PROSPECT HEIGHTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting MacArthur Middle School 7:00 p.m. October 8, 2026

Members Present	Members Absent
Rebecca McClaney, President Spencer Long, Vice-President Carol Botwinski, Secretary Tracey Morrissey Brynn Nordmark Mari Lynn Peters Zara Summers (arrived at 7:20 pm)	

CALL TO ORDER	Rebecca McClaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the MacArthur Middle School and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually on our YouTube Channel. Link to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Mrs. Botwinski, Dr. Long, Mrs. McClaney, Mrs. Morrissey, Mr. Nordmark, Mrs. Peters and Dr. Summers. Dr. Summers arrived at 7:20 pm. Also present: Dr. Don Angelaccio, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by the MacArthur Principal Advisory Partnership.
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION	No one addressed the Board.
COMMUNICATIONS	**Instructional Coaches Day October 6th** We thanked our amazing Instructional Coaches for their ongoing contributions to the professional learning and student support in District 23: Lisa James, Kristene Ganek, Dina Trekas, and Hannah Sutter. We also recognize our Special Education and Multilingual Specialists: Abby Cisneros, Carly Sullivan, Megan Rieger, Nina Espinos, and Denisse Valladares. **National Principals Month** The month of October is recognized as National Principals month. We thanked our principals: Dr. Lambatos, Ms. Gage, Ms. Meziere, Dr. Nystrom, and Mr. Kaper for their outstanding leadership! **National School Bus Safety Week** October 19-23 is recognized as National School Bus Safety Week. In District 23, we take this opportunity to thank our partners, First Student, and all of the drivers who serve our community. **LEA Designation 2026** This annual review of our Special Education program found that we again met all requirements. **Community Focus Group** Flyers inviting parents to join a focus group to discuss the purposeful use of technology in D23 have been posted and shared in advance of the meetings. **ISBE Report Cards and Summative Designations** On October 31, the Illinois State Board of Education will release the 2026 School Report cards and summative designations. While the information is currently under embargo, we are very pleased with the data we have seen and look forward to sharing it with the community.

	D23 Community Connections Newsletter The Fall 2026 edition of the D23 Community Connections Newsletter arrives in mailboxes this week. **Veterans' Day Breakfast and Assembly** MacArthur will host its annual Veterans Day breakfast and assembly on Thursday, November 12. **MacArthur Middle School Improvement Presentation** Dr. Nystrom, Mr. Kaper and members of the MacArthur Middle School Improvement Team provided an overview of their goals for this year.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	**BUILDING AND SITES** Mrs. Morrissey reported that there was discussion on the canopy repairs at Ross and Sullivan that will take place next week. Also, the finishing touches on the Mac windows and siding project were completed. The dust collector at MacArthur is scheduled for removal on November 1 and 2 as students are not in session. **FINANCE** Mrs. McClaney reported that installments from the Cook county bridge loan have been received and hope that the tax money will begin to come in as the due date for payment was October 1st. There was discussion on holding off any additional furniture purchases. There was discussion on approval of the new snow removal contract as well as the landscaping contract up for approval at the October 27th special meeting. They discussed the upcoming transportation services bid, the excess fund accumulation report and there was discussion on the IGA with the Prospect Heights Park District regarding the Kinderstop Program. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS** Dr. Summers reported that lots of time was spent on crafting the newsletter. There was discussion regarding the PHPD trunk or treat, and the PTO Trunk our treat. It was reported that Literacy night was combined with two other schools and that going forward other events would be combined among the schools so parents can attend one event for multiple students.

CONSENT AGENDA	The Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 17 and the Personnel Report. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Peters, passed. Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Abstain, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 Absent: No one
FINANCIAL REPORT	Board member McClaney reviewed and approved the vouchers this month. Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. McClaney and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed. Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0 Absent: No one

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	**Programs and Services** Assistant Superintendents, Drs. Sroka and Curtis provided an overview of programs and services designed to support our students and staff. **IASB Delegate Selection** At the upcoming Triple I Conference, each District is invited to send one representative to the delegate assembly. Following the selection of our representative tonight, we will meet to review proposed resolutions and bring a recommendation for a directed vote to our November meeting. Motion to nominate Becky McClaney to serve as our representative at the IASB Delegate Assembly. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Dr. Summers, Passed. Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0 Absent: No one **FY2028 Budget Calendar** The Budget Calendar for FY2028 has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mrs. McPartlin provided information and answered questions regarding the budget. Motion to approve the Budget Calendar for FY2027. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed. Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0 Absent: No one

IGA with Prospect Heights Park District - KinderStop Program in 2027-28 School Year

Administration has continued the discussions with the Prospect Heights Park District regarding the hosting of the KinderStop Program at Eisenhower School, starting in 2027-28. This item will be voted on in the future.

FY27 School Maintenance Projects Grant

Administration has completed the preliminary application for the FY27 School Maintenance Projects Grant, with the $50,000 matching funds to be allocated towards the low voltage technology work needed at Eisenhower. Pending approval by the Board, the application will be formally submitted to ISBE.

Motion to approve the grant application for the 2027 School Maintenance Projects Grant as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

Summary of Categorical Grants

Dr. Curtis provided the annual summary of Categorical Grants.

Annual Communications Update

The Administration shares an annual update of communication goals, methods, and frequency.

Compliance with Excess Fund Accumulation Report - Public Act 103-0394

In accordance with Public Act 103-0394, school districts are required to report on the fund balances in the

	Educational, Operations & Maintenance, and Transportation funds when they are in the process of budget approval. **Freedom of Information Act Report (FOIA)** In accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act, we have the following FOIA requests to report. All requests were responded to by the FOIA Officer within the required timeframe.
ADJOURN	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. This motion, made by Spencer Long and seconded by Brian Greidanus, Passed. Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

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