

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. October 15, 2025

Members Present:

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

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students Carmella Milovanovic, Gabriella Jacobs, Meara Johnston, Maria Yiannopoulos, Alyssa Mazzola, Madison Corella, Elayna Posluszny, Didi Pavone, Kennedy Mathews, Emma Larouere, Eliana Diaz, Isabella Mihailovic, Caroline Izycki, and their parents were present. Community members, Bella Wojtulewicz and Olivia Podczerwinski, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the elementary school cheer team.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Palzet announced that the Middle School has been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award in the area of Academic Excellence. He went on to thank the students, staff, and administration for their hard work over the past three years, which led to this award. The administration at the middle school is in the process of planning celebrations for this wonderful honor. Dr. Palzet also stated that the District's data can be accessed through the Illinois School Report Card which will be available at the end of the month through the link on our website.

eLearning HEARING Board President Marchione declared the eLearning hearing open at 6:05 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 6:16 p.m.

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No public comment was made at this time^e.

- ACTION NO. 08
Consent Agenda
- Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of: meeting minutes of the September 18, 2025 regular meeting; meeting minutes of the closed session meeting minutes of September 18, 2025; Approve Payment of September Payroll/October Warrants; Approve Section 6 Board Policies (Curriculum and Instruction); Approve the Superintendent's Goals for the 2025-26 School Year. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).
- ACTION NO. 09
Resolution
Approval
- Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the resolution allowing the purchase agreement for the property located at 7510 Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, IL, to be signed. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).
- ACTION NO. 10
Resolution
Approval
- Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the resolution allowing the purchase agreement for the property located at 7548 Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, IL to be signed. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).
- ACTION NO. 11
Resolution
Approval
- Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the resolution allowing the purchase agreement for the property located at 8100 Willow Spring Road, Willow Springs, IL to be signed. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elementary and Middle School 2025-26 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.

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.

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.

Board Discussion on District Priorities

The Board has heard presentations to address the District's priorities, which include safety and security issues, current and future space issues, expanding early childhood opportunities, providing a developmentally appropriate environment for our fifth graders, and improving programs at the elementary and middle school. The Board discussed next steps and directed the administration to develop a community engagement plan to collect feedback and determine the best course of action.

Items for Next Agenda

Facility Development Update; Preliminary Tax Levy 2025; Approve Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies, Report on the Current State of FOIA Requests.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

FOIA: The District received 12 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from the following requesters.

1. Laura Kitaeff requested copies of any records pertaining to a staff member and any administrative disciplinary actions taken regarding the employee.
2. Owen Wang with South Cook News requested copies of employment contracts of the district's school principals and copies of the teachers' collective bargaining agreement.
3. Owen Wang requested information regarding district high school students.
4. Laura Kitaeff requested records regarding employee access to district security cameras.
5. Laura Kitaeff requested a copy of the district's previous teachers' collective bargaining agreement.
6. Laura Kitaeff requested invoices from third party entities providing professional services to the district and information regarding district security camera systems.
7. Megan McMillin requested documents and data relating to sexual misconduct and inappropriate behavior of a district teacher.
8. Frank Patterson with Academy Research Group requested employee contact, position, and salary information.
9. Laura Kitaeff requested a copy of the fully executed teachers' bargaining agreement including signatures.
10. Owen Wang requested student information which pertains to high school students.
11. Owen Wang requested the names of middle school graduates and their destination high school.
12. Megan McMillin requested copies of written communications received by district administration regarding complaints about a staff member.

ACTION NO. 12

Closed Session

Motioned by Brockob, second by Lenzen that the Board move into closed session at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 13

Open Session. Motioned by Lenzen second by Brockob that the Board move out of closed session and back into open session at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____