

# Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Joliet Township High School District 204

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A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Township High School District 204 was held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois.

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call - 5:00 PM**

### **II. Closed Session**

*Closed Session is to discuss and consider items such as student discipline, collective negotiating matters, acquisition of land, pending legal matters, and/or personnel for the appointment, employment, pay, discipline, performance, or dismissal as designated by school board policy 2:200.*

Vice President Guererro Neumayer called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois. Members Present Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Michelle Stiff, Mrs. Christine Lynn, Mrs. Lorraine Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Angela Huntington. Absent: Mr. Coffey and Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Stiff moved that the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, negotiations, property update, student discipline, and litigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Mr. Matt Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn and Dr. Huntington.

### **III. Call to Order and Roll Call - Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM**

Vice President Guerrero Neumayer reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois and asked for roll call. Members Present: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Absent: Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Fitzpatrick.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Vice President Guerrero Neumayer welcomed all the guest in person and watching livestream.

### **IV. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item**

*Members of the public may make comments to the Board of Education on any item listed on the agenda. The time allotted to comment is limited to five minutes, unless the Board President decides to shorten public comment to conserve time and give*

*the maximum number of individuals opportunity to speak as designated by school board policy 2:230.*

No Public Comment.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

*The Consent Agenda is used for those items that usually do not require discussion or explanation before Board of Education action. It may also include items for which the law requires board action but which the board rightfully delegates to the staff.*

- A. Minutes of May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Public Comment Response from May 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Payroll, Organizations & Activity, and Cafeteria Report - *Policy 4:60*
- D. Freedom of Information Request(s) - *Policy 2:250*
- E. Check Register - *Policy 4:60*

A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Hopewell Schools from the Check Register. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the remaining Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None. Abstain: Dr. Huntington.

#### **VI. Recognition and Awards**

- A. Central Campus – *No Recognition This Month*
- B. West Campus – *No Recognition This Month*
- C. District

##### **Joliet Central High School**

Elizabeth Arriaga (HPS): Education

Ernesto Galmichi (METT): STEM & Manufacturing

Valeria Hernandez (HST): Health Science Technology

Jazmin Lopez (HST): Health Science Technology

Jocelyn Montesinos (HST): Health Science Technology

Breanna Ocupe (HST): Health Science Technology

##### **Joliet West High School**

Sarah Gans (HPS): Education

Luke Merrit (METT): STEM & Manufacturing

Mia Guerrero (HST): Health Science Technology

#### **VII. Superintendent Reports**

- A. Correspondence

Dr. Guseman shared correspondence she received from the Village of Shorewood regarding three solar projects.

- B. Legislative Report  
No Legislative Report.
- C. 2024-2025 JTHS Grant Presentation - *Mrs. Dianne McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Mrs. Jamila Cage, Director of Special Services, Mr. Christopher McGuffey, Curriculum Director, Mr. Paul Oswald, Curriculum Director, and Mr. Edgar Palacios, Curriculum Director*  
Mrs. McDonald and her team provided an overview of all grants; including purpose, funding allocations, goals, and future allocation priorities.
- D. Educational Services Update Presentation - *Mrs. Dianne McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Sean Hackney, Assistant Principal Joliet West, Dr. Jeff Riley, Assistant Principal Joliet Central*  
Mrs. McDonald gave an overview of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports.
- E. Instructional Materials Report - *Policy 6:210*  
Mrs. McDonald shared that the report in the board packet gives an overview of the instructional materials in the attached report.

#### **VIII. Action Items**

- A. Agreement Between Joliet Township High School and Guardian Angel Community Services  
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Agreement Between Joliet Township High School and Guardian Angel Community Services. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None. Abstain: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer.
- B. Approval of Title 1 Plan 2025-2026  
A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Title 1 Plan 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.
- C. Approval of JIU Credit Request  
A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve JIU Credit Request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.
- D. Agreement with Joliet Township High School and READ en Espanol  
A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Agreement with Joliet Township High School and READ en Espanol. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes:

Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

- E. Agreement with Joliet Township High School and Flourish-ED 22  
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Agreement with Joliet Township High School and Flourish-ED 22. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

- F. Donation(s)  
A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Donation(s). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

- G. 2025-2026 Winter/Spring Holiday  
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the 2025-2026 Winter/Spring Holiday. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

- H. Second Reading of New Board Policies - *Policy 2:240*  
1. 7:255 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence  
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Second Reading of New Board Policies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

- I. Second Reading of Rewritten Board Policies - *Policy 2:240*  
1. 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure  
A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Second Reading of Rewritten Board Policies. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

- J. Second Reading of Updated Board Policies, Handbook Update, and Student Discipline Update - *Policy 2:240*  
1. 7:190 Student Behavior  
A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve the Second Reading of Updated Board Policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.

