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LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74 \ SECTION 2 - Board of Education \

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Board of Education

2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers

The Board of Education officers are: President, Vice President and Secretary. These officers are elected or appointed by the Board at its organizational meeting. The offices of Vice President and Secretary may be combined at the Board's discretion. The Board may, at its discretion, extend terms of officers to two years.

President

The Board of Education elects a President from its members for a one-year term. The duties of the President are:

1. Preside at all meetings;
2. Focus the Board meeting agendas on appropriate content;
3. Make all Board committee appointments with Board approval;
4. Attend and observe any Board committee meeting at his or her discretion;
5. Sign official District documents requiring the President's signature, including Board Minutes and Certificate of Tax Levy;
6. Call special meetings of the Board;
7. Serve as the head of the public body for purposes of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act;
8. Ensure that a quorum of the Board is physically present at all Board meetings, except as otherwise provided by the Open Meetings Act, [PRESSPlus1](#)
9. Administer the oath of office to new Board members;
10. Serve as or appoint the Board's official spokesperson to the media; ~~and~~
11. Except when the Board President is the subject of a complaint of sexual harassment, a witness, or otherwise conflicted, appoint a qualified outside investigator to conduct an independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by another Board member or elected official; and
12. Ensure that the fingerprint-based criminal history records information checks and/or screenings required by State law and policy 5:30, *Hiring Process and Criteria*, is completed for the Superintendent, [PRESSPlus2](#)

The President is permitted to participate in all Board meetings in a manner equal to all other Board members, including the ability to make and second motions.

A vacancy in the Presidency is filled by the Vice President.

Vice President and Secretary

The Board of Education elects a Vice President and a Secretary from its members for a one-year term. The Vice President performs the duties of the President if:

- the office of President is vacant;
- the President is absent; or
- the President is unable to perform the office's duties.

A vacancy in the Vice Presidency is filled by special Board election.

The Secretary shall perform or delegate the following duties:

1. Keep Board meeting minutes;
2. Prepare Board meeting agendas and provide them, along with prior meeting minutes, to Board members before the next meeting;
3. Mail meeting notification and agenda to news media who have officially requested copies;
4. Keep records of the Board's official acts, and sign them, along with the President, before submitting them to the Treasurer at such times as the Treasurer may require;
5. Report to the Township Treasurer on or before July 7, annually, such information as the Township Treasurer is required to include in the Township Treasurer's report to the North Cook Intermediate Service Center;
6. Act as the local election official for the District;

7. Arrange public inspection of the budget before adoption;
8. Publish required notices;
9. Sign official District documents requiring the Secretary's signature; and
10. Maintain Board policy and such other official documents as directed by the Board.

The Secretary may delegate some or all of these duties, except when State law prohibits the delegation. The Board appoints a secretary pro tempore, who may or may not be a Board member, if the Secretary is absent from any meeting or refuses to perform the duties of the office. A permanent vacancy in the office of Secretary is filled by special Board election.

Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall:

1. Assist the Secretary by taking the minutes for all open Board meetings;
2. Assemble Board meeting material and provide it, along with prior meeting minutes, to Board members before the next meeting; and
3. Perform the Secretary's duties, as assigned, except when State law prohibits the delegation.

In addition, the Recording Secretary or Superintendent receives notification from Board members who desire to attend a Board meeting by video or audio means.

Treasurer (NOT an officer of the Board of Education)

The Treasurer for the School District shall be appointed by the Township Trustees.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Furnish a bond, which shall be approved by a majority of the Township Trustees;
2. Maintain custody of school funds;
3. Maintain records of school funds and balances;
4. Prepare a monthly reconciliation report for the Superintendent and Board;
5. Receive, hold, and expend District funds only upon the order of the Board; and
6. Perform those duties in [Section 8-17 of The School Code](#).

LEGAL REF.:

[5 ILCS 120/7](#) and [420/4A-106](#).

105 ILCS 5/8-1, 5/8-2, 5/8-3, 5/8-6, 5/8-16, 5/8-17, 5/10-1, 5/10-5, 5/10-7, 5/10-8, 5/10-13, 5/10-13.1, 5/10-14, 5/10-16.5, [5/10-21.9](#), and [5/17-1](#), and [5/21B-85](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 2:150 (Committees), 2:210 (Organizational Board of Education Meeting), 2:220 (Board of Education Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated to reflect changes to 5 ILCS 120/7, amended by P.A. 101-640, permitting public bodies to meet remotely without a quorum physically present at the meeting location during a public health emergency. **Issue 108, November 2021**

PRESSPlus 2. The School Code continues to define the board president's role in conducting criminal background investigations and receiving the results of these investigations, including the results for employees of district contractors. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9. Many districts delegate this task in the hiring process to a human resources department. For more information, see the subhead entitled [Screening](#) in policy 4:175, *Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications*, and the subhead entitled [Investigations](#) in policy 5:30, *Hiring Process Criteria*. **Issue 108, November 2021**