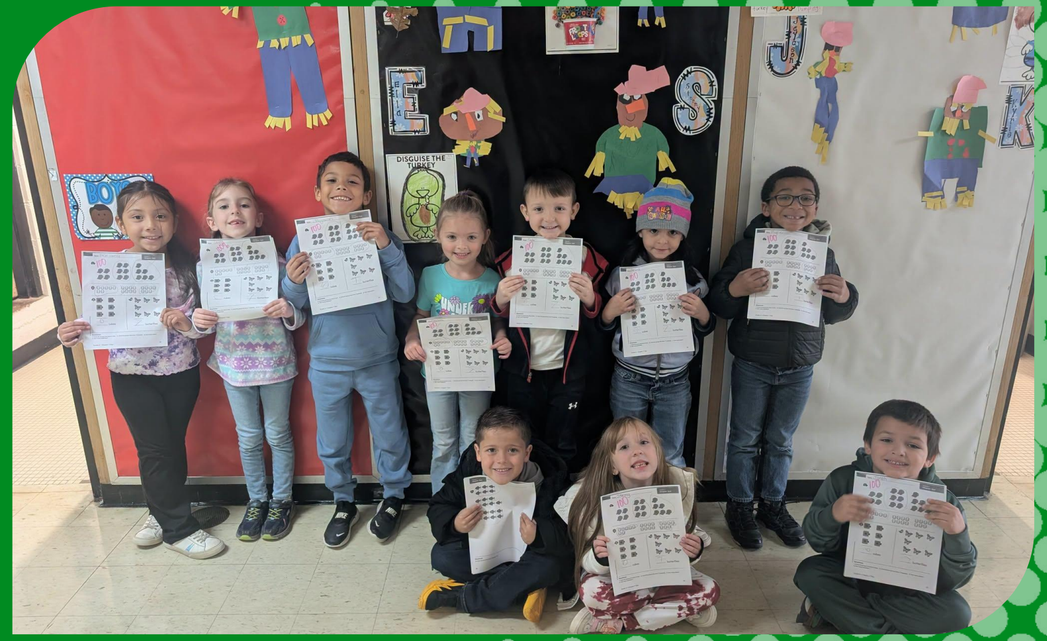
Streator Elementary School District 44

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Northlawn Junior High School Library



Closed Session

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Board Salutes

Thank you BoE



Veterans Day







Open Forum

Kimes Update

Kimes Elementary

Peace in our school ☮

Love in our hearts ❤

Learning every day 📖

Focuses for the 26-27 School Year

Implementation of Look and Learns

The goal is about collective growth among teachers allowing them to gather ideas, see classroom management in action, and understand how students are responding to specific curriculum. This will also build trust among our teachers.

Tiered Student Support System for Attendance

The goal is to create a tiered system similar to academics and behavior for tracking attendance with interventions put in place for attendance at each tier. This will allow us to smoothly move into the MTSS model.

Core Instruction

The goal is to have our students have some choice and active roles in the learning process.

How we are progressing in our goals

Implementation of Look and learns

-We began this process in October at our Institute Day with ten teacher presentations on specific topics of interest that Mr. Kirkpatrick and I have observed to be successful and motivating for our students.

Topics presented:

- Lexia goals
- Teacher Leaders
- Read and Bead
- Fun Drink Friday
- Spelling Movement Game
- Math/ELA Centers
- Intentional Play
- Room Transformations
- Transition Songs

-Link to presentation of ideas: Teacher Institute October 9th, 2026

-Next steps: Teachers are building on these ideas through look and learns and follow up conversations.

Attendance

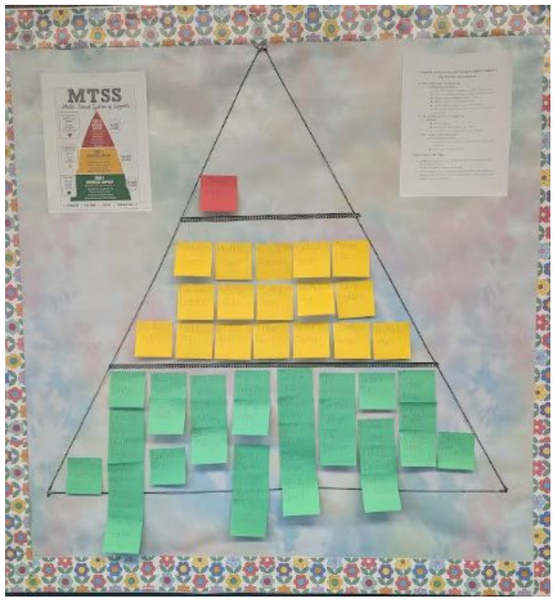
Tiered Support System for Attendance

-Each grade level has a daily target goal and overall goal for the week. Percentages are announced each morning and 100% in class attendance flags are placed outside of classrooms.
-Every Friday attendance reports are run and the protocol below is followed.
-Please click on the link to see how we track and monitor student attendance.

