

**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Education School District No. 6
Lake County, Illinois
2800 29th Street, Zion IL 60099
August 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM**

Roll Call

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and held the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez, and Margie Taylor.

Absent: Jazmine Crump, Robert Surano and Jacqueline San Diego.

Administration and staff present: Julious Lawson, Superintendent, Samantha Snyder, CSBO, Jennifer Scott, Director of Technology, April Miller, Director Human Resources, Julio Ugarte, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Donelle Staples, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, Ryan Hawkins, Special Education Supervisor, and Kimberly Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

President Taylor for a motion to approve the Amended Agenda adding under Other Business, Item C, Administrator Contract as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor and Ken Fielding.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Celebrations and Recognitions

Dr. Lawson acknowledged and celebrated the staff position changes and staff new to the district for 2026-2027 school year.

Public Participation

There were no public comments.

Approval of Amended 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 July 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

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

- **Stockhausen, Zella**, resignation from the position of 3rd Grade Teacher at West Elementary School, effective August 10, 2026.
- **Sweeney, Madeline**, resignation from the position of 5th Grade Teacher at Beulah Park Elementary School, effective August 6, 2026.

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 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:

- **Alford, Aaron**, Social Worker at Lakeview Elementary School, the position was previously held by Miranda Koski, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: MA+30, Step 1, \$64,410.73
- **Brautigam, Otto**, 5th Grade Teacher at Shiloh Park Elementary School, previously held by Aaron Cohn, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,998.48
- **Choudhury, Mahin**, 8th Grade Math Teacher at Zion Central Middle School, previously held by Bon Joon Koo, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: MA, Step 1, \$63,696.34

- **Gallanis, Jessica**, 3rd Grade Teacher at West Elementary School, previously held by Mary De Leon, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: BA, Step 14, \$55,238.31
- **Harris, Sue**, 5th Grade Teacher at Shiloh Park Elementary School, the position was previously held by Mary Martin, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: BA+24, Step 7, \$58,371.27
- **Hager, Kelly**, for the position of Paraprofessional at Elmwood Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Classified: \$23.55 per hour
- **Juezan, Ernice**, Special Education Instructional Teacher at Shiloh Park Elementary school, this is a new position, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: MA, Step 11, \$63,958.94
- **Martinez, Osiris**, 4th Grade Dual Language Teacher at West Elementary School, this position was previously held by a contractor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,998.48
- **Ramirez, Jireh**, for the position of Paraprofessional at Elmwood Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, this is a new position, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
Classified: \$20.84 per hour

Motion made by Netya Perez Rivera, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Netya Perez Rivera, Denise Lear, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None.

Motion carried.

President's Report

President Taylor reviewed the September calendar, and the next regular meeting will be September 21st at 6:00 pm and reminded board members if they are not able to attend, please notify her or Kim Hall. Dr. Lawson attended the July 30th taxing bodies meeting and collectively, the Zion leaders agreed to add County Board member Gina Roberts to the group. trusted connector to Lake County resources who supports Zion's mission. The Start Early facility appears to be on schedule, with an official opening discussed for next August and possible earlier ribbon cutting. The next scheduled session is Thursday, August 27th at 10 am.

Member Lear provide information the on August 5th SEDOL meeting that they approved a three-year contract with their teachers and approved the budget. The next meeting will be December 2nd. There is no information about the next TIF meeting. The finance committee met and discussed summer projects including the fire alarm project and ZCMS sewer project, West School playground, tentative budget, technology infrastructure, Beulah Park School, and upcoming negotiations.

Superintendent's Report

There were no monthly school reports presented due to the summer break.

Department Presentations

Dr. Lawson provided an update on registration numbers for the 2026-2027 school year with 1,776 students enrolled and 323 not enrolled. Of the enrolled students, we currently have 173 new students.

Dr. April Miller, Director of Human Resources, presented an update on staffing for the 2026-2027 school year,

New Business

Tentative FY27 School Budget

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Tentative FY27 Budget as presented and set the Public Hearing date as September 21, 2026.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Netya Perez Rivera, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Palo Alto Renewal

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve renewal of Palo Alto Networks subscription services for one-year, effective September 9, 2026, to September 8, 2027, in the amount of \$45,242.76 as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None

Motion carried

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).
- B. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonable potential danger to the safety of the employees, students, staff, the public or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
- C. 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera to enter into Closed Session.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None

Motion carried and the Board entered Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board exited Closed Session at 8:26 p.m. and resumed Open Session.

Other Business

Student Teacher Agreement

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Student Teacher Agreement as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Ken Fielding and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Tech Infrastructure Remediation

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve awarding a five-year agreement to Impact Networking for cybersecurity remediation, technology infrastructure improvements, and managed technology services in an amount not to exceed \$507,060 per year, as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Administrator Contract 2026-2027

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Administrator Contract for Julie Pecoraro, Assistant Principal, Lakeview Elementary School, for the 2026-2027 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, and Margie Taylor.

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: Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera and Margie Taylor.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Dated: _____

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education