



PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Anne Sullivan School

7:00 p.m.

March 12, 2026

<u>Members Present</u> Rebecca McClaney, President Spencer Long, Vice-President Carol Botwinski, Secretary Brian Greidanus Tracey Morrissey Brynn Nordmark Mari Lynn Peters	<u>Members Absent</u>
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<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Rebecca McClaney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. This meeting was held at Anne Sullivan School and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually on our YouTube Channel. Link to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg
<u>ROLL CALL</u>	PRESENT: Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Greidanus, Dr. Long, Mrs. McClaney, Mrs. Morrissey, Mr. Nordmark, and Mrs. Peters. Absent : no one Also present: Dr. Don Angelaccio, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by members of the Annie Jr. cast and crew. The students performed for Ross and Sullivan students on March 5th and for their families on March 6th.

<p><u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION</u></p>	<p>No one addressed the board.</p>
<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></p>	<p>March is recognized as Music in our Schools Month and celebrates the positive impact that music education plays in the lives of our students and community. We extend our appreciation to all of our music educators: Garth Anderson, Karen Luehr, Izabella Gieron, Megan Murray, and Cam Severino. We also thanked our students and families for their dedication and commitment to our music programs.</p> <p>March is also recognized as National School Social Work Month and recognizes the important role that these mental health professionals play in the education setting. We extend our appreciation to all of our social workers: Abra Zavaduk, Megan Reiger, Rachel Curran, Beatrice Chen and Kelsy Cain Nelson.</p> <p>We recognized the importance and impact of Art instruction in our schools and thanked Melinda Lyons (Ike), Rachel Matthews (Ross/Sullivan), and Janet Tomenbang (MacArthur) for their dedication and passion. We also invited all community members to visit the Prospect Heights Public Library to view the student artwork now on display.</p> <p>We also recognized our MacArthur Staff for their commitment to Middle Level Education and thank them for their work to support our learners through this often difficult time in their lives.</p> <p>We thanked Athena Kalaras for her engaging instruction and introduction to the Spanish language at MacArthur as we celebrate Foreign Language Instruction month.</p> <p>26-27 School Year Registration Registration for 2026-27 school year will open on April 2 and is projected to be completed by May 1st. Information will be emailed home with registration links.</p> <p>Trimester 2 Update The Administrative Team has provided a Trimester 2 Summary of Strategic Plan goal progress.</p>

	<p>Anne Sullivan School Improvement Presentation Principal Traci Meziere and members of the Sullivan School Improvement Team presented their annual update to the Board of Education, highlighting their innovations, successes, and goals.</p>
<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	<p><u>Building and Sites</u> Mrs. Morrissey reported that there was discussion on the bids that came in for the Eisenhower construction project. There was also discussion on the Summer of 2026 work. She also reported that Mr. Gonzalez provided an update on the custodial staff.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> Mrs. Peters reported that there was discussion on the bids that came in for the Eisenhower construction project. There was also discussion on the Summer of 2026 work. An update was provided on the property tax revenues from Cook County.</p> <p><u>N.S.S.E.O</u> Dr. Long reported on the NSSEO meeting, After the monthly business was conducted, the Board went into executive session for teacher contract negotiations.</p>
<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	<p>The Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting and the Executive Session on February 12, 2026, the Personnel Report and the Tuition reimbursement report.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Dr. Long, Passed.</p> <p>Spencer Long: Abstain (Without Conflict), Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p>	<p>Board member Long reviewed and approved the vouchers this month.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. McClaney and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u></p>	<p><u>Building a Better D23 Update</u> <u>Eisenhower Construction Bids and Add Alternate Discussion</u></p> <p>After the bid openings on Friday, February 27, our partners from Nicholas and Associates and ARCON reviewed and confirmed that all vendors met the requirements and all low bidders have been identified. At our Finance committee meeting on March 3, multiple scenarios were reviewed and discussed. Administration presented Scenario A and Scenario F for further deliberation and action. Dr. Angelaccio went over each of the scenarios for the Board before discussion.</p> <p>Motion to approve Scenario F as presented which includes the base bid and add alternates 2A, 4B, 5, 6, 7 & 10. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Nay, Mari-Lynn Peters: Nay, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 5, Nay: 2, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p><u>Summer 2026 Projects Managed by the District</u> As discussed with Finance, there are five proposals for Board approval. All work is scheduled to take place this summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Renewal of District Firewall Agreement ● Contract for the Purchase of Aruba Network Switches

- Network Switch Support Agreement
- Replacement of the MacArthur Gymnasium Accordion Wall
- Anne Sullivan Library- Phase 3 Perimeter Bookcases

Motion to approve the Summer 2026 work, including three year FortiGate Firewall License with Empist in the amount of \$32,195, the purchase of Aruba switch hardware from Sentinel in the total amount of \$173,390, the agreement for Network Switch Support with Empist in the amount of \$29,210, the contract for the replacement of the accordion stage wall with H2I in the amount of \$14,500, and the purchase of perimeter bookcases for the Anne Sullivan Library in the amount of \$30,415 from Educational Environments. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

Update on FY26 Grants

Dr. Curtis gave an update on the FY26 Grants including amendments.

Update on Staffing Plan

Dr. Angelaccio provided an update on the 2026-27 Staffing Plan.

Restricted Use Signage

Dr. Angelaccio has shared a memo to outline the purpose for and intent of posting signage on District 23 grounds to clarify the authority of use and maintain safe learning environments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was needed to discuss matters of personnel. There may be action following closed session.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel. There may be action after Executive Session.

This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed. There may be action after Executive Session.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Nordmark passed with a voice vote.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

OPEN SESSION

Non-PHEA Salary Proposal 2026-27

Following Executive session, the Board chose to take action on the proposed salary increases for Non-PHEA employees and the extended leave request.

Motion to approve the Non-PHEA employee salaries as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long, and seconded by Mrs. Peters, passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

	<p>After closed session discussion, the Board also took action on an extended leave request.</p> <p>Motion to approve the extended leave request. This motion, made by Mr. Greidanus and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN</u></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. This motion, made by Mr. Greidanus and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

Board President

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