

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 7:00 PM Central

Lake Bluff School District Office
121 E Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Laura Breakstone: Present
Andrew Carlson: Present
Richard Driver: Present
Anne Hill: Absent
Lauren Hirsh: Present
Tim Penich: Present
Carrie Steinbach: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge was recited.

3. MISSION, VISION, MOTTO:
MISSION: Ensure academic achievement and personal growth for all students through innovative and engaging educational opportunities.
VISION: An inclusive community of motivated learners who are inspired to change the world through exploration and collaboration.
MOTTO: Excellence in Education, Enthusiasm for Life, Every Student, Every Day.
Our student representative, Nancy C., read the Mission, Vision and Motto.

4. LBES STUDENT UPDATE VIDEO - Kellie Bae
Principal Bae shared that students expressed gratitude for their teachers, friends, and birthday lunches. She emphasized the importance of this exercise in ensuring student voices are heard and valued within the district.

5. LBMS STUDENT UPDATE VIDEO - Nate Blackmer
Principal Blackmer introduced the LBMS video featuring the hard work and dedication of our Science Olympiads and staff as they are already preparing to defend their title of state champs.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Carrie Steinbach
No public comment.

7. REPORTS

7.A. PTO Report - Rae Dobosh/Megan Hadler
No report.

7.B. Alliance Report - Greg Watson
No report.

7.C. President's Report - Carrie Steinbach
Happy holidays and stay healthy!

7.D. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr Leali reported that we will be giving an update on the 3rd-grade English Language Arts (ELA) pilot early 2026 in order for full review of instructional materials and to ensure comprehensive feedback from all grade-level staff.

8. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

8.A. Audit Presentation - Anna Wiszowaty - Senior Manager, Baker Tilly US

Anna Wiszowaty, Senior Manager at Baker Tilly, reported that District 65 continues to hold the state's highest financial health rating, "Recognition Status," and further praised the district's finance team for their high standards of accuracy and efficiency.

8.B. LBES Generator - Jay Kahn

The Board evaluated a proposal to upgrade the elementary school's infrastructure by replacing the current obsolete battery inverter with an emergency backup generator. This transition is designed to maintain critical operations—including HVAC, IT, and security systems—during power variances. The project will be partially funded by a \$50,000 state grant already awarded to the district. The proposal from Wight can be found in the board packet.

8.C. Triple I Conference Debrief

Board members discussed takeaways from the annual conference, including sessions on AI, cell phone policies, and the "SuperEval" tool. Highlights included the importance of student voice, new board member training, and the success of the shared safety director presentation. The group also discussed the board's role in financial oversight, leading to a proposal to revive the Board Finance Committee to review complex financial data before regular meetings.

8.D. True North Update - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali gave a True North update. At this point, we still have 16 districts that are committed to the reorganization. The newly formed executive committee will meet Jan 5. Tracy Roehrick continues to meet on the programming and staffing committee. True North will remain the parent organization and the combined single therapeutic day school will be called The North Shore Academy.

9. ACTION (WITH DISCUSSION) ITEMS

9.A. Approval of Final Levy

Final Levy. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Tim Penich, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.B. LBES Generator Approval

LBES Generator contract. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Andrew Carlson, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea,

Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.C. Approval of Franczek engagement

Franczek Engagement. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Tim Penich, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea,
Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.D. Approval of destruction of closed meeting recordings January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025
Destruction of Closed Meeting minutes. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Andrew Carlson, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea,
Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.E. Personnel Report

Personnel Report. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Andrew Carlson, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea,
Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.F. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Richard Driver, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea,
Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.F.1. Open Session Meeting Minutes

9.F.1.a. November 18, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

9.F.2. Treasurer's Report

9.F.3. Imprest Report

9.F.4. Bills Report (includes board member expenses)

9.F.5. P Card Report

10. FOIA Requests

We had one FOIA request since our last regular meeting, details are in the board packet.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Carrie Steinbach

No public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment 7:46pm. This motion, made by Carrie Steinbach and seconded by Laura Breakstone, Passed.

Anne Hill: Absent, Laura Breakstone: Yea, Andrew Carlson: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Lauren

Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1