



LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:30 PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Peter D. Theodore, *President*
 Myra A. Foutris, *Vice President*
 John P. Vranas, *Secretary*
 Ted Kwon
 Jay Oleniczak
 Elissa B. Rosenberg
 Mihra Seta

ADMINISTRATION
 Dr. David L. Russo, *Superintendent of Schools*
 Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction*
 Courtney L. Whited, *Business Manager/CSBO*

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, February 5, 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Theodore called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Myra A. Foutris Ted Kwon Jay Oleniczak Elissa B. Rosenberg Mihra Seta Peter D. Theodore	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> John P. Vranas
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<u>ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF PRESENT</u> Dr. David L. Russo Dr. Dominick M. Lupo Courtney L. Whited Mark Atkinson	Dr. Chris Harmon Dr. Aliaa Ibrahim Jennifer Ruttkay Erin Curry	Jordan Stephen Joseph Segreti Renee Tolnai
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2. DISTRICT RECOGNITION

- a. **Curricular Highlight** - Lincoln Hall Principal Mark Atkinson and Assistant Principal Joe Segreti introduced the seventh-grade Spanish teacher Michelle Lange and eighth-grade Humanities teacher Annalise Bordenet, along with students from Lincoln Hall's STAR Club (*Students Taking Active Responsibility*) who presented an overview of the STAR program highlighting several outstanding community service projects that were successfully completed.

At 7:40 p.m. President Theodore called for a two-minute recess.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED at 7:42 p.m.

President Theodore appointed Member Rosenberg Secretary Pro-Tem without objection.

3. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

A community member inquired about District policies when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is near campus.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **JANUARY 8, 2026**

II. Regular Board Meeting - Closed Session Minutes - **JANUARY 8, 2026**

b. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

I. **Personnel Report**

II. Resignation

1. **Chris Harmon**, Principal, Todd Hall, effective June 30, 2026

III. New Employment

1. **Toni Giovannini**, 12-week Social Worker, Lincoln Hall, effective January 26, 2026, \$364.38/per day

IV. FMLA Leave Request

1. **Megan McCormick**, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Hall, effective January 5, 2026

2. **Amanda Hasdoo**, Full-Time Substitute, District Wide, effective on or about April 16, 2026

3. **Carly DeNoi**, Social Worker, Lincoln Hall, effective January 26, 2026

c. POLICY

I. 2nd Reading/Adoption of Policy

1. Press Plus Issue #120 - October 2025

(1) Draft - Update

(1) 4:80 Accounting and Audits

(2) 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

(3) 7:190 Student Behavior

d. Inspirit AI Summer Program Facilities Rental Fees

The Finance Committee members in attendance did not state their support of the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education for Inspirit AI's classroom rental fee reduction to \$500 total per classroom in exchange for reduced student programs costs with scholarships, as presented.

e. 2026-27 School Fees Draft

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support for the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the 2026-27 School Fee Schedule, as presented.

f. Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Reports

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support for the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to accept the findings contained in the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Reports. The Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Report will be placed on the Board of Education agenda for approval at the February 5, 2026 meeting.

g. Renaissance Communication System Installation of Data Rack

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support for the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the quote from Renaissance Communication Systems for the installation of a network rack at Rutledge Hall in the amount of \$4,800.

h. PPO Medical Plan Enhancement

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support of the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education for a 0.42% increase on the District's share of the Fiscal Year 2027 PPO costs to add preventive care benefits at an estimated annual increase of \$8,700.

i. Digitizing District and Student Records – Cross Rhodes Print & Technologies

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support for the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the estimate from Cross Rhodes Print & Technologies for digitizing District and student

records in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.

It was moved by Vice President Foutris and seconded by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves those items on the Consent Agenda as appear above.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays:

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

a. NTDSE/District 807: **John P. Vranas/Elissa B. Rosenberg**

The NTDSE Governing Board last met on January 28, 2026. The following are brief highlights:

- The Board received a presentation on the Early Childhood Alliance (ECA).
- Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director, gave an update on the selection of a firm to perform a special education audit. She also gave an update on the High School Transition for NTDSE students.
- NTDSE's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the union expires in August 2026. Negotiations will begin in March.
- Candice Hartranft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that she will be attending the Annual Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) Winter Conference with Kristin Smith and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference with three members of the Mentoring Committee.
- Christine Perry, Principal of Molloy, reported that Northwestern University engineering students partnered with Molloy to develop an assistive device for a visually impaired student and a student with mobility needs.
- Joydeep Singh, Director of Technology, reported that the Audit recommendations for cybersecurity are being implemented.

