

	<p>LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74 BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM</p>	<p>BOARD OF EDUCATION Kevin Daly, <i>President</i> Peter D. Theodore, <i>Vice President</i> John P. Vranas, <i>Secretary</i> Myra A. Foutris Ted Kwon Jay Oleniczak Rupal Shah Mandal</p> <p>ADMINISTRATION Dr. David L. Russo, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i> Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, <i>Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction</i> Courtney Whited, <i>Business Manager/CSBO</i></p>
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Lincolnwood Village Hall - Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

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.

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

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

- a. Lincoln Hall Spring Musical Announcement - Todd Hall Kindergarten teacher Hayley Reynolds shared the 2025 spring musical selection is *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*.
- b. The 4th grade team recapped the Rutledge Hall's Fun Fall Festival. The event featured outdoor team-building activities and created moments that matter for 4th grade students and their teachers. The Fun Fall Festival is a part of Rutledge Hall's school growth plan, which aligns with the 2024-2029 District Strategic Plan.

At 7:44 p.m. President Daly called for a two-minute recess. President Daly called the meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

3. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - I. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

II. Regular Board Meeting - Closed Session Minutes - **NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

b. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

I. Personnel Report

II. FMLA Leave Request

1. **Mauvette Johnson**, one to one nurse/Instructional Assistant, Rutledge Hall, effective October 28, 2024, with a return of March 4, 2025
2. **Kanou Yuhana**, Kitchen Staff, Lincoln Hall, effective ~~October 11, 2024~~ **November 11, 2024**, with an expected return January 6, 2025

III. New Hire

1. **Tony Giovannini**, 12-week Social Worker, Lincoln Hall, effective on or about January 30, 2025, \$349.81 per day

c. Annual Renewal of Building Automated Systems (BAS) Maintenance and Support

The Finance Committee members in attendance supported the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to accept this Agreement from Everest Energy and Control Technologies, LLC to continue Annual BAS Maintenance and Support in the amount of \$9,464 from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

d. Donation of Floor Hockey Equipment from The Chicago Blackhawks

The Finance Committee members in attendance supported the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to accept the donation of floor hockey equipment from The Chicago Blackhawks.

e. Heartland School Solutions - Mosaic Platform

The Finance Committee members in attendance supported the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the Heartland School Systems quote in the amount of \$4,246 for services and implementation between December 2024 through December 2025.

f. FY24 Final Audit and The OPEB GASB 74/75 by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

The final Fiscal Year 2024 Lauterbach & Amen, LLP Audit Report is presented to the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education for review at the December 5, 2024 Board of Education meeting, as supported by the Finance Committee members in attendance.

g. Policy

I. Consent Only - Policies Excluded from 1st Reading for Approval* *These policies are excluded from 1st Reading because they only involve changes in citations or immediate compliance with the law or Illinois School Code.

1. Press Plus #117 - October 2024

(1) Draft Update

- (1) 4:60 Purchases
- (2) 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- (3) 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- (4) 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- (5) 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- (6) 8:10 Connection with the Community
- (7) 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- (8) 4:170 Safety
- (9) 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- (10) 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline
- (11) 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program
- (12) 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- (13) 7:200 Suspension Procedures

h. Anticipated Dates for the 2025 Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education Meetings

The Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education must approve dates for the 2025 Regular Board of Education meetings. The meetings are held at Lincolnwood Village Hall (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL) at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Please see the District website (sd74.org) for further information.

Feedback from the community on any of the following meeting dates is welcome.

January 9, 2025

February 6, 2025

March 6, 2025

April 3, 2025

May 1, 2025

June 5, 2025

June 26, 2025

August 7, 2025

September 4, 2025

October 2, 2025

November 6, 2025

December 4, 2025

Secretary Vranas requested that Consent Agenda Item 4bII2 – Kanou Yuhana’s effective date be amended to November 11, 2024.

It was moved by Vice President Theodore and seconded by Secretary Vranas that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves those items on the Consent Agenda as appear above with the amended Agenda Item 4bII2 – Kanou Yuhana’s effective date of November 11, 2024.