MTSS Attendance Protocol

-Current status:

- 278 K & 1 Students
- 34 students at Tier 1
  (5 unexcused/excused)
- 17 students at Tier 2
  (10-19 unexcused/excused)
  *Preparing for 3 family meetings
- 1 student at Tier 3
  (20+ unexcused/excused)



*6.47% of K-1 receiving attendance support
**We are currently averaging a 93.53% rate with our current data.

Core Instruction

Core Instruction: Students have choice and active roles in the learning process

Smencil Squad!



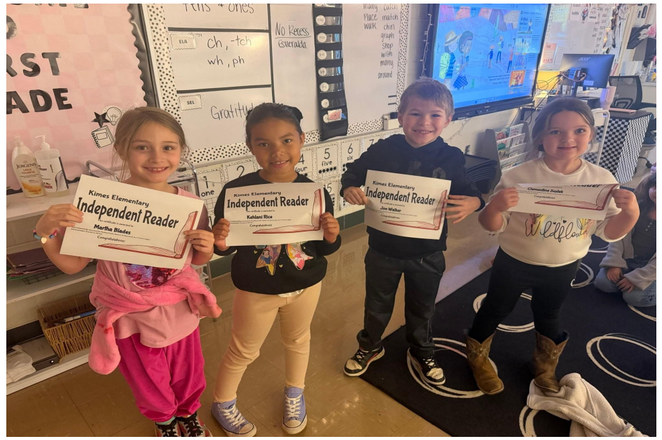


Veterans Day Assembly!

Veterans Day



Independent Readers!



Action Items

Approval of Agenda

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 5:00 PM
Streator Elementary Administration Office, 1520 N BLOOMINGTON ST STREATOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Streator, IL 61364

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
II. **CLOSED SESSION - As stated in the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Personnel, Negotiations, Student Discipline, Litigation, School Security and Safety, Sale of Property, and Review of Closed Session Minutes**
III. **6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PUBLIC HEARING**
IV. **BOARD SALUTES**
V. **OPEN FORUM**
VI. **KIMES UPDATE**
VII. **ACTION ITEMS**
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Insurance Renewal
C. Approval of 2026 Tentative Levy
VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**
A. Approval of Open and Closed Session Minutes of the October 20th Regular Meeting
B. Approval of Payment of Bills, District Travel, and Financial Statements
C. Approval of Human Resources Consent Agenda
D. Approval of 26-27 Stipends
E. Approval of 2027-2028 Workers' Compensation Renewal
F. Approval of FY26 Compensation Reports (EIS and IMRF)
IX. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
A. Website Update
B. Server Infrastructure Upgrade and VMware Migration
C. Maintenance Grant Update
D. ISBE State Report Cards
E. 2027-2028 Public School Calendar Process and Review
F. FOIA Requests
G. Information for Future Agenda Items
X. **CLOSED SESSION - As stated in the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Personnel, Negotiations, Student Discipline, Litigation, School Security and Safety, Sale of Property, and Review of Closed Session Minutes**
XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Approval of Insurance Renewal

- The administration presents the traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO health insurance renewal for Board of Education approval to secure stable and comprehensive medical and prescription coverage for district personnel.
- The total negotiated annual cost for the traditional PPO renewal is $4,640,664.00, representing a 27.95 percent increase from the previous baseline.
- The structure aligns directly with established collective bargaining provisions, ensures continuity of care for staff, and provides a stable benefit platform while maintaining all current prescription drug tiers intact.
- The insurance committee will collaborate to explore a possible health reimbursement arrangement plan for the district moving forward, while remaining mindful of our collective responsibility to carefully evaluate future staffing structures.

Recommendation: A motion to approve the Insurance Renewal as presented.

Approval of Tentative Levy

- The administration presents the tentative 2026 tax levy for Board of Education approval to secure a vital source of local revenue in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code.
- The administration has prepared a proposed 2026 tax levy allocation using the updated equalized assessed valuation base of $271,700,295 from the LaSalle County Assessor office to capture a 4.99 percent aggregate increase over the previous year extension, totaling $5,936,183.
- The proposed increase remains tightly capped and fully compliant under Illinois school finance guidelines without requiring formal truth in taxation public hearings, distributing modest increases across core operating funds alongside a targeted increase in tort immunity.
- The board of education will formally adopt the final tax levy at the December board meeting before the statutory deadline on the last Tuesday in December, following which the official certificate of tax levy will be filed with the LaSalle County Clerk office.

Recommendation: A motion to approve the Tentative Levy as presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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- Approval of 26-27 Stipends
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- Approval of FY26 Compensation Reports (EIS and IMRF)

Recommendation: A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Informational Items

Website Update

A Better Website. Stronger Communication.

Finalsite vs. Apptegy

Recommendation: Apptegy

A modern, more accessible district website with integrated tools to keep families informed.

Why Update Our District Website?

Accessibility	Improve website accessibility and support the district’s ADA compliance efforts.
Parent communication	Make news, alerts, newsletters and two-way messaging easier to access.
Consistent experience	The local high school uses Apptegy, helping families transition to the next school.

