

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (4th Thursday)
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33, DUPAGE COUNTY, WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2025

President Rita Balgeman called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. at Leman Middle School, 238 E. Hazel St., West Chicago, Illinois. On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Rita Balgeman, Mrs. Morgan Banasiak, Mr. Tom Doyle, Mr. Chad McLean, Mrs. Sandra Garcia, and Mrs. Janette Hernandez. Absent: Mrs. Molly Denton.

ALSO PRESENT

Kristina Davis, Superintendent; Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business and Operations; Sarah Burnett, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Cathy Park, Director of Assessment and Accountability; Janet Ayala, Director of Multilingual Learners; Krissy Goebbert, Director of Student Services; and Nicole Eimer, Director of Marketing, Communications & Public Relations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rita Balgeman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Item XVI.A. action following close session was removed.

SHARED AGREEMENTS

Make decisions according to what is best for ALL District 33 students.

1. *Respect staff and other board members and their opinions.*
2. *Be willing to see things from the eyes of seven (7) people, not just one (1).*
3. *Allow everyone to complete their thoughts.*
4. *Commit to shared leadership.*
5. *Respect confidentiality.*
6. *Adhere to our belief in our students' full potential and successful future.*

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal #1 – Student Growth and Achievement

Goal #2 – Learning Culture of Equity, Engagement & Agency

Goal #3 – Professional Culture of Teamwork & Continuous Improvement

Goal #4 – Family Engagement & Community Partnerships

Goal #5 - Effective and Innovative Use of Resources

E.T.A.W.C. STATEMENT

No E.T.A.W.C. statement at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
FOLLOW-UP**

No follow-up comment at this time.

**APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA**

Motion by Banasiak, seconded by Garcia, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Board Meeting Minutes ... approve the board meeting minutes of June 26, 2025;
- Approve Renewal of Contracts ... approve the contract renewals with the following vendors: Puente Del Pueblo, Ever Driven, and Sentinel;
- Approve Current Expenditures ... approved the list of bills dated June 30, 2025, through July 10, 2025, in the amount of \$2,543,785.08;
- Approve Current Payrolls ... approved payrolls of June 12, 2025, in the amount of \$1,876,038.67; June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$2,080,815.51; July 15, 2025 in the amount of \$1,401,441.60; July 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,401,438.38; August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$1,296,326.88; and August 29, 2025, in the amount of \$1,296,275.73;
- Approve Imprest AccountApprove the current imprest list from July 1, 2025, to July 10, 2025, in the amount of \$537.50;
- Approve Personnel Items ... Approved the following personnel report:
0 Administration:
3 Certified: Elizabeth Clark, Monolingual Teacher at Wegner, effective 2025-2026 School Year; Giovanna Owens, Dual Language Teacher at Gary, effective 2025-2026 School Year; Sarah Mischke, Preschool Teacher at Pioneer, effective 2025-2026 School Year;
7 Classified: Sandra Munoz Esquivel, Temp Custodial Help at ESC, effective June 25, 2025; Flor Robles, Student Supervisor at LMS, effective 2025-2026 School Year; Alberto Garcia, Utility Custodian at ESC, effective July 11, 2025; Maria Robles, Paraprofessional at Gary, effective 2025-2026 School Year; Ericka Gomez, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective 2025-2026 School Year; Catherine Espino, Paraprofessional at Pioneer Preschool, effective 2025-2026 School Year; Julia Hernandez, Paraprofessional at Pioneer Preschool, effective 2025-2026 School Year;
6 Resignations: Jennifer Brackmann, Self-Contained Teacher at Pioneer Preschool, effective June 26, 2025; Keely Walker, Art Teacher at Gary, effective June 27, 2025; Christina Christodoulou, SEL Teacher at Gary, effective June 30, 2025; Matt Ryan, Director of Technology at ESC, effective June 30, 2025; Alma Garcia, Paraprofessional at Turner,

effective August 18, 2025; Olid Joya Santa, Temp Custodian at ESC, effective July 8, 2025;

0 Leaves:

1 Retirement: Peter Hinch, Music Teacher at Wegner, effective July 5, 2025.

On roll call, the following members voted aye: Banasiak, Garcia, Hernandez, Doyle, McLean, and Balgeman. Nays: None.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report and
Budget Report

The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Budget Reports as of June 30, 2025, along with the financial charts.

Financial Report

Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business and Operations, provided the Board of Education with a financial report stating that the district received \$3,484.44 in State Free Lunch & Breakfast, \$248,676.01 in the National School Lunch Program, and \$100,535.67 in the School Breakfast Program since the last meeting.

Student Activity Account Report

The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of June 30, 2025.

DISCUSSION OF NEW / ONGOING BUSINESS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Reusable Lunch Trays & Carts

Motion by McLean, seconded by Garcia, to approve the purchase of reusable lunch trays and carts for each elementary school. On roll call, the following members voted aye: McLean, Garcia, Balgeman, Banasiak, Doyle, and Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Dues for Illinois
Association
Boards (IASB)

Motion by Banasiak, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the of School renewal of membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for the 2025-2026 school year. This long-standing organization is a local school board governance organization that supports quality public education. On roll call, the following members voted aye: Banasiak, Hernandez, Balgeman, Doyle, McLean, and Garcia. Nays: None. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Foundation Grant Funds	Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Banasiak, to approve the foundation grant fund/gift for Gary and Turner School. On roll call, the following members voted aye: Hernandez, Banasiak, Balgeman, Garcia, McLean, and Doyle. Nays: None. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.
Grant Specialist	Motion by McLean, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the revised job description and adjust the hourly rate for the Grant Specialist position. On roll call, the following members voted aye: McLean, Hernandez, Garcia, Balgeman, Banasiak, and Doyle. Nays: None. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.
Independent Contractor School Psychologist	Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Banasiak, to approve the contract between District 33 and Dr. Pete Marcelo, an independent contractor who will serve as a school psychologist for the 2025-2026 school year. On roll call, the following members voted aye: Hernandez, Banasiak, Balgeman, Garcia, Doyle, and McLean. Nays: None. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.
LEND Annual Dues	Motion by McLean, seconded by Garcia, to approve the continued membership in the Legislative Education Network of DuPage County (LEND) for the 2025-2026 school year. This keeps the Board updated and allows input into the legislative process. On roll call, the following members voted aye: McLean, Garcia, Balgeman, Banasiak, Doyle, and Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Current Job Listing	The Board received the most recent posting of available job positions in School District 33.
Freedom of Information Report	The Board of Education received the Freedom of Information Act Report, noting 1 new request since the last board meeting.
Short Term Leave	The Board received the short-term leave report.
Vandalism Report	The Board of Education was provided with the Quarterly report, indicating 0 reports since the last board meeting.
Suggested Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting	No suggested items at this time.
Board Outreach	Several Board members attended the 8th-grade graduation.
Parking Lot	No items at this time.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Open Comments

The Board was provided with the sign-up list for the 25/26 Board partnering school.

Kristina provided two dates for Board training.

The new District website is now live, with an official launch date of August 1, 2025.

**REVIEW OF UPCOMING
MEETINGS/EVENTS**

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Banasiak, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. The President took a voice vote and declared the motion passed.

President, Rita Balgeman

Secretary, Tom Doyle