

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Joliet Township High School District 204

A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Township High School District 204 was held Tuesday, September 15, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – 5:30 PM

II. Closed Session

Closed Session is to discuss and consider items such as student discipline, collective negotiating matters, acquisition of land, pending legal matters, and/or personnel for the appointment, employment, pay, discipline, performance, or dismissal as designated by school board policy 2:200.

President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois. Members Present Mr. Matt Kennedy, Mrs. Michelle Stiff, Mr. Dan Coffey, Mrs. Christine Lynn, Mrs. Lorraine Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Angela Huntington. Absent: Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Coffey moved that the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, District property, security, student discipline, and litigation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Coffey, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

III. Call to Order and Roll Call - Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

President Kennedy reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois and asked for roll call. Members Present: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Absent: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Coffey. Absent: Mr. Fitzpatrick

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

President Kennedy welcomed all guest in the audience and watching online.

President Kennedy called for a moment of silence for a student at Transition Center who had currently passed away.

IV. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item

Members of the public may make comments to the Board of Education on any item

listed on the agenda. The time allotted to comment is limited to five minutes, unless the Board President decides to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals opportunity to speak as designated by school board policy 2:230.

No Public Comments.

V. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is used for those items that usually do not require discussion or explanation before Board of Education action. It may also include items for which the law requires board action but which the board rightfully delegates to the staff.

- A. Minutes of August 18 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Payroll, Organizations & Activity, and Cafeteria Report - *Policy 4:60*
- C. Freedom of Information Request(s) – *Policy 2:250*
- D. Check Register - *Policy 4:60*

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Hopewell Schools from the Check Register. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mr. Coffey. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the remainder of the Check Register. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Abstain: Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

VI. Recognition and Awards

- A. Central Campus
 - College Board National School Recognition Award
 - Álvarez Hernández, Stephani
 - Beltrán, Omar
 - Cornfield, Jayden A
 - Guzmán, Ángela S
 - Guzmán, Evelyn I
 - Ledezma, Liliana
 - López, Makayla R
 - López, Natanael
 - López, Saúl
 - Lozano, Karol J
 - Ross, Rihanna R
 - Ulloa, Jisela
 - Veasy-Tramel, Paityn
 - Wheeler, Aiden A
 - Wilson, Elise L
 - College Board National First-Generation Recognition Award

Álvarez Hernández, Stephani
Beltrán, Omar
Cornfield, Jayden A
Guzmán, Ángela S
Guzmán, Evelyn I
Ledezma, Liliana
López, Makayla R
Ulloa, Jisela
Wilson, Elise L

B. West Campus

College Board National School Recognition Award

Uriel Aguirre
Stephanie Arias-Delcid
Aden Arzate
Jack Blackburn
Leah Blunk
Lily Bohanek
Leonardo Calderon
Devion Campbell
Alicia Casillas
Julie Castillo
Jorge Chavez-Avina
Edward Clemans
Jayden Cornfield
Nicholas Davis
Kirie Dorcoo
Evita Claire Evans
Emma Graf
Yarely Hernandez
Adelyn Hill
Mariana Lopez Cortes
Noel Lopez
Alexa Magana
Cassidy Malloy
Leilani Matos
Ethan Moran
Christopher Palacios
Jacob Prosise
Aspen Ramirez
Sofia Saravia Avila
Rachel Saxon
Angelina Schliessmann
Julia Shutts-Fruit
Colbie Siksta
Omar Silva
Hailey Smidl

Kendall P Stroud
Sania Taylor
Abel Torres
Christian Toth
Lazaro Ulloa
Ronak Verma
Emily Victor
Penelope Wagner
Bailey Williams
Elena Yanchick
Jasmine Yates
Zeb Zamoras
Aaliyah Zepeda

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Emma Graf
Yarely Hernandez
Mariana Lopez Cortes
Alexa Magana
Cassidy Malloy
Ethan Moran
Sofia Saravia Avila
Omar Silva
Sania Taylor
Christian Toth
Lazaro Ulloa
Emily Victor
Penelope Wagner