The next meeting of the NTDSE Governing Board is scheduled at the NTDSE Administrative Center on March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

b. IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards): **Ted Kwon/Jay Oleniczak**

No report.

c. Finance Committee: **Jay Oleniczak/Mihra Seta**

The Finance Committee last met on January 22, 2026.

- There were no formal recommendations voted on due to the lack of a quorum. The Finance Committee members in attendance supported Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education for six (6) items on the Consent Agenda:
 1. 2026-27 School Fees Draft
 2. Renaissance Communication System Installation of Data Rack
 3. Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Reports
 4. The rejection of the Inspirit AI Summer Program Facilities Reduction of Rental Fees
 5. Digitizing District and Student Records – Cross Rhodes Print & Technologies
 6. PPO Medical Plan Enhancement
- The Property Tax Bill Delay Resolution Draft is on the Agenda as a stand-alone item for Board approval.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

d. Facilities Committee: **John P. Vranas/Myra A. Foutris**

The Facilities Committee last met on October 21, 2025.

- The January 2026 Facilities Committee meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.
- Two (2) items are on the agenda for approval:
 - Replacement of Rutledge Hall Storm Sump Pumps
 - Renaissance Communication System Installation of Door Access Control- Lincoln Hall Auditorium Doors

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

e. Policy Committee: **Myra A. Foutris/Ted Kwon**

The Policy Committee last met on Friday, December 12, 2025. The January and February 2026 Policy Committee meetings were canceled due to a light agenda.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2026 at 8:30am in the Administration Building. The public is welcome.

f. President's Report: **Peter D. Theodore**

I. Important District Dates

President Theodore shared important District upcoming dates. Please see the District website for information: sd74.org.

II. Bi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Vice President Foutris and seconded by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education authorize the release of certain closed session minutes, as listed in the attachment between September 1, 2016 to November 6, 2025, which were reviewed by the Board of Education and recommended by the Secretary of the Board of Education, as no longer needing confidential treatment.

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

III. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Seta that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education authorize the destruction of certain closed session audio recordings, as listed on the attachment, which were held prior to July 31, 2024, and for which approved minutes already exist, as reviewed by the Board of Education and recommended by the Secretary of the Board of Education.

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

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

No report.

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

No report.

c. PALS (People Active with Lincolnwood Schools): **Abby Jones (President)**

PALS President Jones provided an overview of PALS fundraising events. Please consider supporting the PALS After Dark event on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Please see the District website for details: sd74.org

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report: *Dr. David L. Russo*

I. NTDSE Programming Presentation

Superintendent Russo introduced the Executive Director and incoming Business Manager of the Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE), Tarin Kenrick and Heather Lane.

The pair provided an overview of the programming provided by NTDSE. NTDSE is such an important and strong partner of District 74. The District loves partnering with the group on programming and truly appreciates the support NTDSE provides to students who oftentimes have significant and unique special needs.

II. District Updates

All items were previously discussed.

III. 2026-2027 Parent-Student Handbook Changes

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education adopt changes to the 2026-2027 Parent-Student Handbook, as presented.

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

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

I. Curriculum Department Update

SD74 Summer Adventures planning has begun. The details on courses, staff, and locations are being finalized.

Registration will begin for District families on Friday, February 27, 2026, and out of district student registration will begin Friday, March 6, 2026.

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

I. Finance Report - **NOVEMBER 2025**

Business Manager/CSBO Whited presented the November 2025 Finance Report.

II. Replacement of Rutledge Hall Storm Sump Pumps

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the proposal from DeFranco Plumbing, Inc. for Rutledge Hall's storm pump replacement in the amount of \$17,314, as presented.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays:

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

III. Renaissance Communication System Installation of Door Access Control - Lincoln Hall Auditorium Doors

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Seta that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the quote from Renaissance Communication Systems for the upgrade of three doors into the current door access control system in the amount of \$11,700, as presented.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays:

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

IV. Property Tax Bill Delay Resolution Draft

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education adopt a Resolution calling on the Cook County Treasurer and other Cook County officials responsible for the issuance of property tax bills to resolve systemic issues, as presented.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays:

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

V. Bills Payable in the Amount of \$1,193,719.10

Bills reviewed this month by: Elissa B. Rosenberg and Myra A. Foutris

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Seta that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve invoices and bills in the amount of \$1,193,719.10.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays:

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

10. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

11. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Theodore and seconded by Member Oleniczak 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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - Collective Negotiating and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) - Student Disciplinary Cases.**

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by President Theodore and seconded by Member Oleniczak to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 9:37 p.m.

Peter D. Theodore, President

Elissa B. Rosenberg, Secretary Pro-Tem