



LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, January 9, 2025 at **7:30 PM**

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Kevin Daly, President
Peter D. Theodore, Vice President
John P. Vranas, Secretary
Myra A. Foutris
Ted Kwon
Jay Oleniczak
Rupal Shah Mandal

ADMINISTRATION
Dr. David L. Russo, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74,
 Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Lincoln Hall Auditorium
 6855 North Crawford, Lincolnwood, IL 60712, on Thursday, January 9, 2025.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Daly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT
 Kevin Daly
 Myra A. Foutris
 Ted Kwon
 Jay Oleniczak
 Rupal Shah Mandal
 Peter D. Theodore
 John P. Vranas

<u>ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF PRESENT</u>		
Dr. David L. Russo	Chris Harmon	Erin Curry
Dr. Dominick M. Lupo	Aliaa Ibrahim	Jordan Stephen
Courtney Whited	Jackie McGoey	Joseph Segreti
Mark Atkinson	Jennifer Ruttkay	Renee Tolnai

2. DISTRICT RECOGNITION

a. *Curricular Highlight* - On November 22, 2024, 8th grade and kindergarten students came together for the first of three Team-Up events, engaging in activities centered on social studies and math themes. Together, they created hand turkeys to share what they were grateful for and crafted friendship bracelets to practice pattern recognition, applying skills from Carnegie Math lessons. This meaningful collaboration fostered connection and community, perfectly reflecting our mission: One campus, one community, preparing, inspiring, and empowering learners; one moment at a time.

Lincoln Hall teachers Kenji Mori and Travis DuPriest provided an overview of the above Team-Up event and shared a video of the initiative.

3. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **DECEMBER 5, 2024**

II. Regular Board Meeting - Closed Session Minutes - **DECEMBER 5, 2024**

b. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

I. Personnel Report

II. New Employment

1. **Basira Yousafzai**, Part-Time Kitchen Staff, Lincoln Hall, effective December 12, 2024, \$15.23/hr
2. **Uzma Ali**, Paraprofessional, Todd Hall, effective January 6, 2025, \$17.40/hr
3. **Jenna George**, Full Time Substitute, District Wide, effective Dec 16, 2024, Class 1, Level 1, \$54,015/Pro-rated

III. FMLA Leave Request

1. **Mark Laske**, Instructional Coach, Todd Hall, effective Nov 19, 2024, with an expected return March 4, 2025
2. **Allison Chambers**, Paraprofessional, Rutledge Hall, effective on or about February 14, 2025, with an expected return May 19, 2025
3. **Andrew Almer**, 6th Grade Math Teacher, effective Dec 2, 2024, with an expected return date of March 10, 2025

c. POLICY

I. 2nd Reading/Adoption of Policy

1. Press Plus #117 - October 2024

(1) Draft Update

- (1) 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- (2) 6:00 Curriculum Content
- (3) 2:120 Board Member Development
- (4) 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program

d. 2025-26 School Fees Draft

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support of the Administrative recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the 2025-26 School Fee Schedule, as presented.

e. Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities

- I. Illinois Music Educators Conference (IMEC), January 30-31, 2025, in Peoria, IL for Rutledge Hall Music Teacher Hillary Schroer

f. Rutledge Hall Audio Video Upgrade

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support of the Administrative recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this quote from Moonlight AV for the purchase and installation of equipment for the modernization of the Rutledge Hall Gymnasium and MPR in the amount of \$44,478.03.

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Vice President Theodore that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves those items on the Consent Agenda as appear above.

President Daly submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Theodore, Vranas, Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Shah Mandal, Daly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

a. NTDSE/District 807: **John P. Vranas/Kevin Daly**

The NTDSE Governing Board did not meet in December 2024. The next scheduled meeting is January 23, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the NTDSE Administrative Building.

b. IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards): **Jay Oleniczak/Myra A. Foutris**

No report.

c. Finance Committee: **Peter D. Theodore/Jay Oleniczak**

The Finance Committee last met on December 12, 2024.

