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, October 20, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois.

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call - 6:00 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 Guerrero Neumayer called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. in the Board Room at Joliet Central, 201 E. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois. Members Present Mrs. Christine Lynn, Mrs. Lorraine Guerrero Neumayer, Mr. Matt Kennedy, Mrs. Michelle Stiff, Mr. Dan Coffey, and Dr. Angela Huntington. Absent: Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick

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

III. **Call to Order and Roll Call - Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM**
President Guerrero-Neumayer reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at 7:09 p.m. in the Auditorium at Joliet Centra, 201 E. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois and asked for roll call. Members Present: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Mrs. Stiff *(left meeting at 7:30 p.m.)*, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Coffey and Dr. Huntington. Absent: Mr. Fitzpatrick

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors
President Guerrero Neumayer welcomed all guest in the audience and watching online.

President Guerrero Neumayer read her statement of appreciation of becoming the Board of Education President.

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 September 15, 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: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

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VI. **Recognition and Awards**

A. Central Campus

AP Scholar

Mia Buss	Ayanna Jackson	Angelina Luna Espinoza	Isaías Sandoval
Elliana Cortes	Yamilet Jiménez	Ryan Mendoza	Joclynn Stewart
Milagros Figueroa-Díaz	Nataly Juárez	Camden Rande	Jazmine Tena
Arianna García	Michael Littlejohn	Alondra Reyes	Jesús Valadez Martín
Rafael García	Jacinto Loera	Julio Reyes	Aiden Wheeler
Tristan González	Saúl López	Brenan Rizo	Elise Wilson
Omar Hernández	Karol Lozano	Rihanna Ross	

AP Scholar with Honor

Stephani Álvarez	Angelina Garnica	Makayla López
Adriana Chávez-Vega	Evelyn Guzmán	Sophia Ortiz
Alfonso Dueñez	Rocco Jones	Paityn Veasy

AP Scholar with Distinction

Vincente Aguilera	Joaquín Espinoza	Arianna Razo
Omar Beltrán	Nathaniel Gabriel	Jisela Ulloa
Alexander Calderón	Ángela Guzmán	Eric Zamudio
Madelyn Curry	Arianna Razo	

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student

Ángela Guzmán

B. West Campus

AP Scholar

Luis Arias	Alaina Hudson	Jennifer Newby
Aden Arzate	Brooklyn Jackson	Keane Newman
Lily Bohanek	Sarah Jaramillo	Cecilia Omokunmi
Laila Caldwell	Duke Jett	Alina Ortega
Devion Campbell	Liam Kennedy	Faith Oster
Sophia Casanova	Myles Kenney	Willow Perruquet
Julie Castillo	Lauren Krohn	Aaryn Reyes
Jordynn Clausel	Dilan Leal	Gabriela Sanchez
Nicholas Davis	Noel Lopez	Rachel Saxon
Kirie Dorcoo	Leah May	Colbie Siksta
Vincent Dumdum	Michael Maybury	Arielle Villasin
Caroline Ferak	Layla McKinney	John Wallace
Julian Flores	David Meza	Bailey Williams
Hope Garcia	Morgan Mielke	Morgan Williams
Mia Garcia	Yoselin Monroy	Halie Wisniewski
Caitlin Garrett	Marcos Montes	Elena Yanchick
Brooklyn Gore	Erick Navarrete	Aaliyah Zepeda
Cathryn Governale	Eve Nawrot	
Adelyn Hill	Georgene Neverman	

AP Scholar with Honor

Uriel Aguirre	Yarely Hernandez	Angelina Schliessmann
Jack Blackburn	Mariana Lopez	Julia Shutts-Fruit
Leah Blunk	Alexa Magana	Omar Silva
Alicia Casillas	Ethan Moran	Hailey Smidl
Jorge Chavez	Christopher Palacios	Mayah Tyler
Violet Conboy	Madison Pork	
Erik Gomez	Aspen Ramirez	

AP Scholar With Distinction

Dishi Agarwal	Derek Ngo	Abel Torres
Stephanie Arias-Delcid	Elijah Paz	Christian Toth
Leonardo Calderon	Ella Price	Ronak Verma
Jayden Cornfield	Sofia Saravia	Penelope Wagner
Evita Evans	Kendall Stroud	Jasmin Yates
Cassidy Malloy	Sania Taylor	Zeb Zamoras

National Commended Scholar

Julia Shutts-Fruit

VII. **Superintendent Reports**

A. Correspondence
No Correspondence.

B. Legislative Report
No Legislative Report.

C. Accelerated Placement and Advanced and College-Level Coursework Presentation - *Dr. Jeff Riley, Assistant Principal, Joliet Central, Dr. Sean Hackney, Assistant Principal, Joliet West, Chris McGuffey, Curriculum Director Career & Technical Education, Nicole McMorris, Curriculum Director Mathematics, Susi Montano, Curriculum Director for English, and*

Paul Oswald, Curriculum Director Social Science & World Languages

The curriculum team provided an overview of the Advance Placement at Joliet Township High School.