Annual Pricing Comparison

APPTEGY

$15,315 / year

Full Suite: $12,000
Content Pro: $3,315
One-time development: $3,300

FINALSITE

$14,950 / year

Quoted setup: $0
Initial stub period: $1,500
Webmaster estimate: $7,000 (40 hrs)

What Is Included?

APPTEGY

- Website + custom mobile app
- Alerts and Rooms
- Two-way messaging
- Newsletter + premium templates
- AI Page Builder and AI Alt Text
- Accessibility widget

FINALSITE

- Flex website design + CMS
- Ask AI website chatbot
- Messages XR Enterprise
- CMS mobile app + two-way chat
- AudioEye, Weglot and SMS Plus
- LDAP Active Directory integration

Finalsite quotes optional webmaster support at $3,500 per 20 hours; $7,000 assumes 40 hours, not a vendor quote. Packages are not identical.


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Streator Elementary School District 44
Students
Parents
Admissions
Grade
Bus Routes
Translate
QUICKLINKS
SCHOOLS
STUDENT RESOURCES
FAQS
CONTACT US
PORTAL
EXTRACURRICULARS LIST
SCHOLARSHIP INFO
MORE
Innovate Through Technology and Teamwork
1 2 3 4
Got questions? Ask our DISTRICT 44 chatbot!
Enroll your child online today.
DONATE
FAMILY RESOURCES
EXPLORE SUMMER PROGRAMS
PARTNERSHIPS & OUTREACH
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
MISSION AND VALUES
IMPACT
NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Recommendation: Move Forward with Apptegy

Why Apptegy?

Integrated parent communication • Familiar high-school interface
Modern design and accessibility tools • Easier ongoing updates

Server Infrastructure Upgrade & VMware Migration

BOARD OF EDUCATION | TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL

District Server Infrastructure Upgrade

Modernize infrastructure • Strengthen resilience • Reduce recurring costs

Technology Department | November 2026

Proposed solution: replace district servers

A planned district-wide infrastructure refresh.

Replace existing district servers with updated equipment.

Implement dual-running backup capabilities to strengthen redundancy.

Improve network functionality, performance, and day-to-day operations.

Create a more reliable foundation for district technology services.

Reduce dependence on the current VMware cost structure.

Three-year cost comparison

Illustrative calculation using the figures provided.

Cost item	Continue VMware	Proposed upgrade
Three-year recurring cost	$192,000	$13,095
One-time upgrade investment	—	$64,625
Three-year total	**$192,000**	**$77,720**

Calculated three-year net savings: $114,280

Calculation: $192,000 − ($64,625 + $13,095) = $114,280. This assumes the $4,365 annual cost begins after implementation and excludes any other transition or operating costs.

Decision timeline

Deadlines identified by the Technology Department.



The provider must be notified by December 31, 2026, whether the district intends to renew.

School Maintenance Grant Update

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- The administration is collaborating with BCA Architects and project engineers to finalize the Illinois State Board of Education School Maintenance Project Grant application for essential heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system enhancements totaling $132,000 across three critical facility items.
- The technical scope includes replacing the failed exterior air handling units for the Northlawn School information technology room estimated at $32,000 and the Northlawn School band room estimated at $30,000, alongside replacing the failed classroom variable air volume controls and software at Kimes Elementary School estimated at $48,000.
- The project budget reaches a subtotal of $110,000, supplemented by a 10 percent contingency of $11,000 and architectural engineering fees of $11,000 to arrive at the $132,000 grand total.
- This dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program provides up to $50,000 requiring a matching $50,000 commitment of local funds from the district, with the finalized scope of work brought forward for Board review and formal action in December.

ISBE State Report Cards

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- The administration presents an overview of the recent Illinois State Board of Education school report cards and summative designations for Streator Elementary School District 44 while addressing structural limitations within the state accountability framework.

- Centennial Elementary School earned a commendable designation, while Kimes Elementary School and Northlawn Junior High School received developing designations during the recent reporting cycle.

- Driving meaningful local school improvement using the state accountability system remains exceptionally difficult due to frequent methodological changes, shifting expectations, and volatile scoring models imposed by the state.

- District 44 remains firmly committed to student success by maintaining focus on local assessment benchmarks, monitoring foundational student growth internally, and prioritizing instructional quality over reactive compliance.

2027-2028 Public School Calendar Process and Review

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- The administration presents the calendar development process for the 2027-2028 academic year to the Board of Education to gather initial feedback and input prior to distributing the stakeholder survey.

- Developing the annual public school calendar requires careful coordination between community expectations, operational requirements, and statutory guidelines, initiating the planning cycle during the fall semester.

- Key operational considerations include capturing community preferences, maintaining schedule alignment with Streator Township High School to prevent logistical and childcare conflicts for local families, and integrating statutory mandates regarding minimum student attendance days.

- Administration collaborates closely with the Streator Education Association throughout the developmental phases, presenting this item for discussion and feedback before surveys are finalized and distributed.

FOIA Requests

Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment