

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:04 P.M., the meeting of the Gavin School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, by President Miller.

ROLL CALL - BOARD MEMBERS

Present

Mrs. Brandy Barth
Mrs. Kristin Bloniarczyk
Mrs. Sarah Brezinski - Secretary
Mr. James Miller III - President
Mrs. Lauren Perez
Mrs. Amber Sederstrom - Vice President

Absent

Mrs. Jennifer Meyer

Also Present – Dr. Scott Schwartz, Mrs. Diana Miletich Wester, and Mrs. Cheri Coby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miller asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

President Miller asked if there were any citizens wishing to address the Board. There was no response.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

May Leaders of the Month, presented by Ms. Bennett.

Gavin Central:

Pre-K: Aitana Escamila, David Santana III, Ellanora Ritacco, Serenity Boyd Valum
Kindergarten: Dorian Valdivia, Lilith Stadel, Benjamin Blough, Maximilliano Jauregui
1st Grade: Landon Mers, Bailey Cokenower, Sebastian Tesaluna, Michaela Greenwood
2nd Grade: Elizabeth Martinez, Kevin Rosel, Natalie Forman, Sylvia Bussan
3rd Grade: Novaledd Caley, Ezekiel Liles, Casen Tucibat-Townsend, Izzy Medina
4th Grade: Mateo Avitia, Giovanni Hilden, Mirna Mikhael, Hollis Findley, Max Rosas

May Students of the Month, presented by Mr. Jurgaitis.

Gavin South:

5th Grade: Xairexis Martinez, Tina-Marie Valdez
6th Grade: Olivia Stewart, Annie Lehner, Avery Rous
7th Grade: Brayden Smerecky, Lyric Wiltgen
8th Grade: Gavin Wines, Amy Ramirez

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee

Summer Projects

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Mrs. Miletich-Wester provided the Board with an update on the timeline and progress of the district's summer projects. All work is moving forward as scheduled, with completion expected by early August. Current project statuses include:

- South Flooring:
All work has been completed except for Room 210, which is pending Board approval.
- South Band Room:
Acoustic tile installation is complete.
- PA System at Gavin South:
Installation is complete.
- Classroom Furniture (Central & South):
Installation is currently in progress.
- West Parking Lot at Gavin South:
Sealcoating and restriping are scheduled for early August.
- South Front Pavement Project:
Work is scheduled to begin at the end of June.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Update

The May CPI closed at 2.4%, marking a slight increase from April. This continued moderation remains aligned with the district's current financial planning assumptions.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee provided the Board with an overview of policy revisions stemming from the April 2025 PRESS Issue 118. PRESS offers a detailed summary of the rationale behind each change, supporting districts in keeping their policy manuals aligned with current laws, regulations, and evolving local conditions.

In addition, the committee is recommending an update to Policy 2:150 – Committees, to reflect revisions to the structure and roles of the district's committees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mission and Vision

Dr. Schwartz opened his presentation by reaffirming the district's mission: "To engage, grow, and empower every learner, every day."

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dr. Schwartz proudly announced a new collaboration between the Lake County Regional Office of Education (ROE) and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, aimed at strengthening early literacy support for our youngest learners. Through this program, a high-quality, age-appropriate book is mailed monthly to each registered child—free of charge to families.

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Summer Projects

Dr. Schwartz shared **photos of completed summer projects**, giving the Board a visual update on recent improvements across the district.

Spring MAP Data

Dr. Schwartz gave a review of the Spring MAP data. MAP assessments are used to measure student progress and growth in reading and math. Dr. Schwartz explained the various ways that data is measured and reviewed. He then shared the ECRA growth scales which look at past performance, actual performance, and projected performance.

2024–2025 Registration Update

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year continues and we currently have 227 students who have completed the registration process, 46 who started, but have not finished registering, and 474 who have not yet started registering.

Alumni Visit

On June 6, 2025, a group of Gavin graduates from 1975-1985 came together to laugh, reminisce, and celebrate a time that shaped them all.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Miller reminded the Board that the deadline to apply for the School Board Governance Recognition Program is August 1, 2025.

He also requested that Board members confirm their attendance for the upcoming Triple I Conference in Chicago, scheduled for November 21–23, 2025.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

President Miller asked if there were any citizens wishing to address the Board. There was no response.

APPROVAL, CONSENT AGENDA

- Open/Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 21, 2025
- Board Bills of June 2025
- Imprest Bills for Payment
- Summary of Bills over \$2,500
- Financial Reports

Mrs. Perez made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bloniarczyk.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Perez, Bloniarczyk, Barth, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Miller
 Nays: None
 Absent: Meyer

Motion Carried.

