

**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 nineteenth day of May 2026, 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  
Emily Karl

**ABSENT:** Al Hitzke

**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 and Legal  
Peter Gill, Director of Public Relations  
Glenda Juarez, Assistant Principal, Washington Elementary

**GUEST:** Crystal Moon, Net56 Representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Karl and Rose were present for the May 19, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

**RECOGNITION**

None

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**BOE COMMENTS**

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

**DISTRICT 75 REPORT**

**Shared Services Proposal**

Dr. Cathy Johnson, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, reviewed the Shared Service intergovernmental agreements. Since fiscal year 2018, the shared services model has generated approximately \$4.5 million in cumulative savings for reinvestment back into District 75, demonstrating significant financial and operational benefits.

The Board approved the shared services allocation plan for the 2026-27 school year, the universal sharing of shared service employees and another for the sharing of student records/data between Districts 75 and 120.

Consideration to Adopt Resolution Directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Lake, Illinois to Certify to the County Clerk of said County the Question of Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Service Occupation Tax

Dr. Johnson reviewed a resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools to place on the Nov. 3 ballot a 1 percent county-wide sales tax used to fund eligible school facility needs. The resolution does not indicate the Board's support for the Lake County Sales Tax, but it places the measure on the ballot for voters to decide. To be placed on the ballot, school boards representing a majority of students in Lake County must vote to support its placement. Voters across the county would then vote whether to implement the sales tax in the November General Election. The sales tax would fund capital improvements, technology infrastructure, durable equipment, and possibly school resource officers and mental health professionals.

Cybersecurity Update

Crystal Moon, Net56 Representative, presented a monthly cybersecurity plan report to establish a framework to identify high-priority risks, improve documentation, and establish a reliable asset inventory. The report provided an overview of the district's cybersecurity environment.

D75 & D120 Shared Service Copier Lease

Dr. Johnson reviewed the recommendation to renew its copier lease under a shared service approach through the Illinois Together Cooperative Purchasing Program. By evaluating District's 120 and 75 together under the shared services approach, the proposal leverages cooperative pricing, standardized contract terms, and operational efficiencies. It also provides a managed print solution that includes equipment, maintenance, supplies, and service support. The 63-month lease agreement with Canon for District 75 is \$5,152 per month.

Summer Spanish Camp

Glenda Juarez, assistant principal, Washington Elementary School, reviewed a proposal for the district's first Spanish summer camp. The optional, fee-based two-week program will include two hours per session for students in grades one and two who are interested in continuing to develop their Spanish language skills. The program will be facilitated by two experienced Washington dual language teachers.

Confidential Staffing Update

Shane McCreery, assistant superintendent of human resources and legal, presented an update on confidential staffing for fiscal year 2027. The Department reported consistent trends in the number of confidential staff over the last three years, with the overall number at 11 since 2024. It is anticipated that confidential staffing will increase to 12 positions in 2027, four exclusive to District 75 and the other eight of those in shared services roles.

Federal Grant Application Process

Jamie DiCarlo, assistant superintendent of student services, reviewed the District's Consolidated District Plan (CDP), allowing it to apply for federal grants. The CDP includes an overview of the district's needs, assessments, goals, funded programs, and measurements. All school boards must approve the CDP before it can be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Board Policy

Committee member Fingerhut reviewed the second and final reading of PRESS Policy #121. A recommendation was made to the board policies that listed questions.

No questions were addressed during the review of the PRESS Policy section.

Finance Advisory

Committee member Rose shared topics from the finance committee meeting.

Shared Services

Dr. Tafoya provided a brief update on his discussion with Dr. Dawn Bridges.

Community Outreach

No updates.

**REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES**

STEAM Foundation

No update.

SEDOL

Committee member Billittier shared the next meeting date.

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 Rose, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve the consent agenda of May 19, 2026, which included:

- April 21, 2026, Regular Board Minutes
- Bill List
- Financial Report
- FOIA Request(s)
- Annual Renewal List
- Approval of Personnel Report

New Hire – Certified: Aidee Esquivel, Maxwell Stroesser, Christina Barroso Morono, Melissa George, Robyn Godwin, Cassidy Stearns

Change in Assignment: Carmen Flores, Laura Gallegos, Valeria Cardenas, Kathy Barchman, Ana Valencia, Samantha Swartz, Alyssa Schumer

New Hire – Classified: Yahaira Leon

Classified: ESY Summer School Hire: Michael Crowe

Retirement: Jennifer Remekis (End of 2025-2026 School Year)

Resignation: Melissa Mendiola, Brittany Hinkle, Dominique Traveseras

Leave of Absence: Lindsay Wheaton, Brittany Lieber

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

Shared Services Allocation

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Aguirre, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 to adopt the proposed shared services allocation plan, including annual Board review of allocation percentages and approval of the 2026–27 proportionate share of 41% for District 75 and 59% for District 120.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement to Allow for Universal Sharing of Shared Services Employees

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 agreement to allow for universal sharing of shared services employees.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sharing of Student Records and Information between District 120 and District 75

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 intergovernmental agreement for the sharing of student records and information between District 75 and District 120.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Consideration to Adopt Resolution Directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Lake, Illinois, to Certify to the County Clerk of said County the Question of Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Service Occupation Tax to be Used Exclusively for School Facility Purposes, School Resource Officers, and Mental Health Professionals, for Submission to the Electors of said County at the General Election to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2026

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Aguirre, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 adopt the resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Lake, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2026

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Copier Cooperative

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 63-month lease agreement with Canon for District 75 in the amount of \$5,152 per month through the Illinois Together Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Summer Camp Proposal

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 summer Spanish camp proposal, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

Federal Grant Application Process

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 Consolidated District Plan in its current draft, allowing for submission to ISBE. This includes elements of Title I, II, III, IV and IDEA Part B Flow Through grants.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

PRESS Plus #121, Second and Final Reading

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Duran, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 approve PRESS Policy #121, second and final reading, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, 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 8:19 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Karl and Rose were present for the May 19, 2026, regular board meeting.

All in favor by voice vote: 6-0

**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 April 21, 2026, executive session minutes.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None

**President's Prerogative**

Board president Fingerhut provided several meeting reminders dates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Board Member Fingerhut, seconded by Board Member Karl, that the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75 board members: Aguirre, Billittier, Duran, Fingerhut, Karl and Rose adjourned the meeting of May 19, 2026, at 8:25 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote: 6-0.

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