

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:00 PM Central

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

Laura Breakstone: Present

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Richard Driver: Present

Anne Hill: Present

Lauren Hirsh: Present

Tim Penich: Present

Carrie Steinbach: Absent

Present: 5, 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. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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.

Student Board Rep, Nancy Corpier read the Mission, Vision and Motto.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anne Hill

No public comment.

6. ADDITION OF DISCUSSION ITEM

No addition of discussion items.

7. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

7.A. Safety and Security Update - Austin Johnson

Austin Johnson, gave an update on the district's safety and security measures, including implementation of common terminology, classroom action guides, room locators, CPR and AED training, and 'Safe 2 Help', an anonymous reporting method run through the state of IL. Austin reviewed a list of 2025-26 plans including full integration with PA, doors, and cameras with an upgraded radio system. The district will also enforce a firm closed and locked door policy for classrooms. Austin will help implement 'safety week' in the fall, which will include one safety drill per day with a tip of the day for families, dates and information to come.

Austin has also been working with Chief Smizinski on active shooter training for staff. In addition, 'Stop the Bleed' tourniquet training will be held for staff and special kits for this will be added to classrooms. Austin has been collaborating with other area Safety and Security Directors, and will continue to lead the District Safety Committee in partnership with the LB Police and Fire Departments.

7.B. Audit Engagement - Jay Kahn

Jay Kahn reported that we have agreed to a one-year audit engagement to audit fiscal year 2024-25 with our current auditors, Baker Tilly. We have been very happy with Baker Tilly, who we've used for ten years now. They are efficient, timely and reliable. For best practices, Jay would like to get the board's perspective on whether we would like to put out an RFP for a new auditing company. The board will discuss this at a future meeting since we have secured the one-year agreement with Baker Tilly.

7.C. Monthly Treasurer's Report Format - Jay Kahn

Jay Kahn reviewed our Policy 4:50 Payment Procedures and Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards, which can be read in detail on our website under Board of Education, Board Policies. Jay also reviewed the monthly Treasurer's report, with a reminder that the first page is the executive summary. Jay also showed a previous report and reviewed the information as shown in the board packet. Jay suggested reading the executive summary and then reviewing the last page to see what we are spending and why. This also indicates how we are doing against the budget.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Anne Hill

No public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm. The Board then entered Closed Session again to complete their discussion from prior to the meeting.