

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administrative Center 6:00 p.m. – 7:32 p.m. September 16, 2026

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Becky Walters

Sean Mason

Jason Nash

Members Absent

Mary Lenzen

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Griffin Sonntag, Jen Ban, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, Maura Raleigh, Julia Benes, Halie Kinder, Katie Detjin, Cara Ross, Jolita Zubrickas, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board of Education.

BUDGET HEARING

FY27

Board President Marchione declared the budget hearing open at 6:08 p.m.

The budget for FY27 meets the Board policy financial guidelines of the district. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Griffin Sonntag presented an outline of the major components of the budget. The FY27 proposed final budget projects revenues at \$19,987,867 and expenses at \$19,959,262. Mr. Sonntag explained that the district takes a very conservative approach to budgeting and looks to spend tax dollars wisely. He let the Board know that the majority of the district's budget goes directly to students through the education fund. The district continues to be in good financial standing due to the excellent stewardship and vision of the Board of Education. This vision includes being mindful of maintaining quality programs, reasonable class sizes, and sufficient fund balances as a safeguard in case of decreased government funding, economic downturns, and/or urgent facility repairs. There were no public comments.

Board President Marchione declared the budget hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

ACTION NO. 02

Budget Approval

Motioned by Brockob, second by Walters, that the Board adopt the 2026-27 school district budget as presented. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Nash, and Brockob; Absent - Lenzen).

OPEN FORUM

No community members addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 03
Consent Agenda

Motion by Brockob, second by Walters, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented, consisting of: meeting minutes of the August 12, 2026, regular meeting; Approve Payment of August Payroll/September Warrants; September 2026 Personnel Report; Approve Section 5 (Personnel) Board Policies; Approve Board Policy 7:70 *Attendance and Truancy*; and Approve Overnight Field Trips per Board Policy 6:240. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Marchione, Zona, Walters, Mason, and Nash; Absent - Lenzen).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Superintendent Goals

Each year, the Board approves the superintendent's goals, which become part of the superintendent's contract. Dr. Palzet presented this year's goals to the Board of Education. The District follows a philosophy of cascading goals, which means that the Strategic Plan goals become the superintendent's goals, which become the building goals, and so on. The superintendent's goals are pulled directly from the Strategic Roadmap. The superintendent's goals will be on the October agenda for approval.

Curriculum Review Cycle Update

Each year Dr. Ban and the Curriculum Council implement our curriculum review cycle. The purpose of the review cycle is to ensure curriculum and resources used in classrooms meet the needs of our students and state requirements. Dr. Ban provided the Board with an update on our progress and areas of focus for the year. She also shared the outcome of the most recent administration of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment.

Class Size Update

Ms. Tomei and Dr. Arundel updated the Board on class sizes at both schools. The goal is to ensure that class sizes remain at or near the guidelines that are established in Board policy 7:65. As stated in Board policy, if any class goes over the Board guideline, support will be put in place for the teacher and students within that class.

Review Board Policy Section 6 (Curriculum and Instruction)

The Board reviewed selected policies from Section 6 (Curriculum and Instruction). The changes made to policies reflect suggested and required changes from the PRESS policy service.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update; Approve Superintendent Goals 2026-27; Approve Curriculum and Instruction (sec. 6) Board Policies; Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans; Adopt Proposed Tax Levy; Review Superintendent Evaluation Tool; Review Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies; eLearning Hearing; and Security Personnel Report.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

FOIA - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are filled by our FOIA officer, Mr. Sonntag. The district fulfilled the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests below:

- Gavin Sanchez from Data Branch requested all purchasing records from certain specific vendors from 2022 to the present.
- Gavin Sanchez from Data Branch requested all purchase orders issued between January 1, 2023, and the present across all departments, divisions, and offices.
- Courtney Blake from Data Branch requested records from 2022 to the present that reflect the pricing structure on any products from certain specific vendors.

Required Postings (P.A. 96-0434)

ACTION NO. 04

Closed Session

Motioned by Walters, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Brockob, and Nash; Absent - Lenzen).

ACTION NO .05

Open Session.

Motioned by Walters second by Brockob that the Board move out of closed session and back into open session at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Brockob, and Nash; Absent - Lenzen).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Walters, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried by a voice vote

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____