Staff Recognition – Medical Emergency

Awais Arain
Nick Davis
Anna Carbine
Kristin Chally
Mandy Fuentes
Gabrielle Garrett
David Gutierrez

Sean Hackney
Sue Hurley
Daniel Kelly
Michael Kuziel
Nick Larkin
Khristy Maberry
Matt Narducci
Brett Marcum
Chuck Rumpf
Anne Savickas
Kelly Williams

VII. Superintendent Reports

A. Correspondence

No Correspondence.

B. Legislative Report

No Legislative Report.

C. Breakfast After the Bell Public Hearing

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to open the Bell Mandate public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

Mrs. Adelman gave a report of the following:

1. JTHS currently offers a full breakfast program at Central, West and Pathways consisting of several entrée choices each day. Breakfast is served at Central and West from 6:30 am until 8:15 am and at Pathways from 8-8:15am and 9-9:15am. JTHS served on average 1200 breakfast meals daily during the 2025-26 school year.
2. The reimbursement rates for 2026-27 school year are listed below. They would not cover the added costs associated with distributing breakfast meals outside the established location and hours currently in place.

Reimbursement Rates 2026-27

Breakfast – free meals \$3.05 (increased .11 over 2025-26)

Breakfast – reduced-price meals \$2.75 (increased .11 over 2025-26)

Breakfast – paid meals \$0.42 (increased .02 over 2025-26)

3. The mandate would require the following additional expenses:
 - a. Purchase refrigerated coolers and carts to distribute the meals with milk.

- b. Employ additional staff to prepare the bagged meals, stock the carts and deliver the meals to every classroom or kiosks around the building.
 - c. Additional custodian resources during the day to empty classroom garbage cans so food and spoiled milk don't begin to stink or attract pests.
 - d. Purchase wireless laptop computers/iPads and scanners to run the food service point of sale software at each cart.
- 4. Serving meals and allowing students to eat in the classroom will cause disruption. Time would have to be allotted to throw away garbage and clean up individual areas. Extra time would be needed for spills and other clean-ups beyond the normal clean-up.
 - 5. Serving meals in the PE classes will interfere with the class. Instructional time is already lost to allow students to change into the required PE uniform at the beginning and end of class.
 - 6. Serving meals from Kiosks in specific locations would cause long lines during a 5-minute passing period. The kiosks will require additional security during the serving time and will require the school to issue late passes to students who were waiting for food.
 - 7. Adding extra time between 2nd and 3rd period so every student can purchase a meal in the cafeteria will affect the overall daily class schedule. Each class period would need to be shortened or the school day longer. This would also require additional security for student supervision during the extended passing period since students not participating in breakfast would have nothing to do. JTHS begins serving lunch at 10:15 am, which is only 60 minutes after the passing period between period 2 and 3. Due to the constraints, this is not a viable option for JTHS.

President Kennedy asked for any additional comments.

No Comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

D. 10-Day Count Report

Dr. Guseman shared the 10-day report showing a net loss of 216 students. No questions.

VIII. Action Items

A. Resolution to Stand in Solidarity with the Homewood Flossmoor High School Community

A motion was made by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer to approve the Resolution to Stand in Solidarity with the Homewood Flossmoor High School Community. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Ms. Stiff read the Resolution. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

B. Agreement with IASB and Joliet Township High School - Administrative Procedures Online Service Agreement

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Agreement with IASB and Joliet Township High School - Administrative Procedures Online Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

C. Agreement with IASB and Joliet Township High School - PRESS AP Plus Maintenance Service Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Agreement with IASB and Joliet Township High School - PRESS AP Plus Maintenance Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.

