, superintendent, facilitated a discussion of the D120/75 Shared Services strategic goals, vision, and system alignments. He shared that the Shared Services Committee had previously met to help identify share services practices between the two districts. Board members reviewed the topics and identified the three system alignments that will be brought back to the Shared Services Committee members to review.

BoardBook Premier Preview

The support resources for BoardBook Premier were reviewed to assist board members become familiar with the program. Discussion was held on the topic.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose moved all in favor that the Board adjourn from regular board meeting on July 14, 2026, at 7:13 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 6-0.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose were present for the July 14, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

BOE COMMENTS

No BOE comments.

DISTRICT 75 REPORT

Washington SIP Plan

Dr. Tafoya, superintendent, reviewed the Washington School Improvement Plan. He stated that Washington became a school on "targeted status" based on data from school year 2023 related to attendance and performance in the area of math. The school is entering into the third and final year of implementation.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Policy

Committee member Fingerhut reviewed the recommended edits and questions that were included in PRESS policy #122.

Finance Advisory

No updates.

Shared Services

No updates.

Community Outreach

No updates.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

STEAM Foundation

Dr. Tafoya provided a brief update on STEAM related topics.

SEDOL

Dr. Tafoya shared that he has joined the SEDOL Executive Board.

Village Liaison

Committee member Rose reported on the various services, events and activities happening in Lake County and the Village of Mundelein.

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 July 14, 2026, which included:

- June 16, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
- June 16, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes
- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Annual Renewal List
- Approval of Personnel Report
 - New Hire – Certified: Timothy Gorman
 - New Hire – Classified: Tina Stanley
 - Change In Assignment: Kristen Donovan
 - Increase to Pay: Rachel Johnson
 - Resignation: Amanda Garcia
 - Retirement: Cari Strong

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Washington SIP Plan

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 to approve the Washington Early Learning Center SIP Plan as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, 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).

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 8:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

ACTION

Executive Session Minutes

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 June 16, 2026, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Bonus Proposal Request

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Aguirre, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve a one-time performance award of \$3,000, funded by District 120, payable on or before June 30, 2026, in recognition of the Superintendent's performance during the 2025-2026 contract year, and shall not be incorporated into the Superintendent's annual base salary.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

FY26-27 Superintendent Compensation and Benefit

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Duran, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve an increase of 2.7% to the Superintendent's annual base salary effective July 1, 2026, in accordance with the Superintendent's Employment Agreement. Additionally, the relocation reimbursement will be extended for an additional 12 months.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

A reminder was shared that the BOE self-evaluation would be sent to board members, to allow them time to review and prepare accordingly.

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, Duran, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose adjourned the meeting of July 14, 2026, at 8:09 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTIE FINGERHUT, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION

EMILY KARL, SECRETARY PRO TEM
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION