



PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Grodsky Administration Building 7:00 p.m. March 13, 2025

<u>Members Present</u> Kevin Novak, President Brian Greidanus, Vice President Rebecca McClaney, Secretary Mari-Lynn Peters Carol Botwinski Spencer Long Brynn Nordmark	<u>Members Absent</u>
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<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<p>Kevin Novak, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>This meeting was held in the Grodsky Administration Building and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually.</p> <p>Link to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0j0a6QutTKwq5C3pg</p>
<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<p>Present: Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Greidanus, Dr. Long, Mrs. McClaney, Mr. Nordmark, Mr. Novak, and Mrs. Peters,</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p>Also present: Dr. Angelaccio, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.</p>
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	<p>We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by students representing the Sullivan Musical.</p>

<p><u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION</u></p>	<p>No one addressed the board</p>
<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></p>	<p><u>IASB Governance Award</u> The District 23 Board of Education received a Board Governance Recognition Award at the Spring meeting. The award recognizes the ongoing training and engagement of our Board. The following Board members also received individual recognition: Mrs. Becky McClaney was recognized for her service at the Delegate Assembly. Mr. Novak was recognized in the Board Leader Program. Mrs. Botwinski and Mrs. Peters were recognized for distinguished annual merit in the Board leader Program.</p> <p><u>Music in our Schools Month</u> March is recognized as Music in our Schools Month and celebrates the positive impact that music education plays in the lives of our students and community. We extend our appreciation to all of our music educators: Garth Anderson, Karen Luehr, Izabella Gieron, Megan Murray, and Cam Severino. We also thank our students and families for their dedication and commitment to our music programs. This month we will celebrate 75 years of VIM at District 23.</p> <p><u>National School Social Work Month</u> March is also recognized as National School Social Work Month and recognizes the important role that these mental health professionals play in the education setting. We extend our appreciation to all of our social workers: Abra Zavaduk, Megan Reiger, Rachel Curran, Beatrice Chen and Kelsy Cain Nelson.</p> <p><u>Youth Art Month</u> We recognize the importance and impact of Art instruction in our schools and thank Melinda Lyons (Ike), Rachel Matthews (Ross/Sullivan), and Janet Kyeon (MacArthur) for their dedication and passion. We invite all community members to visit the Prospect Heights Public Library to view the student artwork now on display.</p> <p><u>Middle Level Education Month</u> We recognize our MacArthur Staff for their commitment to Middle Level Education and thank them for their work to</p>

	<p>support our learners through this often difficult time in their lives.</p> <p><u>Foreign Language Month</u> We thank Athena Kalaras for her engaging instruction and introduction to the Spanish language at MacArthur as we celebrate Foreign Language Instruction month.</p> <p><u>2025-26 School Year Registration</u> Registration for the 2025-26 school year will open on April 3rd and is projected to be completed by May 1st. Information will be emailed home with registration links.</p> <p><u>Those Who Excel</u> We are proud to announce that 6th grade teachers Lora Robertson and Dina Trekas were recipients of the 2025 Those Who Excel Special Recognition Award from the State Board of Education. This MacArthur pair was recognized for their innovative unit of study last school year connecting ELA and SS.</p> <p><u>Trimester 2 Board and Community Update</u> The Administrative Team has provided a Trimester 2 Summary of Strategic Plan goal progress.</p>
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	<p><u>FINANCE</u> Mrs. Peters reported that there was discussion on the preparation for the upcoming preliminary budget. There was also discussion on the increase in health insurance renewals. There was an update on the land swap agreement and residency verifications.</p> <p><u>BUILDINGS AND SITES</u> Mr. Novak reported that there was discussion on the striping and sealcoating project for this summer. There was also discussion on an open position in the custodial department. There was also some discussion on the PHYBS field improvements, including electrical upgrades and a temporary fence. They also talked briefly about Carousel Park and discussed a grant for a sidewalk.</p> <p><u>N.S.S.E.O</u> Mrs. Botwinski reported that there was special recognition for a student from District 211 working on his Eagle Scout project at Sunrise Lake. There were two shining stars, a 6th grade DHH student was recognized for her self</p>

	<p>advocacy and in helping others understand what it is to be deaf and how the community can help. The other shining star was recognized for participating in the transition program at District 211. This program helps students with skills so they can get jobs and work independently. This program is grant funded and it serves over 500 students. Dr. Schnoor provided an update of the strategic plan process. The new principal for Kirk was introduced. The Board approved an MOU which clarified policies for PD days and is aligned with the contract.</p>
<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	<p>The Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting and the Executive Session on February 13, 2025, the Personnel Report, and the Tuition Reimbursement report.</p> <p>Motion to approve items A & B of the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Botwinski and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Abstain, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Abstain, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Abstain</p> <p>Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p>Motion to approve items C & D of the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Botwinski, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p>	<p>Board member Greidanus reviewed and approved the vouchers this month.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. This motion, made by Mr. Greidanus and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.</p>

	<p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u></p>	<p><u>Resolution to rename the MacArthur Middle School Band Room</u></p> <p>In recognition of his 39 year career in District 23 and dedication to the instruction of music, the Board wishes to honor David J. Thomas by renaming the MacArthur Middle School Band Room after him.</p> <p>The resolution was read by the Board President, Mr. Novak. Motion to adopt the resolution by Mrs. Peters, and seconded by Mrs. Botwinski, passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No One</p> <p><u>2024-25 Calendar Update</u></p> <p>The last day of school for our Early Childhood program has been finalized as Thursday, May 29, 2025. There are no other changes to the calendar.</p> <p>Motion to approve the updated 2024-25 calendar as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No One</p> <p><u>District 23 Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance Resolution</u></p>

The attached resolution memorializes the District's compliance with the Cook County Paid Leave Act via waiver through the City of Prospect Heights.

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Absent: No One

Preliminary Budgetary Guidelines & Assumptions for FY2026

Mrs. McPartlin provided an overview of the FY26 budgetary guidelines in preparation of the FY26 Budget.

NSSEO Governance Structure

Dr. Angelaccio provided an informational update on the restructuring of the NSSEO governing board.

Update on Grants

Dr. Curtis prepared a summary of updated grant funding and allocations.

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

The District has received one Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information from Ms. Kirsten Kozak requesting contracts from ARCON Associates and others pertaining to potential expansion at Eisenhower School. The District responded to the request within the allowable time frame.

<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></p>	<p>An executive session was required for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation and Personnel.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation and Personnel. There may be action after Executive Session. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No One</p> <p>Dr. Angelaccio stayed for the meeting while the Assistant Superintendents did not attend.</p> <p>At 8:19 p.m. Dr. Angelaccio left the meeting.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Botwinski, and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No One</p>
<p><u>OPEN SESSION</u></p>	<p><u>Non-PHEA Salary Proposal 2025-26</u></p> <p>Following Executive session, the Board chose to take action on the proposed salary increases for Non-PHEA employees.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Non-PHEA employee salaries as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long, and seconded by Mrs. Botwinski, passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea,</p>

	<p>Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<u>ADJOURN</u>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Kevin Novak: Yea, and Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

Board President

Board Secretary