VIII. **Action Items**

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

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

C. The BluePoint Life Safety Response Platform Recommendation
A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve The BluePoint Life Safety Response Platform Recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call votes. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.

D. Donation(s)
A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the Donation(s). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

E. Disposal of Equipment
A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the Disposal of Equipment. The motion is seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried. Roll call votes. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

F. Student Intervention Specialist Recommendation
A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Student Intervention Specialist Recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs.

Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: Mr. Coffey. Abstain: Dr. Huntington.

G. Personnel Reports - *Policy 5:30; 5:180; 5:185; 5:210*

1. Professional Resignation Request(s)
    a. Samantha Baloy, Assistant Girls Soccer, West Campus, effective October 1, 2026

    b. Mario Samuel, Assistant Baseball, Central Campus, effective September 23, 2026

    c. Nick Sramek, Assistant Baseball, Central Campus, effective September 24, 2026

    d. Miguel Silva, Head Baseball, Central Campus, effective September 25, 2026

    e. Aiden Higgins, Task Force Substitute, West Campus, December 18, 2026

    f. Ryann Hager, CTSO-FACS, West Campus, October 6, 2026

    g. Arielle Dacer, Science Teacher, Central Campus, effective October 9, 2026

    h. Robert Rucka, Winter Athletic Supervisor, West Campus, effective September 17, 2026

2. Professional Leave of Absence Request(s)
    a. Sharralyn Martin, Counselor, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective October 13, 2026 through November 25, 2026 Medical-Personal

    b. Laura Allison, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective September 14, 2026 through October 16, 2026 Medical-Personal

3. Professional Change of Status Request(s)
    a. Sherwin Miles, ISS Supervisor, West Campus to Security Supervisor, West Campus, effective November 2, 2026, Salary $85,000; due to the retirement of Joe Luckey

4. Professional Salary Advancement Request(s)
    a. Zanah Affaneh, Teacher, West Campus, from C3 to E3
5. Professional Extra Pay Recommendation(s)

<u>Activities, Athletics & Volunteers - Central Campus</u>

a. Shontica Anderson, Assistant Girls Track
b. Ieasha Flowers, Assistant Girls Track
c. Nathan Babjak, Volunteer Girls Track
d. Vicente Paramo, Assistant Girls Wrestling
e. Keandre Wiley, Assistant Girl Wrestling
f. Jodi Krippel, Volunteer Girls Wrestling

<u>West Campus</u>

a. Catherine Cerri, Winter Athletic Supervisor
b. Artemio Hernandez, Assistant Girls Wrestling
c. Kyle Powell, Assistant Girls Wrestling
d. Emily Johnson, Assistant Boys Swimming
e. Jacob Babich, Assistant Girls Softball
f. Savannah Fierke, Assistant Girls Softball
g. Dominic Calleros, Volunteer Baseball
h. Arianna Valdez, Volunteer Softball
i. Jeremiah Purchase, Volunteer Basketball

<u>Campus Level, Fine Arts & School Related – Central Campus</u>

a. Rebecca Lara, Social Worker
b. Amy Vollmer, CTSO – FACS
c. Dale West, CTSO – Tech Ed
d. Jarod Battisto, CTSO – Tech Ed

<u>West Campus</u>

a. Noah Fabris, CTSO Sponsor
b. William Jahnke, CTSO Sponsor
c. Amy Lilek, English National Honor Society
d. Angela Vainikos, English National Honor Society
e. Rachel Shaw, Art Honor Society
f. Jharita Jordan, Assistant Speech

6. Professional Termination Recommendation(s)
    a. Theodore Mackey, Task Force Substitute, Central Campus, effective September 28, 2026

b. Theodore Mackey, Assistant Football, Central Campus, effective September 28, 2026

7. Classified Resignation Request(s)
    a. Yuvette Crayton, Custodian, Buildings & Grounds, Central Campus, effective September 4, 2026
    b. Marijke Fuqua, Bus Driver, Transportation, District, effective September 28, 2026
    c. Daisy Mora Zamudio, Full-Time Assistant Cook, Cafeteria, Central Campus, effective October 9, 2026
    d. Mary Jo Venice, Bus Driver, Transportation, District, effective December 4, 2026

