

	<p>LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74 BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at <u>7:30 PM</u></p>	<p>BOARD OF EDUCATION Peter D. Theodore, <i>President</i> Myra A. Foutris, <i>Vice President</i> John P. Vranas, <i>Secretary</i> Ted Kwon Jay Oleniczak Elissa B. Rosenberg Mihra Seta</p> <p>ADMINISTRATION Dr. David L. Russo, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i> Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, <i>Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction</i> Courtney L. Whited, <i>Business Manager/CSBO</i></p>
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***Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74,
Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Lincoln Hall Auditorium
6855 North Crawford, Lincolnwood, IL 60712, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.***

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Theodore called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<p><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Myra A. Foutris Ted Kwon Jay Oleniczak Elissa B. Rosenberg Mihra Seta Peter D. Theodore John P. Vranas</p>		
<p><u>ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF PRESENT</u> Dr. David L. Russo Dr. Dominick M. Lupo Courtney L. Whited Mark Atkinson</p>	<p>Dr. Chris Harmon Aliaa Ibrahim Jackie McGoey Jennifer Ruttkay</p>	<p>Erin Curry Jordan Stephen Joseph Segreti Renee Tolnai</p>

2. DISTRICT RECOGNITION

a. Honoring Lincolnwood School District 74 Retiree

I. Michael Battaglia - Lincoln Hall Global Perspectives Teacher

Superintendent Russo thanked Mr. Battaglia for his commitment to the Lincolnwood learning community, and presented a token of appreciation on behalf of the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education.

b. Lincoln Hall is excited to welcome back members of the class of 2025 to talk about their experience with the 8th grade car wash. In May 2025, Mr. Battaglia's 8th grade Global Perspectives students planned a car wash to help support the efforts of Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization that is committed to supporting those who are malnourished in multiple countries across the globe. Through their work, these students helped raise over \$1,300 dollars for this group.

Principal Atkinson and Assistant Principal Segreti shared a video presentation of the student-driven initiative to benefit Feed My Starving Children.

3. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Several community members shared conflicting opinions on the potential referendum to accommodate the Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) remaining a tenant of the District.

3B. AMEND THE AGENDA

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board amend the agenda to add Item 10B. Closed Session for the purposes of: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459 – Personnel and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) - The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

b. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

I. **Personnel Report**

II. New Employment

1. **Hema Sharma**, Paraprofessional, Rutledge Hall, effective September 12, 2025, \$17.83/hr

III. Resignation

1. **Jarrett Passaglia**, Buildings & Grounds Engineer, Rutledge Hall, effective September 19, 2025

c. Long-Term Facilities FY26 Rental to iPro Skills Soccer Academy

The Facilities Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the Shared Use Agreement between SD74 and iPro Skills Academy Corporation for weeknight rental of the Todd Hall Gymnasium and Rutledge Hall Gymnasium or Multi-Purpose Room from November 10, 2025 through March 20, 2026 at a cost of \$50 per hour.

d. Resolution Regarding IDOT Hazardous Transportation Routes

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution regarding IDOT Hazardous Transportation Routes, as presented.

e. First Amendment to TSA Consulting Group's Plan Administration Agreement and Fee Schedule

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this Amendment from U.S. OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc. for scheduled fee increases, assessed to the investment provider organizations only, in the amount of \$27 through June 30, 2028 and \$30 on July 1, 2028 and beyond.

f. Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) Lease Extension

~~The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this Lease Extension with Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. from July 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 at a total rental payment of \$94,215 or \$8,565 per month.~~

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Rosenberg to remove from the Consent Agenda item

4f. Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) Lease Extension.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Vice President Foutris that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves those items on the Consent Agenda as appear above, not including Consent Agenda item 4f.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

a. NTDSE/District 807: **John P. Vranas/Elissa B. Rosenberg**

The NTDSE Governing Board last met on September 24, 2025. The following are brief highlights:

- Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director, Introduced the new incoming staff members. Tarin also reported on the progress with SD68 for rental space to create six classrooms for Molloy students. The number of students at Molloy has increased from 146 in 2023 to 177 today.
- Sheila Arad, Assistant Director of NTDSE Services, gave a presentation on the various opportunities for Professional Development for the staff of NTDSE as well as staff of member Districts.
- Candice Hartranft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that the Collaborative for Curriculum (CFC) is reviewing literacy and the Language Arts curriculum for textbook adoption this year.
- The Board held a Public Hearing and then adopted the Budget for FY 26 with revenues of \$26.4 million and expenditures of \$28.3 million, an increase of four percent over FY 25 Budget.

The next meeting of the NTDSE Governing Board is scheduled at the NTDSE Administrative Center on October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

b. IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards): **Ted Kwon/Jay Oleniczak**

Member Kwon reported the Joint Annual Conference will be held November 21-23, 2025.

c. Finance Committee: **Jay Oleniczak/Mihra Seta**

The Finance Committee last met on September 18, 2025. The Committee sent three (3) items to the Consent Agenda:

1. Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) Lease Extension which was removed from the Consent Agenda this evening. No action taken.
 2. Resolution Regarding IDOT Hazardous Transportation Routes
 3. First Amendment to TSA Consulting Group's Plan Administration Agreement and Fee Schedule
- The Finance Committee concurred with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to present Option A and Option B of the DRAFT Referendum Language to the Board of Education for action. This item is anticipated to be on the November Board Agenda.
 - Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO, provided an overview of the 2025 Levy Draft.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

d. Facilities Committee: **John P. Vranas/Myra A. Foutris**

The Facilities Committee last met on September 16, 2025.

- StudioGC architecture+interiors provided the following Project Updates:
 - Lincoln Hall exterior door replacement was completed Saturday, September 13.
 - The Lincoln Hall courtyard storefront is still in progress.
 - The Rutledge Hall exterior door replacement is still in progress.
 - Abbey Construction completed the pickleball lines. We are awaiting touch up of the 4-Square and Basketball lines.
 - Athi continues to work on the furniture table edgebanding with IFB, the manufacturer.
 - The Committee recommended the second option for Rutledge Hall's Wall Decal, with an additional outline of campus on the map.
- The Facilities Committee concurred with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the Shared Use Agreement between SD74 and iPro Skills Academy Corporation for weeknight rental of the Todd Hall Gymnasium and Rutledge Hall Gymnasium or Multi-Purpose Room from November 10, 2025 through March 20, 2026
- District Facilities Updates:
 - The Committee recommended the Administration seek quotes for a few bollards on each end of the traffic island.
 - The Administration will continue the message that all bikes and scooters need to be walked on campus.
 - Murphy completed the asphalt and striping work in the Rutledge Hall parking lot and Lincoln Hall Shed lot on September 19–22.

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

e. Policy Committee: **Myra A. Foutris/Ted Kwon**

The Policy Committee last met on Friday, August 22, 2025. The September 19, 2025 Policy Committee meeting was cancelled due to a light agenda.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2025 at 8:30am in the Administration Building. The public is welcome.

f. President's Report: **Peter D. Theodore**

I. Important District Dates

President Theodore shared important District upcoming dates. Please see the District website for information: sd74.org.

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. LTA (Lincolnwood Teacher Association): **Travis DuPriest/Kevin Conley (Co-Presidents)**

No report.

b. LSSU (Lincolnwood Support Staff Union): **Tommy Bujnowski (President)**

No report.

c. PALS (People Active with Lincolnwood Schools): **Abby Jones (President)**

No report.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report: **Dr. David L. Russo**

I. District Updates

- The past couple of Tuesday Newsday editions have included information for those interested in volunteering at our Todd Hall and Rutledge Hall classroom parties. This is for our traditional series of Halloween, Winter Break, and Valentine’s Day. Specifically, the sign-up for the Halloween party is open. Your ability to indicate your interest is available through October 14, 2025. After that, the District will create a schedule and contact families with more information.
- If you are interested in purchasing a “Red Out” tee-shirt for our first event on October 10th, please consult the Tuesday Newsday for ordering information. This is not a required purchase to attend, but please wear red that day, if you can, to support our Girls’ Volleyball team.
- In the next couple of weeks families should be looking out for specific information on how to sign up for fall parent-teacher conferences. We will again be using the Sign-Up Genius platform to schedule appointments. Conferences will be held on November 18-20, 2025.
- For those of you who may be wondering about our Family Directory, it is in progress of updating. We have run into some issues with our new web platform FinalSite. However, we anticipate that we will get those resolved in the very near future and communicate out how to access the directory.

b. Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent's Report: **Dr. Dominick M. Lupo**

I. Curriculum Department Update

- MAP reports are set to be delivered by the end of the week of September 29, 2025.
- The District’s literacy consultant, Pat Pollack, was on campus three full days last week delivering professional development to the elementary staff on the new literacy program, and guiding the middle school literacy team on their curriculum review and adoption journey.

c. Business and Operations, Business Manager/CSBO: **Courtney Whited**

I. Finance Report - **JULY 2025**

Business Manager/CSBO presented the July 2025 Finance Report.

II. Bills Payable in the Amount of \$1,228,853.82

Bills reviewed this month by: Ted Kwon and John P. Vranas

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Seta that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve invoices and bills in the amount of \$1,228,853.82.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

10. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

Since the Draft Referendum Language agenda item was advanced from the September 18, 2025 Finance Committee, Secretary Vranas asked President Theodore if that issue would be taken up at this meeting. President Theodore indicated that agenda item will be discussed at the scheduled November 6, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

10B. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Theodore and seconded by Secretary Vranas that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board move into Closed Session for the purposes of: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459 – Personnel and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) - The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. The Board will not return to Open Session; no further Board action will take place.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Kwon and seconded by Member Rosenberg to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 9:32 p.m.

Peter D. Theodore, President

John P. Vranas, Secretary