Regular Meeting Administrative Center 6:00 p.m. – 8:21 p.m. October 21, 2026

Members Present:
Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Sean Mason
Jason Nash
Members Absent
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS — Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Griffin Sonntag, Jennifer Ban, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, Maura Raleigh, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students: Laine Brannigan, Emma Thomas, Caden Germino, Kiki Murray, and their parents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — The Pleasantdale September Kindness Award winners.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT — Dr. Palzet announced that both the elementary school and the middle school have received an exemplary designation by the Illinois State Board of Education. This is the highest recognition level possible and the first time that both school have earned an exemplary rating. Dr. Palzet also shared information about our first 8th grade trip to Washington, DC.

eLearning HEARING — Board President Marchione declared the eLearning hearing open at 6:10 p.m.

School districts that want to use eLearning days in lieu of student attendance days must hold an eLearning Hearing every three years. The presentation must outline the district's plan and ensure students receive the requisite five hours of instructional time. Districts are also required to ensure that all students have access to materials and electronic networks and that teachers have the tools to implement the program adequately. Dr. Palzet's presentation laid out the general structure of the program, grade-band-specific information, and student expectations.

Board President Marchione declared the elearning hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

OPEN FORUM — No community members addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 06
Consent Agenda

Motion by Brockob, second by Zona, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented, consisting of: meeting minutes of the September 16, 2026, regular meeting; Approve the meeting minutes of the September 16, 2026 closed session meeting, Approve Payment of September Payroll/October Warrants; October 2026 Personnel Report; Approve Section 6 (Curriculum and Instruction) Board Policies; Approve the Superintendent's Goals for the 2026-27 school year, the Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant, Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Brockob, Marchione, Zona, Mason, and Nash; Absent - Lenzen and Walters).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed LY2026 Tax Levy

The Board of Education unanimously approved its proposed tax levy for 2026, asking Cook County for a levy of $17,317,596, with $13,973,025 allocated to the Education Fund. The District uses historical information and input from the local assessors to produce this request. To ensure transparency with our community, the District will hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing at the December 10, 2025 Board of Education Meeting. The Certificate of Tax Levy will be filed with the Cook County Clerk no later than December 29, 2026.

ACTION NO. 07
Resolution Approval

Motion by Brockob, second by Zona, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2026 tax levy and authorize the publication of the public hearing. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Mason, Marchione, Zona, Brockob, and Nash Absent: Lenzen and Walters).

Elementary and Middle School 2026-27 Improvement Plans

Building principals Kathleen Tomei and Jeanine Arundel presented their school improvement plans. These plans are created in collaboration with the schools' building leadership teams and reflect the unique needs of each school. This year's plans include improvements in student learning, student social/emotional wellness, positive behavior interventions, and school safety.

Security Personnel Report

The administration presented a report on the feasibility of implementing full-time School Resource Officers (SROs) or other armed security in the schools. The Board requested additional information about one security guard model as well as other methods to enhance school safety and security.

Superintendent Evaluation Tool

Each year, the Board reviews the superintendent's evaluation tool and determines if changes are necessary. The evaluation tool focuses on the duties and responsibilities laid out in the superintendent's job description and includes four areas: managing human resources, finance and facilities, communication, and the student experience. The Board asked some clarifying questions about the process but made no substantive changes to the evaluation tool.

Community Engagement: Survey

The Board discussed the potential sale of the Lyons Township High School Willow Springs property. The Board has been closely monitoring this process because the future of this property could significantly affect our district's long-term facilities planning. The Board discussed next steps, including launching a community survey once we have a clearer picture of how this property may be used.

Review Finance (sec 4) Board Policies

To ensure that the District's policies reflect the realities of running the District, the Board reviews a section of the policy manual each month. This month, the Board reviewed the policy manual's Finance Policies (section 4). These policies will be on the November consent agenda for approval.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update; 2027 Tax Levy Hearing; Approve Finance (sec 4) Board Policies.

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:

1. Sierra Calloway from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
2. Kristin Bauer from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
3. Natalie Fedorak from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
4. Claire Brooks from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
5. Faith Halloway from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
6. Sophia Price from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
7. Toby Park from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
8. Sheri Reid from Data Branch requested pricing and purchasing records from 2022 to the present, of the District's purchases from specific vendors.
9. Vincent Mutolo from Argo Records requested records of all purchase orders from August 2021 through August 2026.
10. Jomer Genite from SmartProcure requested contact information for all current district employees.
11. CT Mills from Public Info Access LLC requested contact information for all current district employees.
12. Justin Wenig from Starbridge FOIA Insight requested records of payments made to all vendors/ entities from January 2026 through the present.
13. Stephanie Hanson from Public Employee Research Data requested contact information and job titles of all current district employees.
14. Angela LaClaire from Public Employee Resource Group requested contact information and job titles of all current district employees

ACTION NO. 08

Closed Session — Motioned by Brockob, second by Nash that the Board move into closed session at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Mason, Marchione, Zona, Brockob, and Nash Absent: Lenzen and Walters).

ACTION NO. 09

Open Session. — Motioned by Brockob second by Marchione that the Board move out of closed session and back into open session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 4 ayes (Marchione, Zona, Brockob, and Nash Absent: Lenzen, Mason, and Walters).

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Brockob, second by Marchione, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried by a voice vote

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____