

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 7:00 PM Central

Lake Bluff School District Office
121 E Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Laura Breakstone: Present
Andrew Carlson: Present
Richard Driver: Present
Anne Hill: Absent
Lauren Hirsh: Present
Tim Penich: Present
Carrie Steinbach: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. 6:30 P.M. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
CLOSED SESSION a) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

2. 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge was recited.

4. MISSION, VISION, MOTTO:
MISSION: Ensure academic achievement and personal growth for all students through innovative and engaging educational opportunities.
VISION: An inclusive community of motivated learners who are inspired to change the world through exploration and collaboration.
MOTTO: Excellence in Education, Enthusiasm for Life, Every Student, Every Day.
Our student rep read the Mission, Vision, and Motto.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - Carrie Steinbach
No public comment.

6. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

6.A. Alliance Update - Greg Watson
Greg Watson of the Alliance for Excellence presented an organizational update, noting that the recent Art Auction successfully raised \$5,500 with over 20 pieces sold. He reminded the Board that the spring grant cycle remains open through April 24. Mr. Watson also announced the "Sunset Rocks" event scheduled for May 23 with a rain date of May 24. Sunset Rocks raises funds to support the Zachary Porter Foundation, Alliance for Excellence, and Bluffers in Need.

6.B. 9th Grade Data Presentation - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali presented a data update regarding the current 9th graders from Lake Bluff, noting that academic performance remains steady. Currently, over half of former Lake Bluff students are enrolled in advanced math, and nearly half are enrolled in advanced ELA, with the majority of students maintaining grades of "B" or higher. Survey results from 16 parents and 15 students indicated high levels of satisfaction with the transition process. Students overwhelmingly reported that their course recommendations were well-chosen and expressed feeling strongly supported by their Lake Bluff teachers. The feedback also highlighted the success of freshman orientation, describing it as helpful and well-liked. Discussion regarding the student experience noted a positive, inclusive, and engaging environment characterized by a wide variety of extracurricular options and opportunities for advanced learning. For future improvements, a parent suggested developing a specific website, portal, or platform dedicated to the middle-to-high school transition. Finally, the Board engaged in a discussion regarding student wellness, focusing on maintaining a healthy balance between academic homework, sports, and other activities.

6.C. Updated 2026-27 Board meeting calendar adjusted February and proposed Town Halls - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali presented the updated board calendar with an adjusted February meeting due to elections and the addition of two town hall meetings for the 2026-27 school year.

6.D. Special Education Continuum of Services Update - Tracy Roehrick

Tracy Roehrick provided an update on the district's ongoing efforts to address student behavior and emotional regulation, focusing on a proposal for an additional full-time teacher to lead a behavior support space at LBES. This new instructional role is designed to support students with identified plans, those receiving special education services, or those experiencing significant dysregulation. Mrs. Roehrick emphasized that the space is intended for teaching and learning rather than disciplinary action, providing a structured environment where students can acquire and practice coping skills, emotional regulation, executive functioning strategies, and social-emotional development. To ensure the program's success, Mrs. Roehrick is leading a planning group to establish formal procedures, system designs, and a "reset protocol" that provides students with clear strategies for returning to their classrooms. This system will also include tracking mechanisms and the monitoring of escalation patterns to measure results effectively. The proposal also outlines that the new teacher will work in tandem with shared or one-on-one paraprofessionals to implement and reinforce these critical skills for students requiring higher levels of support.

6.E. True North Update - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali reported that True North has completed its most significant staff reductions. Ongoing meetings are currently being held to finalize the organization's restructuring and budget.

7. ACTION (WITH DISCUSSION) ITEMS

7.A. Approval of World Language Programming

Sunset World Language Programming. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Andrew Carlson, Failed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Nay, Richard Driver: Nay, Lauren Hirsh: Nay, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 3, Absent: 1

Andrew Carlson: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

7.B. Approval of new ELA Curriculum (CKLA)

CKLA. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Richard Driver, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.C. Approval of updated BOE with Town Hall Calendar

BOE Town Hall Calendar. This motion, made by Richard Driver and seconded by Tim Penich, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.D. Approval of Wireless Access Points

Wireless Access Points. This motion, made by Andrew Carlson and seconded by Tim Penich, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.E. Approval of LBES Parking Lot Contract

LBES Parking Lot. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Lauren Hirsh, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.F. Approval of Resolution to Impose Retailers Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax Resolution County tax on ballot. This motion, made by Laura Breakstone and seconded by Andrew Carlson, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Richard Driver: Nay, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

Richard Driver: Nay

7.G. Approval of Audit Engagement Agreement

Audit Engagement Agreement. This motion, made by Richard Driver and seconded by Tim Penich, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.H. Personnel Report

Personnel. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Laura Breakstone, Passed.
Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea,
Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Carrie Steinbach

No public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

8:10pm. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Andrew Carlson, Passed.
Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren
Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1