

Board of Education Meeting
May 27, 2026 5:30 PM
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Board Members Present: Kelly Bee, Chris Cardella, Sheila Daniels, Rakim Grant, Deborah Kleckowski, Dean Krupa, Harold Panciera

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

II. ACTION ITEM: OUTRIDE GRANT

Ms. Forbes shared OUTRIDE is a national nonprofit dedicated to improving youth wellbeing through cycling, awards the Riding for Focus grant to Title I middle schools and Beman Middle school is a 2026 recipient. The grant provides a fleet of 35–40 bicycles and helmets at no cost to the school or families, along with a structured cycling curriculum, instructor professional development (including an expenses-paid in-person training), and an online certification course. Outride also provides ongoing programmatic support, evaluation tools, and school-level outcome reports throughout the grant term.

The grant runs for two years beginning in the 2026–27 school year. Equipment is delivered in the fall of 2026. Instructor training takes place over the summer prior to launch. The program is embedded in the PE curriculum across all three grade levels. Cycling instruction takes place on campus at Beman Middle School during regularly scheduled school hours as part of Physical Education. The Riding for Focus program removes every barrier to participation, providing equipment, instruction, and time so that all students, regardless of income, ability, or background, can experience the physical, cognitive, and social-emotional benefits of cycling.

Mr. Panciera followed up with questions of participation by staff and students, storage and maintenance. Ms. Forbes and Mr. Gaylord provided clarification.

The Board of Education is requested to accept the grant.

MOTION: A motion to accept the OUTRIDE Riding for Focus Grant was made by Ms. Kleckowski and a second by Ms. Bee -unanimous vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Kelly Bee: yay
Chris Cardella: yay
Sheila Daniels: yay
Rakim Grant: yay
Deborah Kleckowski: yay
Dean Krupa: yay
Harold Panciera: yay

IV.VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:44 PM by Mr. Panciera and a second by Ms. Kleckowski-unanimous vote.