D. Agreement with Thriveworks and Joliet Township High School

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Agreement with Thriveworks and Joliet Township High School. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

E. Intergovernmental Transportation Agreement for Rockdale District 84

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Intergovernmental Transportation Agreement for Rockdale District 84. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

F. Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid Assistance in Response to Crises in the Public and Private Schools of Will County, Illinois

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid Assistance in Response to Crises in the Public and Private Schools of Will County, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

G. Agreement between Joliet Township High School and Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Agreement between Joliet Township High School and Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mr. Coffey. Nays: None.

H. Donation Request(s)

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Donations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mr. Coffey. Nays: None.

I. Course Additions

1. Introduction to the Trades
2. Workplace Internship Course
3. Individual/Dual Sports
4. Team Sports

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Course Additions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

J. Course Revisions

1. Apparel Merchandise and Design
2. Interior Design
3. Fashion Construction
4. Woods and Construction 1
5. Woods and Construction 2
6. Woods and Construction 3
7. Orientation to Technology
8. Photography 1

9. Photography 2
10. Honors Pre-Calculus with Trig
11. Walking for Wellness
12. PE 3-4 Adventure Education
13. PE 3-4 Dance Education

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Course Revisions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.

K. Course Eliminations

1. PE 2
2. PE 3-4 Recreational Education
3. PE 3-4 Competitive Education

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Course Eliminations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call votes. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

L. Approval of 2026-2027 Final Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the 2026-2027 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

M. Review of Policy 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment for ISBE Bullying Requirement

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Review of Policy 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment for ISBE Bullying Requirement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

N. Public Act 97-0609 Report

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Public Act 97-0609 Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey. Nays: None.

O. FY 26 Administrator & Teacher Salary/Benefit Report 1-5 ILCS 5/1010.47

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the FY 26 Administrator & Teacher Salary/Benefit Report 1-5 ILCS 5/1010.47. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

P. Second Reading of Board Policies - New Policy - *Policies 2:240*

1. 2:120E3 Resolution to Appoint a Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly

A motion was made by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer to approve the Second Reading of New Policy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

Q. Second Reading of Board Policies - Updated - *Policy 2:240*
2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board

1. 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
2. 5:70 Religious Holidays
3. 5:240 Suspension
4. 6:70 Teaching About Religions
5. 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
6. 6:190 Co-Curricular Activities
7. 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
8. 7:190 Student Behavior
9. 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
10. 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Seconded Reading of Updated Board Policies. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.

R. Second Reading Of Policies - Five Year Review - *Policy 2:240*

1. 2:30 District Elections
2. 3:40 Superintendent
3. 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
4. 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
5. 3:70 Succession of Authority
6. 4:120 Food Services
7. 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
8. 5:110 Recognition for Service
9. 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff
10. 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
11. 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

12. 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
13. 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
14. 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

A motion was made by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer to approve the Five Year Review Policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

- S. Second Reading of Policies - Rewritten - *Policy 2:240*
1. 2:70E Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment
 2. 2:220E1 Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes
 3. 2:220E3 Closed Meeting Minutes
 4. 2:220E5 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
 5. 2:220E8 Board of Education Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs
 6. 7:330 Student Use of Building - Equal Access

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Rewritten Policies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

- T. Personnel Reports - *Policy 5:30; 5:180; 5:185; 5:210*
1. Professional Resignation Request(s)
 - a. Richard O'Connor, Volunteer Girls Wrestling, West Campus, effective September 3, 2026
 2. Professional Retirement Request(s)
 - a. Kristen Koppers, Instructional Teacher, West Campus effective June 30, 2030
 - b. Vernice Braasch, Instructional Teacher, Central Campus effective June 30, 2030
 3. Professional Leave of Absence Request(s)
 - a. Joslyn Collins, Teacher, Central Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective August 31, 2026 through October 9, 2026 Medical-Maternity
 - b. Margarita Glikis, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective September 3, 2026 through December 18, 2026 Medical-Maternity
 - c. Brigitte Bloomfield, Teacher, Central Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective August 14, 2026 through December 18, 2026 Medical-Personal

- d. Sandra Green, Teacher, Central Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective August 19, 2026 through January 19, 2027 Medical-Family
- e. David Collins, Teacher, Central Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective August 31, 2026 through September 11, 2026 Medical-Maternity
- f. Christine Lipke, Counselor, West Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective August 14, 2026 through February 14, 2027 Medical-Personal
- g. Kristen Koppers, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective August 17, 2026 through February 18, 2027 Medical-Personal
- h. Daniel Wikert, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective September 9, 2026 through September 23, 2026 Medical-Personal
- i. Tiffany Alexander, Counselor, West Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective September 2, 2026 through January 7, 2027 Medical-Personal
- j. Melissa Stapleton, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective August 17, 2026 through February 17, 2027 Medical-Personal

4. Professional Salary Advancement Request(s)

SY26-27 1st Semester Salary Advancement

- a. Michelle O'Malley, Teacher, West Campus, from C14 to E14
- b. Michael O'Malley, Teacher, West Campus, from C18 to E18
- c. Jonathan Rashid, Teacher, Central Campus, from D13 to E13
- d. Brian Newman, Teacher, West Campus, from E27 to F27
- e. Matthew Hurst, Teacher, Pathways, Campus, F15 to G15
- f. Laura Pritz, Teacher, Central Campus, A12 to B12
- g. Alissa Claassen, Teacher, West Campus, C20 to D20
- h. Margarita Cuevas, Teacher, West Campus, E21 to F21
- i. Amanda Johnson, Teacher, Central Campus, B4 to C4
- j. Terra Meyer, Teacher, West Campus, C22 to E22

5. Professional Additional Assignment Recommendation(s)

- a. Margarita Cuevas, EXCELL Credit Recovery - West Campus effective August 28, 2026
- b. Angel Olivo, EXCELL Credit Recovery - West Campus effective August 28, 2026
- c. Lenora Maurice, EXCELL Credit Recovery - West Campus effective August 28, 2026

- d. Jose Ortiz, EXCELL Credit Recovery - West Campus effective August 28, 2026
- e. Karla James, EXCELL Credit Recovery - Central Campus effective August 28, 2026
- f. Elizabeth Cole, EXCELL Credit Recovery - Central Campus effective August 28, 2026
- g. Laura Flaherty, EXCELL Credit Recovery - West Campus effective August 28, 2026
- h. Jacob Babich, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- i. John Barbabe, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- j. Ashley Barker, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- k. Joseph Carrasquillo, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- l. Cassie Crim, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- m. Margarita Cuevas, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- n. Erin Drzymalla, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- o. Kelsey Duranty, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- p. Natalie Eich, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- q. Karla Franchini, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- r. Jennifer Galloy, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- s. Mario Guzman, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- t. Matthew Hall, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- u. Patrick Higgins, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- v. Malinda Jiovanazzo, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- w. Michael Kurkamp O'Shea, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- x. Terra Meyer, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- y. Jacob Niemann, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Pathways Campus effective September 23, 2026
- z. Natalie O'Connell, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026

- aa. Jeffrey Peterson, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- bb. Kenneth Port, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- cc. Nesreen Sadi, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- dd. George Shimko, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Pathways effective September 23, 2026
- ee. Melissa Stapleton, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- ff. Sommer Stice, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- gg. Joanie Stofan, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- hh. Joseph Tucker, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- ii. Susana Vera, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - West Campus effective September 23, 2026
- jj. Stephen Visser, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - District-Traveling effective September 23, 2026
- kk. Mary Vonesh, Gateway to Graduation 1.0 - Central Campus effective September 23, 2026
- ll. Jacob Babich, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- mm. Ashley Barker, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- nn. Bobbie Sue Chavez, Virtual Tutoring Program, Central Campus effective September 21, 2026
- oo. Dipti Goel, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- pp. Mario Guzman, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- qq. Matthew Hall, Virtual Tutoring Program, Central Campus effective September 21, 2026
- rr. Patrick Higgins, Virtual Tutoring Program, Central Campus effective September 21, 2026
- ss. Michael O'Malley, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- tt. Amy Saelens, Virtual Tutoring Program, Central Campus effective September 21, 2026
- uu. Rebecca Stortz, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- vv. Joseph Tucker, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026
- ww. Wendy Venegas, Virtual Tutoring Program, West Campus effective September 21, 2026

xx. Steve Zeko, Virtual Tutoring Program, Central Campus
effective September 21, 2026

6. Professional Extra Pay Recommendation(s)

Activities, Athletics & Volunteers

Central Campus

- a. Carlotta McLaurin, Head Girls Wrestling

West Campus

- a. Tristan Hofford, Assistant Boys Basketball
- b. John Karczewski, Head Boys Baseball
- c. Jonathon Murray, Assistant Boys Baseball
- d. Curt Ruch, Assistant Boys Baseball
- e. Jeremy Poch, Assistant Boys Baseball
- f. Ryan Starceвич, Assistant Boys Baseball
- g. Eric Carlson, Assistant Girls Softball
- h. Danielle Litko, Assistant Girls Softball
- i. Alexandra Bartkowiak, Assistant Girls Track
- j. Tyler Brown, Volunteer Baseball
- k. Andrew Kochel, Volunteer Baseball
- l. Cannon Karzewski, Volunteer Baseball
- m. Jacob Poch, Volunteer Baseball
- n. Mario Guzman, Volunteer Baseball
- o. Lawson Sizemore, Volunteer Softball

Campus Level, Fine Arts & School Related

Central Campus

- a. Mary Vonesh, Mentor Teacher
- b. Milton George, Mentor Teacher
- c. Maddux Masopust, Head Speech
- d. Tracy Ward, Mentor Teacher

District Campus

- a. Brian Levicke, Dean
- b. Julie Henneman, Special Olympics Bowling
- c. Mariah Guzman, Special Olympics Bowling
- d. Ignacio Torrs, Special Olympics Bowling
- e. Cindy Jorgensen, Special Olympics Bowling
- f. Paul Chovanec, Special Olympics Bowling
- g. Kacey Stockdell, Special Olympics Basketball
- h. Tyler Adams, Special Olympics Basketball
- i. Simone Martin, Special Olympics Basketball
- j. Jennifer Flynn, Special Olympics Basketball
- k. Julie Henneman, Special Olympics Basketball
- l. Jessica Betts, Special Olympics Scheduler

West Campus

- a. Lisa Fike, Rho Kappa

- b. Annie Monninger, Rho Kappa
- c. Emily Mendoza, Human Relations
- d. Andrea Czart, Human Relations
- e. Jasmine Rosenboom, Culinary Club
- f. Timothy DeBoer, Auditorium Coordinator
- g. AJ Galli, Technical Director (Fall)
- h. John Barber, Head Bass Fishing

7. Professional Staff Overload Recommendation(s)
Central Campus:

- 2/11 overload for Nadia Crisostomo (English) effective 8/24/26

West Campus:

- 1/11 overload for Nick Davis for Advisory (BUS) starting on 9/14/26

8. Professional Employment Recommendation Recommendation(s)

- a. Stephanie Bonner, Task Force Substitute, River Valley, Daily Rate \$200.00 effective August 14, 2026
- b. Angela Williams, School Nurse, Central Campus, Step B-10 \$ 73,471 effective date September 28, 2026; due to new position

9. Classified Resignation Request(s)

- a. Maria Ferreira Valdes, Service Worker, Cafeteria, West Campus, effective August 14, 2026
- b. Jarret Smith, Security, West Campus, effective August 14, 2026
- c. Jose Sanchez, Security, Central Campus, effective August 23, 2026
- d. Steve Radovanovic, 2nd Shift Custodian, Buildings and Grounds, West Campus, effective August 27, 2026
- e. Robert Macfarlane, Bus Driver, Transportation, District, effective August 28, 2026
- f. Jeanette Gatson, Paraprofessional, Special Services, West Campus, effective August 30, 2026
- g. Kyle Hogeveen, Custodian/Watchman, Buildings and Grounds, Central Campus, effective August 31, 2026

10. Classified Leave of Absence Request(s)

- a. Maria Castaneda, Family Engagement Liaison, Central Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective July 29, 2026 through January 29, 2027
Medical-Personal

- b. Alfonso Paramo, Mechanic, Transportation, is requesting a leave of absence effective August 17, 2026 through September 8, 2026 Medical-Personal
- c. Theodore Peszynski, Security, Central Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective September 1, 2026 through November 23, 2026 Medical-Personal
- d. Pamela Terry, Paraprofessional, Central Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective September 1, 2026 through March 1, 2027 Medical-Family

11. Classified Salary Advancement Request(s)

- a. Madeline Hipp, Instructional Paraprofessional, West Campus, from Lane B Step 7 to Lane C Step 7, effective September 4, 2026

12. Classified Employment Recommendation(s)

- a. Luis Fuentes, Security, West Campus, Lane A Step 4 \$20.25 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Victoria Jones
- b. Marcus Bouldin, Office Professional I, Special Services, District, Step 9 \$22.62 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Jessica Shehan
- c. Jorje Juarez, Security, Central Campus, Lane A Step 4 \$20.25 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Jose Sanchez
- d. Ashleigh Morris, Security, West Campus, Lane A Step 1 \$19.24 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Kimberly Guarino
- e. Travaughn Bosby, Security, West Campus, Lane C Step 7 \$22.76 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Jarret Smith
- f. Angelica Miramontes Viramontes, Service Worker, Cafeteria, Central Campus, Step 1 \$15.92 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Sandra Kocian
- g. Takela Hardimon, Service Worker, Cafeteria, West Campus, Step 1 \$15.92 per hour effective September 16, 2026; Replacing Maria Ferreria Valdes

13. Classified Change of Status Recommendation(s)

- a. Megan Reed, Office Professional II, Student Support Team, West Campus to Office Professional I, Student Support Team, West Campus, Step 4 \$20.60 per hour, effective December 1, 2026; Due to the retirement of Stephanie Thomas

- b. John Morris, Computer Maintenance Technician, Technology, District, \$55,000.00 annually effective July 1, 2026

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Personnel Reports 1-13. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

IX. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

X. New Business

No New Business.

XI. Board Reports

Mr. Kennedy shared that he attended the JTHS Athletic Booster Golf Outing.

Dr. Huntington complimented staff on their adjusting to the two power outages at the beginning of the school year at the campuses.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer shared that the Blue & Gold and Black & Gold events were well attended and enjoyed attending.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer shared that she participated in the Mexican Independence Parade and Festival, she also included that many JTHS alumni help prepared the events.

Mrs. Lynn shared that she has been attending many JTHS Girls Golf matches. She thanked the coaches.

Mrs. Stiff shared that she attended the JTHS Partnership Breakfast.

Mrs. Stiff shared that she attended the Black Joy Parade, and that it was wonderful to see so many JTHS students participating.

XII. Announcements/Public Comment

Brayden White, former student of Joliet West shared with the board that he would like to attend Joliet West High School. He asked the Board to reconsider allowing him to attend.

Dr. Guseman shared she attended the Joliet Central vs Joliet West football game, and that it was a packed house.

Dr. Guseman shared that the Joliet Central homecoming game is Friday, September 18th with the parade on the 19th and Joliet West homecoming game and parade is Friday, September 25, 2026.

Dr. Guseman shared that Community Connection will be held October 15th at Joliet Central from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Mr. Matthew Kennedy
President

Mrs. Michelle Stiff,
Secretary