8. Classified Leave of Absence Request(s)
    a. Gina Maske, Paraprofessional, Central Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective October 12, 2026 through January 4, 2027
    Medical-Personal

    b. Tara Litwicki, Paraprofessional, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective November 16, 2026 through December 7, 2026
    Medical-Personal

    c. Amie Wielgosz, Office Professional, Central Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective October 8, 2026 through April 8, 2027
    Medical-Family

    d. Janice Adams, Paraprofessional, Central Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective September 24, 2026 through October 9, 2026
    Medical-Personal

9. Classified Employment Recommendation(s)
    a. Brenda Osvalds, Bus Driver, Transportation, Step 1 $22.57 per hour effective October 21, 2026

    b. Indalecio Espinoza, Custodian, Buildings and Grounds, Central Campus, Step 1 $18.72 per hour effective October 21, 2026; Replacing Joshua Vanderveen

c. Jennifer Collins, Task Force Office Professional, Central Campus, Step 1 $19.24 per hour effective October 21, 2026

d. Juan Rodriguez, 2nd Shift Custodian, Buildings & Grounds, West Campus, Step 1 $18.72 per hour effective October 21, 2026; Replacing Michael Lopez

e. Maria Reynoso, Service Worker, Cafeteria, West Campus, Step 1 $15.92 per hour effective October 21, 2026

f. Michael Schumacher III, Computer Maintenance Technician, Technology, West Campus, $48,000.00 annually effective October 21,2026; Replacing Paul Sefick

g. Mark Richmond, Custodian/Watchman, Buildings & Grounds, West Campus, Step 1 $18.72 per hour effective October 21,2026; Replacing Cesar Bibian

h. Erin Payton, Cafeteria Monitor, West Campus, $20.48 per hour effective October 21, 2026

10. Classified Change of Status Recommendation(s)
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11. Classified Termination Request(s)
    a. Alexis Butler, Paraprofessional, Special Services, West Campus, effective September 18, 2026

    b. Takela Hardimon, Service Worker, Cafeteria, West Campus, effective September 30, 2026

    c. Todd Millsap, Bus Driver, Transportation, District, effective September 30, 2026

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

H. Special Board Election

President Guerrero Neumayer opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.

Mrs. Lynn nominated Mr. Kennedy for Vice President.

Dr. Huntington nominated Mr. Coffey for Vice President.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer asked for roll call for Mr. Kennedy.

Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: Dr. Huntington and Mr. Coffey.

Mr. Kennedy votes passed for Vice President.

IX. **Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished Business.

X. **New Business**

A. First Reading of Board Policies - Reviewed - *Policies 2:240*

1. 530 Hiring Process and Criteria
2. 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
3. 5:60 Expenses
4. 5:80 Court Duty
5. 8:30 Conduct on School Property
6. 5:150 Personnel Records
7. 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
8. 5:200 Term and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
9. 5:250 Leaves and Absence
10. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
11. 5:290 Employment termination and Suspensions
12. 5:310 Compensatory Time-Off
13. 5:320 Evaluation
14. 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

XI. **Board Reports**

Dr. Huntington shared that she participated in the Parent Advisory Committee. She thanked Brett Marcum and Steve Locke for their leadership.

Mr. Kennedy shared that he attended the Joliet Central vs Romeoville game.

Mr. Kennedy congratulated Joliet Central and Joliet West football teams for making it to the playoffs.

Mr. Kennedy shared that he attended the K-12 summit. Mr. Kennedy shared that Superintendent's and two board members from each sender school were invited to attend. School Safety was discussed.

Mrs. Lynn shared that she attended Girls golf tournament in Florida.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer thanked Dr. Guseman and Mr. Kennedy for putting together the K-12 Summitt she attended.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer congratulated Joliet Central and Joliet West for making it to the playoffs along with Joliet Central boy's soccer.

XII. **Announcements/Public Comment**

Ms. Shakelah Jamison, mother of two students at Joliet West High School. Ms. Jamison shared her concern with a Joliet West football coach as it relates to racism.

Ms. Nicole Lurry, community member shared her concern with a Joliet West football coach as it relates to racism.

Ms. Trista Brown, community member shared her concern with a Joliet West football coach as it relates to racism.

A community member, who did not identify shared her concern with a Joliet West football coach as it relates to racism.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Coffey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

Mrs. Lorraine Guerrero Neumayer
President

Mrs. Michelle Stiff,
Secretary