



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District 45, DuPage County
Villa Park, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting: April 14, 2026

The Board of Education of School District No. 45, DuPage County, Illinois, met on the 14th day of April 2026, in regular session in the Jefferson Middle School Cafeteria, 255 W. Vermont Street, Villa Park, Illinois, at 6:31 p.m., according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by President Judith Degnan, who presided. Members of the Board were present and absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mrs. Judith Degnan, President
Mrs. Sarah Godzicki
Mrs. Carol Klamecki, Vice President
Dr. Allen Legutki, Secretary
Mrs. Emily Shultz
Mrs. Katie Wagner

ABSENT: Mrs. Deborah Cain

Administrative staff members were present and absent as follows:

PRESENT: Ms. Christine Arado, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent
Dr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO
Mr. Mike Pinney, Chief Information Officer
Dr. Annetta Spsychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

ABSENT:

- 041426 (1) Call to Order**
- 041426 (1a) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 041426 (1b) District 45 Mission Statement**
- 041426 (1c) Student Board Representative Report**

Student Board Representative November Doria, a student of Jefferson Middle School, presented a report to the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

- 041426 (1d) Westmore Elementary School Presentation**

Mr. Scott Dart, Westmore Elementary School Principal, presented to the Board of Education an Elementary School Principal Report.

(See official board book)

- 041426 (2) Comments Regarding Agenda: None**

041426 (3)

Public Comments:

Reed Goodrich, Victoria Mazza, Kimberly Loll, Lisa Grover, Stephanie DiNardi, Taylor Thinnes, Meg Donakowski, Clara Lewis, Lori Toerpe addressed the Board regarding the referendum. The Board listened to all comments and thanked the speakers.

(See official board book)

041426 (4)

Board of Education and Superintendent Comments:

Dr. Graber commented that there are six weeks remaining in this school year. Dr. Graber went on to say that lots of preparation is being done for next year. Dr. Graber commented that registration is now open for new Kindergartners as well as returning students. Dr. Graber highlighted some end of year events coming up. Dr. Graber clarified that the conversation for another referendum will be on the May 5 meeting.

(See official board book)

041426 (5)

Approval of Action Items (Discussion Agenda)

041426 (5a1-5a3)

**Approve District 45 Financial Reports (5a1-5a3)
5a1 Operating Statement; 5a2 Balance Sheet; 5a3 Budget Management Update**

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the Financial Reports as presented in Agenda Items 5a1-5a3.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the financial information with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

041426 (5b)

Approve EBC Insurance Renewal

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the EBC Insurance Renewal as presented in Agenda Item 5b.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the EBC Insurance Renewal with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

041426 (5c)

Ratify and Confirm Adoption of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the District 45 Employees Association, IEA/NEA

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to Ratify and Confirm Adoption of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the District 45 Employees Association as presented in Agenda Item 5c.

Dr. Graber, Superintendent, reviewed the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the District 45 Employees Association.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

041426 (6)

Action Items (Consent Agenda): 6a - 6i

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the Action Items as presented in Agenda Items 6a-6i.

041426 (6a)

Approve Payrolls

041426 (6b1)

Approve Check Listing: Manual Checks

041426 (6b2)

Approve Check Listing: Bills Payable

041426 (6c1)

Approve Personnel Changes: Termination(s)/Resignation(s)

041426 (6c2)

Approve Personnel Changes: Appointment(s)

041426 (6c3)

Approve Personnel Changes: Leave(s) of Absence

041426 (6c4)

Approve Personnel Changes: Resignation(s) for the Purpose of Retirement

041426 (6d)

Approve Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 24, 2026

041426 (6e)

Approve Closed Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 24, 2026

041426 (6f)

Approve Salary Adjustment(s) None

041426 (6g)

Approve Quarterly Destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings

041426 (6h)

Approve Organic Life Contract Renewal

041426 (6i)

Approve 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

(See official board book for copies of agenda items 6a-6i)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

041426 (7)

Information and Consideration

041426 (7a)

School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) FY27 Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Classroom and Office Lease Agreement

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) FY27 Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Classroom and Office Lease Agreement.

(See official board book)

- 041426 (7b) School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) Summer 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Classroom Lease Agreement**
- Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent, and Dr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) Summer 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Classroom Lease Agreement. A discussion ensued.
- (See official board book)
- 041426 (7c) Student Fees Discussion**
- Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the Student Fees for the 2026-2027 school year. A discussion ensued.
- (See official board book)
- 041426 (7d) Facilities Rental Fees Discussion**
- Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the Facilities Rental Fees. A discussion ensued.
- (See official board book)
- 041426 (7e) Staffing and Future Financial Planning and Considerations**
- Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent, reviewed with the Board of Education staffing and future financial planning and considerations. A discussion ensued.
- (See official board book)
- 041426 (8) Requests under Freedom of Information Act**
- Dr. Spychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reviewed with the Board of Education the FOIAs.
- (See official board book)
- 041426 (9) Adjournment to Executive Session**
- At 9:11 p.m., Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Roll Call**
- Ayes: Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None
- 041426 (10) Reconvene Board Meeting**
- At 10:06 p.m., Mrs. Godzicki moved, seconded by Mrs. Shultz, to reconvene the Board Meeting.

Adjournment

At 10:06 p.m., Mrs. Godzicki moved, seconded by Mrs. Shultz, to adjourn the Board Meeting.

President

Secretary