

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. April 15, 2026

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Mary Lenzen

Jason Nash

Absent

Becky Walters

Sean Mason

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Griffin Sonntag, Jen Ban, Sara Poplawski, Jeanine Arundel, James Mukite, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Student and his mother, Dominick Dlugopolski, were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the PMS School Citizens of the Year (SCOTY) winner, Dominick Dlugopolsk.

OPEN FORUM

No community members addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 36

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 March 18, 2026, regular meeting; meeting minutes of the March 18, 2026, closed session meeting minutes; Approve Payment of March Payroll/April Warrants; April 2026 Personnel Report; Approve 6-8 Grade Math Resource, Approve Board Policy 7:65 (Class Size), Approve Final Staffing Recommendations, and Approve Resolution Authorizing Certain Payments. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Brockob, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash - Absent: Walters and Mason).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Engagement Update

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with a brief update on the community engagement work planned for the next few months. Given that the district is awaiting a new demographic study and the outcome of the LTHS property, the pace of the work has been adjusted. However, the district will launch an information campaign about the challenges it faces and gather more detailed information on any proposed options from the community workshops.

Professional Learning Update

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Jennifer Ban updated the Board on the district's professional learning plan. This year, 45 teachers attended workshops or conferences, 10 participated in our PD (professional development)

Pathways program, and five engaged in an instructional coaching cycle. Professional development topics this year included MTSS, Skyward Q, Parent Square, and building teacher leader capacity.

Summer Facilities Projects

The Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Griffin Sonntag, provided the Board with a detailed update on the projects completed over spring break and slated for this summer. A sample of these projects includes safety updates, phase two of the gym refresh projects at both PES and PMS (south gym), and landscaping and maintenance projects.

Freshman Preparedness Report

This year, the LTHS class of 2029 completed a survey about how prepared they felt for the rigors of high school. Dr. Palzet presented this information along with an overview of our graduates' first-semester grades. Our graduates rate themselves high, with over 90% of students rating themselves as either "great" or "good" when asked how well prepared they are for the academics of high school. Likewise, most of our students earned As and Bs in their core classes.

Review Board Policy 8:95 (Community Relations)

The administration recommended revisions to Board Policy 8:95 to reflect new federal requirements for Local Education Agencies. These changes require districts to formally include parent engagement meetings in board policy. These meetings have already been taking place in our district and will continue moving forward.

Items for Next Agenda

Community Engagement Update; Review School Board (sec. 2) Board Policies; Approve Hot Lunch Fees; Approve FY27 Transportation Contract; Approve Cleaning Services FY27; Review Extracurricular Student Activities (written); Student Services Update; and Spring Testing Report.

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No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are filled by our FOIA officer, Mr. Sonntag. The district fulfilled the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests below:

1. Jomer Genite from SmartProcure requested contact information for all current employees.
2. Tom Lisowski requested information about fees paid to SurveyMonkey in 2023 as well as fees paid to various consultants in 2025 and 2026.
3. Missy Westerhoff requested emails, drawings and communications that refer to Howard Avenue in Willow Springs.
4. Keith Bailey of the West Lake Shore unit of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association requested email addresses of district teachers who will be retiring this year.
5. CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC requested email addresses for district staff filling specific administrative roles.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 6:55 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____