

**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 sixteenth day of June 2026, at 6:03 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 75:

PRESENT: Kristie Fingerhut, President
Ray Rose, Vice President
Eric Billittier, Secretary
Al Hitzke
Emily Karl

ABSENT: Georgina Aguirre
Marcela Duran

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

PRESENT: Peter Rastrelli, President
Mark Ponce, Vice President
Aaron Wellington, Secretary
Jennifer Hill
Sean Hogan
Laura Mellon

ABSENT: Sophia Schneckloth

D120 & D75 ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent
Dr. Sarah Cacciatore, Deputy 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
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations
Stacey Gorman, Director of Teaching and Learning
Nicole Hansen, Director of Finance
Kevin Quinn, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
Cindy Sementa, Student Services Coordinator/School Psychologist

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Billittier, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose were present for the June 16, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 5-0

RECOGNITION

Dr. Tafoya invited everyone to participate in a moment of silence for a former student who recently passed away.

Dr. Tafoya and board presidents Rastrelli and Fingerhut, thanked Dr. Sarah Cacciatore for her long-lasting contributions during her five years with District 75 and District 120..

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

Shared Services Update

Dr. Corey Tafoya, superintendent and administrators from teaching and learning, student services, multilingual programs, finance and operations, technology, human resources, security and public relations from District 75 and District 120, presented a report on the strategic plan and shared services goals.

They reviewed enhancing student achievement, allocating resources to support student learning, and on the shared service programs and strategies. They also reported on the efficiencies and effectiveness of the strategies within a shared services model.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Billittier, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose adjourned the meeting of June 16, 2026, at 6:40 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 5-0.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Billittier, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose were present for the June 16, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 5-0

BOE COMMENTS

Board members reviewed statement number twelve of the standard and principles from school board policy #2:280-E Exhibit, board member code of conduct.

DISTRICT 75 REPORT

FY2026- 2027 Final Budget

Dr. Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the 2026-2027 final budget recommendations. She shared that minor adjustments were made from the tentative budget, which provided the district with an operating surplus of \$1,177.

D75 Audit Planning Communication

Dr. Johnson reviewed and shared the required FY2026 Audit Planning Communication from Baker Tilly. The communication is required under current auditing standards with those charged with governance, which includes the Board of Education.

2026-2027 School Calendar Update

Dr. Corey Tafoya, superintendent, reviewed the update to the 2026-27 school calendar. The updates amend the requirements for student attendance and teacher attendance days. The first day of school will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, and the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 16, 2027. Discussion was held on the communication plan.

Job Description Update

Dr. Tafoya reviewed the updated job description for a Student Data Systems Manager. The role will be a shared services position serving both District 75 and Mundelein High School District 120.

Intergovernmental Agreement with District 73 and District 79

Cindy Sementa, student services coordinator/school psychologist, reviewed the recommendation for a shared agreement with Hawthorn School District 73 and Fremont District 79. The agreement will allow the districts to continue the tri-district preschool partnership for the Lincoln Early Learning Center. She shared the agreement will be valid through June 2031.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Policy

Committee member Fingerhut recommended reviewing the policies that list the Deputy Superintendent as the complaint manager and update the policies with current information. She also shared that she attended a conference where guidance was provided on including the second and final reading approval as part of the consent agenda.

Finance Advisory

Committee member Rose shared the next meeting is scheduled for September 2026.

Shared Services

An update was provided in the joint district report.

Community Outreach

No updates.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

STEAM Foundation

An update was shared on the STEAM camp for District 75 students.

SEDOL

Committee member Billittier shared the overall improvements at SEDOL. Dr. Tafoya has joined the Executive Board.

Village Liaison

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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 revised consent agenda of June 16, 2026, which included:

- May 19, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Annual Renewal List
- Approval of Personnel Report

New Hire – Certified: Caleb Eckert, Xochitl Sanchez-Nochebuena, Tanja Bozovic, Jessica Lander

New Hire – Confidential: Josephine Vittore

Change in Assignment: Yulisa Olmos Ibarra

New Hire – Classified: Jessica Spalding, Yulissa Gomez, Celia Parra, Norah Shaw, Mollianna Schwarz

Resignation: Andra Dolton, Alyssa Schumer, Michelle Mata, Matthew Fink

Termination/Nonrenewal: Ritika Maltare
Retirement: Jeff Gange (SY2028-2029)
Leave of Absence: Karina Flores

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of FY 2026-2027 Budget

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 to adopt the FY2026-2027 budget, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

2026-2027 School Calendar Update

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 2026-2027 School Calendar update, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

New Job Description

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 following job description as presented:

- Shared Service Student Data Systems Manager - New

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement with District #73 and District #79

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 to approve Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Mundelein Elementary School District #75, Hawthorn School District #73 and Fremont School District #79, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

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)

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 8:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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All in favor by voice vote: 5-0

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 May 19, 2026, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

President's Prerogative

No update.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Billittier, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Billittier, Fingerhut, Hitzke, Karl and Rose adjourn the meeting of June 16, 2026, at 8:37 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTIE FINGERHUT, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ERIC BILLITTIER, SECRETARY
DISTRICT 75, BOARD OF EDUCATION