

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 7:57 p.m. November 19, 2025

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer) (left at 7:30pm)
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, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students Margo Walsh, Michael Lazansky, Vanessa Metrik, Natalia Rydian, Dominik Dloogopolski, Thomas Boundas, Grace Gerros, Katie Patterson, and their parents were present. Additionally, Bill Ryan, Cheryl Ryan, Mary Jo Borse, and Pattie Bataglia were present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by middle school students who attended the West Suburban Consortium of Academic Excellence (WSCAE) leadership conference.

BOARD RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION

To recognize the efforts of nearly 6,000 school board members in the state, November 15, 2025, is designated School Board Members' Day in Illinois. Our Board of Education members serve on a volunteer basis and do so for the betterment of our community. On behalf of the children and families of Pleasantdale School District 107, we recognize and thank our seven Board of Education members.

OPEN FORUM

Bill Ryan and Cheryl Ryan addressed the Board regarding district substitutes.

ACTION NO. 14 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 October 15, 2025 regular meeting; meeting minutes of the closed session meeting of October 15, 2025; Approve Payment of October Payroll/November Warrants; Approve the November 2025 Personnel Report; Approve Section 4 Board Policies (Finance); Approve the Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant; Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Advisory Team: Finance

The Superintendent's Advisory Finance Team met on November 4, 2025. Board members Charles Zona and Sean Mason, along with Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Griffin Sonntag and Superintendent Dave Palzet, attended the meeting. Charles Zona reported that the team reviewed the five-year financial projections and discussed known and assumed financial factors.

Proposed Tax Levy

The Board of Education unanimously approved its proposed tax levy for 2025, asking Cook County for a levy of \$16,764,289, with \$13,897,280 allocated to the Education Fund. The District uses historical information and input from the local assessors to produce this request. To ensure transparency with our community, the District will hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing at the December 10, 2025 Board of Education Meeting. The Certificate of Tax Levy will be filed with the Cook County Clerk no later than December 30, 2025.

ACTION NO. 15 Resolution Approval

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2025 tax levy and authorize the publication of the public hearing. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash).

Community Engagement

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an overview of the Community Engagement process scheduled to begin in January. The process will start with the formation of a Facilitation Committee, which will review the Board of Education's priorities and develop opportunities aligned with those priorities. The committee will then design and lead Community Workshops to gather public feedback and refine plans accordingly. A final report from the Facilitation Committee will be presented to the Board at its June meeting.

Items for Next Agenda

Facility Development Update; 2025 Tax Levy Hearing; Review Students (sec. 7) and Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies, Review of the 2026-27 School Calendar, Preliminary Review of Service Provider Contracts (written).

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA: The District received 5 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from the following requesters.

1. Four requests from Laura Kitaeff regarding a personnel issue.
2. One request from Steve Watts regarding staff positions and contact information.

ACTION NO. 16

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. 17

Open Session. Motioned by Lenzen second by Brockob that the Board move out of closed session and back into open session at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Walters, Mason, Zona, Lenzen, Brockob, and Nash- Marchione left at 7:30pm).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Walters, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:57 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____