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APPROVAL, ADDITIONAL FLOORING AT GAVIN SOUTH FOR ROOM 210

Mrs. Perez made a motion to approve the additional flooring at Gavin South for room 210, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Sederstrom.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Perez, Sederstrom, Barth, Bloniarczyk, Brezinski, Miller
 Nays: None
 Absent: Meyer

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL, 1ST READING OF PRESS ISSUE 118 - APRIL 2025 POLICY UPDATES

Mrs. Perez made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of PRESS ISSUE 118 - April 2025 Policy Updates , as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bloniarczyk.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Perez, Bloniarczyk, Barth, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Miller
 Nays: None
 Absent: Meyer

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL, AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GAVIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #37 AND THE GAVIN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, IEA-NEA 2025-2028

Mrs. Perez made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Board of Education of Gavin School District #37 and the Gavin Education Association, IEA-NEA 2025-2028, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bloniarczyk.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Perez, Bloniarczyk, Barth, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Miller
 Nays: None
 Absent: Meyer

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LAKE VILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT #41 FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST SHARED SERVICES

Mrs. Perez made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake Villa School District #41 for Physical Therapist Shared Services, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bloniarczyk.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Perez, Bloniarczyk, Barth, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Miller
 Nays: None
 Absent: Meyer

Motion Carried.

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APPROVAL, AMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT OF JUNE 16, 2025

Mrs. Perez made a motion to approve the Amended Personnel Report of June 16, 2025, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bloniarczyk.

Discussion: The personnel report was amended to include the intent to retire letter from Sandy Williams.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Perez, Bloniarczyk, Barth, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Miller
 Nays: None
 Absent: Meyer

Motion Carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS STATUS

We have received three (2) Freedom of Information requests since the last Board of Education meeting:

- Jessica Glenn
 - SLP/Speech-Language Pathologists Contracts from FY23-FY25
 - Received 5/28/2025; due 06/04/2025; completed 06/03/2025
- CT Mills <esnetworkllc1@gmail.com>
 - Current Staff Contact Directory
 - Received 06/04/2025; due 06/11/2025; completed 06/04/2025

INFORMATIONAL, BOARD CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events on the Board calendar were reviewed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

APPROVAL, TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION FOR THE APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL, OR PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES AND SPECIFIC VOLUNTEERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY

Mrs. Bloniarczyk made a motion to enter closed session for the appointment, compensation, discipline, dismissal, or performance of specific employees and specific volunteers of the public body, as presented; seconded by Mrs. Sederstrom.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all Nays, none Motion Carried.

The Board entered closed session at 6:54 P.M.

The Board reentered open session at 8:06 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Perez to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Sederstrom.

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Voice Vote: Ayes, all Nays, none Motion Carried.

08:06 P.M. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheri Coby
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Board President

Board Secretary

SUMMARY:

Reports:

Academic Spotlight
Committee Reports
 Finance and Facilities Committee
 Policy Committee
Superintendent's Report
Board President's Report

Approvals:

Consent Agenda
2024-2025 Regular School Board Meeting Dates
Financial Consulting Services Agreement with PMA
Updated Intergovernmental Agreement with Big Hollow District 38 for Shared Servicing in Food Service
Updated Intergovernmental Agreement with Big Hollow District 38 for Shared Emergency Transportation Needs
Intergovernmental Agreement with Libertyville School District #70 for Hearing Itinerant Services
Personnel Report of May 19, 2025
 Certified Staff, Resignation/Retirements/Leaves :
 Ken Novick - 4th Grade Teacher
 Amy Wood - 2nd Grade Teacher
 Sandy Williams - 4th Grade Teacher
 Alexia Dean - 4th Grade Teacher
 Megan Budris - 1-year LOA for 2025-2026 SY
 Support Staff, Resignation:
 Camyle Johnson - Paraprofessional
Certified Staff, Recommended for Board Approval

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Karissa Willems - 1st Grade

Jennifer Bazzoli - 4th Grade Teacher

Braden Foster - PE Teacher Central

Non-Teacher Certified Staff, Recommended for Board Approval

Alyssa Girten - Occupational Therapist (0.2 FTE South)

Rachel Goodales - Physical Therapist (0.2 FTE South)

Melanie Dace - Registered Nurse (0.2 FTE District)

Pam Winters – Vision Itinerant

2025-2026 Salaries for Administrators: Jason Jurgaitis, Carol Bennett, Meagan

Dwyer, Mary Orozco, and Diana Miletich Wester

Support Staff, Recommended for Board Approval

Gabrielle Simon - Paraprofessional for PE (1.0 FTE Central)

Brynna Lawson - Paraprofessional (1.0 FTE Central)

Susan Edelstein - Paraprofessional PM (0.5 FTE Central)

Abigail Zyweczak - Lunch Supervisor

2025-2026 Salaries for 11 and 12-month non-union employees: Cheri Coby,

Alexis Fernandez, Sean Snyder, David Roat, Keith Bezak, and Sarah Pasko

Informational Items

Freedom of Information Requests

Board Calendar Upcoming Events

Items for Future Agendas