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**

Secretary Vranas reported that the last meeting of the NTDSE Governing Board was held on November 13, 2024 where routine business was conducted.

Executive Director Tarin Kendrick reported on the exponential growth in enrollment requiring the relocation of the Molloy Principal and therapists to make room for a new classroom. The K-2 Project ABLE program has exceeded its capacity. We are exploring options for additional space in the Village of Morton Grove.

The next meeting will be on January 23, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the NTDSE Administrative Center.

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

Member Oleniczak represented Lincolnwood School District 74 at the Delegate Assembly on November 23, 2024 at the Joint Annual Conference. The District was well-represented at the Joint Annual Conference on November 22-24, 2024. Member Oleniczak reported that education leaders from five statewide organizations in Illinois announced **Vision 2030**, a blueprint for public education in Illinois, developed with input from the statewide membership of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), Illinois Principals Association (IPA), Illinois Association of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) and Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents (IARSS). Vision 2030 seeks to engage parents, educators, policy leaders, elected officials, and the general public around a platform that emphasizes student and school safety, attracts and retains high-quality educators, enhances post-secondary success and more effectively measures what is working well in schools in a timely, usable manner. More information is forthcoming.

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

The Finance Committee last met on November 21, 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:
 - Heartland School Solutions - Mosaic Platform
 - Annual Renewal of Building Automated Systems (BAS) Maintenance and Support
 - Donation of Floor Hockey Equipment from The Chicago Blackhawks
- As recommended by the Finance Committee members in attendance, Lincolnwood School District 74's Final 2024 Levy will be presented to the Board of Education during the public hearing this evening for adoption. The requisite resolutions and certificates are included, in addition to a statement of the District's Cash Balance from the end of FY2024.
- The Final Fiscal Year 2024 SD74 Audit and reports prepared by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP is being presented to the Board of Education for review tonight.

District Finance Updates:

- After consultation with Legal Counsel, the Niles Township transportation cohort (70, 71, 74, 219) agreed to negotiate with the bus company, First Student, Inc., for a one-year extension for regular education transportation spanning 08/01/2025 to 07/31/2026.
- There will be a Public Hearing tonight for the Proposal to Seek a Waiver of a School Code Mandate, and Approval of Minutes of Hearing and Resolution on Application for Waiver of a School Code Mandate.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 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 November 2024 Facilities Committee meeting was canceled due to a light Agenda. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

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

I. 1st Reading by the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education

1. Press Plus #117 - October 2024

(1) Draft Update

(1) 4:30 Revenue and Investments

(2) 6:60 Curriculum Content

(3) 2:120 Board Member Development

(4) 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program

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

- From Press Plus Issue #117 the Policy Committee sent (4) policies to 1st Reading, and (13) policies to the December 5, 2024 Board of Education Consent Agenda.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2025 at 8:30am in the Administration Building. The public is welcome.

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

President Daly reviewed the important District dates. Please see the District website for further information: sd74.org.

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Co-presidents Travis DuPriest and Kevin Conley were in attendance and wished all a very happy holiday.

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

No report.

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

Abby Jones 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. District Updates

- Superintendent Russo thanked Ms. Reynolds for coming to announce this year's musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. With the recent release of *Wicked*, what a timely selection that is sure to please audiences. We know how much time and effort will go into this year's production and it will be here before we know it. We thank you for your forthcoming efforts to make for a memorable production.
- Based on our new Mission Statement, the Administration talked all year about creating memorable moments that connect students to each other, their school, and their community! The fourth-grade team did an amazing job of embodying that spirit with the activities they presented tonight. The scarecrows were simply fantastic; it was just a great event to see unfold and how the students reacted to it!
- The Board will officially accept this donation next month, but Superintendent Russo wanted to publicly express the District's gratitude and appreciation for this year's donation made by the Barry and Taffy Berger Foundation. To refresh memories, Barry Berger is an alumnus of Lincolnwood School District 74. He started a successful at-home health care company in California after moving West upon completion of high school in the early 1970's. Barry, and his wife Taffy, have pledged contributions on "Giving Tuesday" through 2031. Previous year's pledges have been \$50,000. This year, the Bergers increased their donation to \$75,000! Thank you to the Bergers for their incredible generosity and support of the District!
- The District is greatly looking forward to hearing the musical talents of 2nd graders on December 11, 2024 and our band, orchestra, and chorale ensembles on December 17, 2024! It is always a real treat to have their talents on display!
- Report cards will be emailed to families early next week. Please check your inboxes to make sure you receive this important information. If you have not received anything by Wednesday, December 11, 2024, contact your respective school office.
- Those who are scheduled to volunteer at classroom Winter Parties for Todd Hall and Rutledge Hall should check their email inbox for a reminder communication from the District tomorrow with all the details.
- Superintendent Russo thanked Abby Jones (PALS), and all the other volunteers who helped make the Book Fair so successful! It is such a wonderful opportunity to connect students with great literature and continue to foster a love of reading!

- Finally, although we are still a couple of weeks away, everyone is wished a relaxing and memorable Winter Break and Happy Holidays and New Year to all!

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

I. Approval of the Amended 2025-26 and 2026-27 District calendars

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the Amended 2025-26 and 2026-27 District calendars, as presented.

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

II. Approval of the Lincoln Hall School Improvement Plan

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the Lincoln Hall School Improvement Plan, as presented.

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

III. Curriculum Department Update

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

I. Finance Report - **SEPTEMBER 2024**

Business Manager/CSBO Whited presented the September 2024 Finance Report.

II. Public Hearing and Adoption of the Final 2024 Property Tax Levy

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Vice President Theodore and seconded by President Daly that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education open a public hearing regarding adoption of the Final 2024 Property Tax Levy.

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

Business Manager/CSBO Whited gave a brief overview of the Property Tax Levy process, and reported the District is following school code. The cash balance is included in the fund balance report in the packet.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Vice President Theodore seconded by President Daly that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education close the public hearing regarding adoption of the Final 2024 Property Tax Levy.

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

2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY APPROVAL

It was moved by Vice President Theodore and seconded by President Daly that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education adopts the 2024 Property Tax Levy Resolutions, as presented. The Board also directs the Business Manager/CSBO, Courtney Whited, to file the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance and all other documentation before the last Tuesday in December.

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.

III. Public Hearing on the Proposal to Seek a Waiver of School Code Mandate, and Approval of Minutes of Hearing and Resolution on Application for Waiver of School Code Mandate, as presented.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education open the public hearing for testimony on the Waiver of School Code (*Section 17-1.5*).

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

Public Hearing for Public Comments on the Proposal to Seek a Waiver of School Code Mandate (*Section 17-1.5*).

Administrative Description

The District will hold a public hearing at the December 5, 2024 Board of Education meeting to receive public testimony from educators, parents, and students on a proposal to seek a waiver of a School Code mandate (Section 17-1.5). Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Education may take action to approve the waiver application. Approval of the proposal would seek a one-year waiver of School Code Section 17-1.5, which limits the increase in administrative expenditures for the current school year to not exceed 5% over the prior school year. Waivers may be granted due to circumstances beyond the control of the District where the District has exhausted all available and reasonable remedies to comply with the limitation.

Additional Comments from the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education

None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Shah Mandal that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education close the public hearing for testimony on the Waiver of School Code (*Section 17-1.5*).

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

WAIVER, MINUTES, RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Approval of Minutes of Hearing and Resolution on Application for Waiver of School Code Mandate

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Shah Mandal that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the waiver of the School Code Mandate (*Section 17-1.5*), and approve the minutes of the hearing and Resolution on application for Waiver of the School Code Mandate, 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.

IV. Bills Payable in the Amount of \$2,078,264.22

Bills reviewed this month by: Ted Kwon and Jay Oleniczak

It was moved by Member Oleniczak and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve invoices and bills in the amount of \$2,078,264.22.

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

President Daly granted Secretary Vranas a personal privilege. Secretary Vranas complemented the Finance Committee and Administration for the unqualified audit results, and the levy numbers. The Board of Education was proud to approve a “levy for need, not for greed”.

11. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Daly and seconded by Vice President Theodore 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 9:00 p.m.

Kevin Daly, President

John P. Vranas, Secretary