

Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. - Merilyn F. Daniels Boardroom

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miljkovic called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: Woods and Fletcher-Gomez.

Also present were: Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager; Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Dr. Joe Krause, JH Principal; Mrs. Teresamarie Loxas, JH Assistant Principal; Mr. Al Buttner, WV Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, OB Principal; Dr. Caylee Villegas, EC Principal; and Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA President.

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Requests - The Board received three FOIA requests from: (1) Justin Wenig from Starbridge, requested purchase order records to companies/contractors/organizations including date, description and amounts (1/1/25 to current); (2) Dana McKinnon requested a copies of agreements with law firm and past 12 months of invoices; and (3) Jomer Genite from SmartProcure requested employee names, job titles, work emails, and campus location. These requests were all filled within the required timeline.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND PERSONNEL REPORT

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Public Hearing Amended Budget Minutes June 16, 2026
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026
- c. Closed Session Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026
- d. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes July 21, 2026
- e. Closed Session Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes July 21, 2026

2. Approval of Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report for June & July 2026
- b. Budget Status Report for June & July 2026
- c. Payroll in the Amount of \$2,087,018.07 for June 2026
- d. Payroll in the Amount of \$404,950.78 for July 2026

3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of August 2026

- a. Employment - ratified the employment of **Martin Hernandez**, Part-time Custodian @ OB, **Joanna Spyrtos**, Teacher @ OB, **Stephen Bookout**, Bus Driver @ District Office, and **Rosalinda Perez**, Paraprofessional @ EC/JH effective 8/18/26.
- b. Resignation - accepted the resignation of **Samantha Braasch**, Teacher @ OB effective 7/1/26; **Nicholas Honcharuk**, Bus Driver @ District Office effective 7/27/26; and **Anxhela Pipa**, Computer Technician @ District Office effective 9/3/26.

4. Approval of Administrator & Teacher Compensation Report

5. Approval of Job Descriptions

- 1. Superintendent
- 2. Curriculum Director

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the consent agenda for August, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Snyder, Miljkovic, Lucero-Bahr, and Papadopoulos.

Nays – None. Motion carried.

VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A.** Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of \$1,114,125.92 for July 2026 and \$707,598.11 for August 2026

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Ms. Lucero-Bahr that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for July and August 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, and Miljkovic.

Nays – None. Motion carried.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report** - Dr. Dudek provided up to date enrollment information. A report will be provided next month with the district's enrollment trend history.
- B. Summer School Report** - Mrs. Teresamarie Loxas provided the Board with a summary of the 2026 Summer School Program. Board members had previously received a written summary regarding the program.
- C. Climate/Culture Survey Analysis** - Dr. Dudek presented a climate/culture survey analysis of three companies that provided quotes and structure of their surveys. The anticipated survey is set to launch in the upcoming fall months.
- D. Annual Report on Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation & Harassment** - Illinois State law and Board Policy (7:180) requires the administration to provide the Board with an annual evaluation of the outcomes and effectiveness of the Bullying Policy. The Principals gathered and analyzed data regarding bullying at all the schools over the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Buttner provided a report on behalf of all the Principals. As required by Illinois State law and Board Policy the report was posted on the district website after it was presented to the Board of Education.
- E. Presentation of 2026-2027 Board of Education 7 Goals** - Dr. Dudek presented the Draft 2026-2027 Board of Education 7 Goals.
- F. Presentation of 2026-2027 Tentative Budget** - Mr. Blomquist presented the 2026-2027 tentative budget. The tentative budget will be on display to the public for 30 days prior to the September Budget Hearing/Board meeting when the Board will be asked to provide their final approval of the budget.
- G. Monthly Financial Update** - Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District.
- H. Informational Items & Communications** - Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
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| ❖ August 18 | School Board Meeting 7pm |
| ❖ August 20 | WV Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm |
| ❖ August 20 | JH Picture Day |
| ❖ August 21 | ECEC Parent Orientation AM Session 9:30am/PM Session 10:30am |
| ❖ August 24 | ECEC First Day of School |
| ❖ August 25 | OB Parent Information Night 6-7pm |
| ❖ August 25 | Band Sign-up Night @ WV 4-7pm |
| ❖ August 26 | JH Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm |
| ❖ August 28 | JH Back to School Dance 3-5pm |
| ❖ September 2 | OB Vision & Hearing Screening |
| ❖ September 2 | JH PTO Organization Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| ❖ September 3 | WV School Picture Day |
| ❖ September 7 | Labor Day – No School |
| ❖ September 8 | OB School Picture Day |
| ❖ September 8 | OB/WV PTO Meeting @ OB 6:30pm |
| ❖ September 9 | OB Vision & Hearing Screening |
| ❖ September 9 | OB/WV PTO Back to School Picnic @ OB 4-7pm |
| ❖ September 10 | EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screening 3-5pm |
| ❖ September 22 | Board of Education Meeting 7pm |

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee of the Whole** - The Committee of the Whole met on July 21, 2026 to draft and finalize the Board of Education 7 Goals for the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Dudek gave a presentation of the proposed goals.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 2026-27 Tentative Budget** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Ms. Snyder that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, and Miljkovic.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of 2026-2027 Board of Education 7 Goals** - It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Board of Education 7 Goals.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, Snyder, Miljkovic, and Botello.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

- X. **CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The board went into closed session at 8:19 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Ms. Lucero-Bahr to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Aida Miljkovic, President

Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary