

DUNLAP COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #323
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
6:00 PM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call

Board President Tom Feldman brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked that roll be called. Present for the Board of Education were: Tom Feldman, Youssef Boudjarane, Mick Hall, Nicolas Yemm, Tim Wagenbach, and Andrew Tyra.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

It was moved by Tyra and seconded by Hall to open the public hearing regarding the FY27 Budget Adoption. Roll call vote: Feldman, Boudjarane, Hall, Yemm, Tyra, Wagenbach - Aye. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Board President, T. Feldman asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the adoption of the FY27 Budget. No one asked to address the Board. T. Feldman then asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

It was moved by Tyra and seconded by Hall to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Feldman, Boudjarane, Hall, Yemm, Tyra, Wagenbach - Aye. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- FOIA Requests - Since our last meeting, there have been 4 FOIA requests. 3 of those requests have been completed by Mr. McKenzie. The other request is in progress.
- Dr. Dearman notified the Board that construction on Allen Road will begin tomorrow and last for approximately three weeks due to an emergency underground repair. The closure will cause some delays for buses serving Banner and Hickory Grove Elementary areas. Families have been notified of this and any updates will be communicated.
- The Field House open house took place last Friday.
- Dr. Adreon presented a general construction update on the new Wilder-Waite Grade School.
- There will be no school this Friday, September 25th for students as this is Teacher's Institute Day.
- Dr. Dearman gave a Boundary Advisory Committee Update from the last meeting which was held September 15th.
- Dr. Dearman gave an update on the new superintendent search for the 2027-2028 school year.

Public Participation/Comments

- Paul Parks spoke on the topic of the Dunlap Dolphins.
- Megan Scarlata spoke on the topic of Boundary/Redistricting.

Information/Discussion Items

- A. The School Activity Account reports were available in the packet for the Board's review.
- B. Information regarding the FY26 Administrator and Teacher Salary Report were available in the packet for the Board's review.
- C. The Memorandum of Understanding – Peoria County Sheriff and Dunlap CUSD #323 was available in the packet for the Board's review.
- D. The Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes was available in the packet for the Board's review.
- E. The Board Policy Updates from PRESS Plus Issue 122 were available in the packet for the Board's review.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Boudjarane and seconded by Yemm to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Feldman, Boudjarane, Hall, Yemm, Tyra, Wagenbach - Aye. Nays - none. Motion carried.

The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the open session minutes of August 19, 2026
- B. Approval of the closed session minutes of August 19, 2026

Action Items

- A. The Bill List, Treasurer's Report, and District Investment Report were included in the Board packet.

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Wagenbach to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$11,298,785.25 as presented. Roll call vote: Feldman, Tyra, Hall, Wagenbach, Boudjarane, Yemm - Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

- B. Approval of the FY27 Budget

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Tyra to approve the FY27 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Tyra, Boudjarane, Hall, Yemm, Feldman - Aye. Nays – Wagenbach. Motion carried.

- C. Approval of the PERFECT Data Sharing Agreement

It was moved by Wagenbach and seconded by Boudjarane to approve the agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Tyra, Boudjarane, Hall, Yemm, Wagenbach, Feldman - Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

- D. Approval of the Out of State Baseball Tournament 2027

It was moved by Yemm and seconded by Tyra to approve the tournament as presented. Roll call vote: Tyra, Boudjarane, Hall, Wagenbach, Yemm, Feldman - Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Closed Session

It was moved by Feldman and seconded by Wagenbach to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

A. The appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees

Voice vote: Aye – unanimous. Motion carried. Time: 6:24 pm.

It was moved by Wagenbach and seconded by Tyra to return to open session.

Voice vote: Aye – unanimous. Motion carried. Time: 6:45 pm.

Return to Open Session: Action Items

A. Approval of the Human Resources Consent Agenda

It was moved by Boudjarane and seconded by Yemm to approve Human Resources Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Feldman, Tyra, Wagenbach, Boudjarane, Yemm, Hall - Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

New Hires

Name	Position Type	Building	Effective Date
Stoller, Hannah	Aide - Title I	DGS	8/10/2026
DEAN, VIOLA	Substitute Cook	District Wide	8/21/2026
Heinzman, John	Cook - Special Assignment	District Wide	8/26/2026
Nighswanger, Patricia	Cook	DMS	9/4/2026
Godse, Avanti	Aide- Life Skills Classroom	BES	8/24/2026
Sakthivel, Suganya	Aide -Life Skills 1-on-1	DMS	8/26/2026
Hofer, Betsy	Substitute Office Assistant	RES	9/9/2026
Jefferson, Denise Elizabeth	SPED Vision Teacher	DHS	8/17/2026
Koehler, Monica	Transportation Secretary	Transportation	9/14/2026

Terminations

Name	Position Type	Building	Separation Reason and Date
Holzinger, Jonna	Substitute Cook	District Wide	Retirement 8/10/2026
Lipe, Stephanie	Substitute Cook	District Wide	Termination 8/21/2026

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Boudjarane to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: Aye – unanimous. Motion carried and meeting adjourned. Time: 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Feldman, President

Mick Hall, Secretary