

**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Education School District No. 6
Lake County, Illinois
2800 29th Street, Zion, IL 60099
March 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

Roll Call

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and held the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Latoya Barnes, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Absent: Netya Perez Rivera and Wesley Walker.

Administration and staff present: Julious Lawson, Superintendent, Samantha Snyder, Accountant/Grant Writer, Erik Youngman, Director of Teaching & Learning, Mike Scofield, Director of Technology, Sandra Stringer, District Consultant, and Kimberly Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Amended Agenda to include in Other Business, Item D. Resignation of Administrator as presented.

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Margie Taylor, and Latoya Barnes.
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Public Participation

There were no public comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Amended Consent Agenda, which involves one roll call vote for all recommendations including the minutes for the February 24, 2025 Board Meeting.

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following resignations.

- **Elverman, Joy**, resignation from the position of School Nurse, for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective March 14, 2025
- **Fidishin, Marianne**, resignation from the position of Director of Special Education, for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
- **Hutting, Mary Beth**, resignation from the position of 6th Grade Science Teacher, for Zion Central Middle School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
- **Schak, Megan**, resignation from the position of Special Education Classroom Teacher, for West Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve employment of the following personnel for the positions and dates of employment as indicated, subject to successful completion of the medical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-5 of the Illinois School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 1-21.9 of the Illinois School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents and certifications required by law and/or requested by the District.

- **Cazares, Melina**, for the position of Paraprofessional, for West Elementary School, previously held by Margie Cazares, effective February 24, 2025
Classified: Step 2, \$20.43 per hour
- **Etyem, Zaria**, for the position of Paraprofessional, for Beulah Park Elementary School, previously held by Krystle Otis, effective March 3, 2025
Classified: Step 2, \$20.43 per hour
- **Padilla, Angela**, for the position of Paraprofessional, for East Elementary School, previously unfilled, effective March 3, 2025
Classified: Step 2, \$20.43 per hour

- **Stenstrom, Katie**, for the position of 6th Grade Science Teacher, for Zion Central Middle School, previously held by Mary Beth Hutting, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 2, \$43,951.05

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Latoya Barnes.
Nays; None.

Motion carried.

President's Report

President Taylor reviewed the April calendar with the board. President Taylor also discussed May 5th as a Special Board meeting due to a workshop and the election results. Board member Lear attended the March 5th SEDOL meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for June 5th. There was no update regarding the taxing bodies or TIF. The finance committee did not have a meeting this month.

Superintendent's Report

Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Lawson stated that the final Strategic Planning meeting was on March 12th and that the individuals involved did an excellent job. The Strategic Plan will be brought to the board at the June meeting.

New Business

Prepare Tentative FY26 School Budget

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the preparation of the Tentative FY26 School Budget as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Latoya Barnes.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Latoya Barnes, Margie Taylor, Denise Lear, and Robert Surano.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Desktop PC Replacements

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of replacement Desktop PCs from CDWG for a cost of \$118,175 as presented.

Motion made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Robert Surano.

Roll Call: Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Robert Surano, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, and Margie Taylor.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Laptops and Chromebooks

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of replacement Laptop PCs, Chromebooks, and Chromebook Cases from CDWG for a cost of \$446,760 as presented.

Motion made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Math Instructional Coach

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE for a Math Instructional Coach for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Math Interventionists

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the addition of 2.0 FTE for Math Interventionist positions for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor and Ken Fielding.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Special Education Coordinator

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE for a Special Education Coordinator for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Margie Taylor, Latoya Barnes, and Robert Surano.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Communication

Dr. Lawson recognized the ZCMS 8th grade Girls Basketball team won the area championship over the weekend. At the April 14th board meeting, the nominees for the Educators of the Year will be recognized.

Closed Session

President Taylor asked for a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals, who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Denise Lear, to enter into Closed Session.

Roll Call: Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.
Nays; None

Motion carried and the Board entered Closed Session at 6:21 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. and resumed Open Session.

Other Business

Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to dismiss Tonea Sims, Educational Support Personnel at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year for Reasons Other Than Reduction-In-Force as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Latoya Barnes.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Reduction in Force – Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to honorably dismiss due to Reduction-In-Force, Rafeal Centeno and Jillian Nunez, Education Support Personnel, at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Administrator Contract

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Administrator Contract for Dora Salinas, Multi-Lingual Learners Coordinator for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Margie Taylor, and Latoya Barnes.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Administrator Resignation Agreement

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Administrator Resignation Agreement for Dr. Stephen Carnes at end of the 2024-2025 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Latoya Barnes.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Latoya Barnes, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Denise Lear.
Nays; None.

Motion carried

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the board motioned to adjourn.

Ayes; All in favor. **Nays;** None.

Roll Call: Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Dated: _____

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education