There were no formal recommendations voted on due to the lack of a quorum. The Finance Committee members in attendance supported the Administrative recommendation to the Board of Education for:

1. 2025-26 School Fees Draft
2. The Barry and Taffy Berger Foundation Donation
3. Rutledge Hall Audio Video Upgrade

District Finance Update:

- Children's Care and Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) lease expires June 2026

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

d. Facilities Committee: **John P. Vranas/Rupal Shah Mandal**

The Facilities Committee last met on October 22, 2024.

The December 2024 Facilities Committee meeting was canceled due to a scheduling conflict and light agenda.

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

e. Policy Committee: **Rupal Shah Mandal/Myra A. Foutris**

The Policy Committee last met on Friday, November 15, 2024.

The Friday, December 13, 2024 Policy Committee meeting was cancelled due to a light agenda.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2025 at 8:30am in the Administration Building. The public is welcome.

f. President's Report: **Kevin Daly**

President Daly shared important District upcoming dates. Please see the District website for information: sd74.org

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. LTA (Lincolnwood Teacher Association): **Travis DuPriest/Kevin Conley (Co-Presidents)**

No report.

b. LSSU (Lincolnwood Support Staff Union): **Tommy Bujnowski (President)**

No report.

c. PALS (People Active with Lincolnwood Schools): **Stacey Johnson (President)**

PALS Vice President Mihra Seta provided an overview of the upcoming fundraising and community events, as well as the successes of the 2024-2025 school year past events. For more information: [PALS WEBSITE](#).

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report: **Dr. David L. Russo**

I. The Barry and Taffy Berger Foundation Donation Approval

It was moved by Vice President Theodore and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education accept this donation from the Barry and Taffy Berger Foundation in the amount of \$75,000, as presented.

President Daly submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Theodore, Vranas, Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Shah Mandal, Daly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

II. District Updates

Superintendent Russo wished everyone a Happy New Year. He hopes that 2025 has begun on a joyous note for everyone. Over the break, our Building and Grounds team took the opportunity to address routine and preventative maintenance tasks in preparation for our winter season. The team does a great job of taking advantage of these times to keep our physical plant running smoothly. We look forward to a fun and productive 2025 both in our classrooms and in our extracurricular activities.

Thank you again to our Kindergarten and 8th grade teachers for planning such a meaningful collaboration between our oldest and youngest students. It is so impactful to have our 8th graders serve as role models to our kindergarten students. It really creates a cross campus connection and further emphasizes that we are One Campus. We are excited about further chances to bring our students together from across buildings to share in a learning experience.

b. Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent's Report: **Dr. Dominick M. Lupo**

I. Curriculum Department Update

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Lupo provided the following updates:

- District Winter MAP Assessments are underway.
- The ACCESS assessment window is now open. District English Language Learner students will be participating in this assessment as a way to monitor their progress with mastery of the English language.
- The District has our final three days of on-site Math professional development with the trainers from Carnegie Learning on January 27-30, 2025.

c. Business and Operations, Business Manager/CSBO: **Courtney Whited**

I. Finance Report - **OCTOBER 2024**

Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO presented the October 2024 Finance Report.

II. Bills Payable in the Amount of \$2,593,116.86

Bills reviewed this month by: Peter D. Theodore and Rupal Shah Mandal

It was moved by Vice President Theodore and seconded by Member Shah Mandal that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve invoices and bills in the amount of \$2,593,116.86.

President Daly submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Theodore, Vranas, Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Shah Mandal, Daly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

10. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

11. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Daly and seconded by Secretary Vranas that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education recess into Closed Session for the purposes of: **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459 - Personnel and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - Collective Negotiating.**

President Daly submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Kwon and seconded by Member Oleniczak to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education.

President Daly submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 9:43 p.m.

Kevin Daly, President

John P. Vranas, Secretary