- K. Second Reading of Updated Board Policies - *Policy 2:240*  
1. 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure  
2. 4:15 Identity Protection  
3. 4:80 Accounting and Audits  
4. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

5. 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
6. 5:60 Expenses
7. 5:100 Staff Development Program
8. 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
9. 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
10. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
11. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
12. 7:60 Residence
13. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
14. 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
15. 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
16. 7:200 Suspension Procedures
17. 7:210 Expulsion Procedures
18. 7:250 Student Support Services
19. 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
20. 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
21. 7:340 Student Records

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve Second Reading of Updated Board Policies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

L. Personnel Reports - *Policy 5:30; 5:180; 5:185; 5:210*

1. Professional Resignation Request(s)

- a. Jennifer Dobersztyn, Human Relations, Central Campus, effective May 14, 2025
- b. Lisa Luangsomkham, Human Relations, Central Campus, effective May 14, 2025
- c. Nyssa Grzyb, Junior Class Committee, Central Campus, effective May 15, 2025
- d. Benjamin Deuerling, Industrial Technology, Central Campus, effective June 30, 2025
- e. Laura Brozman, Assistant Girls Tennis, West Campus, effective May 28, 2025
- f. Steven Zeko, Esports, Central Campus, effective May 20, 2025
- g. Steven Zeko, Dungeons Dragons Sponsor, effective May 20, 2025
- h. Tom Langley, FACS Teacher, Central Campus, effective May 30, 2025
- i. Bridget Hughes, Science Teacher, West Campus, effective May 30, 2025

2. Professional Retirement Request(s)

- a. Sharon Eichensehr, French Teacher, Central Campus, effective May 30, 2025

3. Professional Leave of Absence Request(s)
- Natali Lopez, Academy Coordinator, Central Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective July 14, 2025 through October 06, 2025 Medical-Maternity
  - Alyssa Greenwald, Teacher, Freshman Academy, West Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective August 15, 2025 through December 31, 2025 Medical-Personal

4. Professional Change of Status Request(s)
- Jamila Cage, Director Special Services, District to District Alternative Services, Pathways, Salary \$119,000 effective July 1, 2025; due to retirement of Jo Wooten

5. Professional Extra Pay Recommendation(s)

Central Campus- Athletics

- Michael Carnahan, Volunteer Girls Cross Country
- Sergio Miranda, Volunteer Girls Cross Country
- Steve Perion, Head Girls Bowling
- Brian Falada, Assistant Girls Bowling
- Anna Talarico, Volunteer Girls Tennis
- Tammy Thompson, Volunteer Dance/Poms

West Campus- Athletics

- Amanda Ashmus, Assistant Girls Tennis
- Maurice McCullum, Assistant Boys Basketball
- Kevin Paul, Assistant Boys Basketball
- Eire Carlson, Boys Basketball
- Alexis Ceballos, Assistant Girls Basketball
- James Mitchell, Assistant Football
- Jeromy Kountz, Assistant Football
- Michael Mines, Volunteer Boys Basketball
- Anthony Harris, Volunteer Boys Basketball
- Justin Cochran, Volunteer Boys Basketball
- Mychae Bailey, Volunteer Football
- Nick Larkin, Volunteer Football
- Larry Traylor, Volunteer Football

6. Professional Additional Assignment Request(s)

Work Based Learning Summer Coordinator- Effective 06/02/2025

- Amanda Ashmus
- Jasmine Rosenboom
- Monique Burey

MTSS- West Campus- Effective 08/19/2025

- Chrissy Vercelote

- Bethany Maupin
- Al Stewart
- Robert Elkins
- Amy Malizia
- Heather Suca
- Dan Tito
- Jose Ortiz
- Jennifer Guertin
- Mike O'Malley
- Jennifer Blum
- Terra Meyer
- Joe Tucker
- Danielle Maynard
- Joy Otry

Learning Lab- West Campus- Effective 08/19/2025

- Natalie Mander
- Juan Torrez
- Heather Suca
- Jacob Babich
- Mike O'Malley
- Shannon Vega
- Elizabeth Gillespie
- Kerri Chavez
- Mal Maka
- Nick Koenig
- Melissa Stapleton
- Chrissy Vercelote
- Joe Tucker
- Terra Meyer

District Summer Transition Liaison- Effective 06/09/2025

- Greg Thompson
- Tyler Johnson
- Amber Mitchell
- Karla Franchini

Accelerated Advisory- Central Campus- Effective 08/15/2025

- Emily Petronio
- Jordan Conejo
- Eric Wendt

7. Professional Employment Recommendation(s)

- a. Cicely Calhoun, Director of Human Resources, District, effective July 1, 2025, Salary \$105,000; due to resignation of Amanda Herrera-Ford
  - b. Nick Murray, Special Education, Central Campus, effective August 15, 2025, Step E-8 \$80,766; due to new position
  - c. Julia Tolbert, Social Science, Central Campus, effective August 15, 2025, Step C-1 \$67,187; due to resignation of Ainsley Wallace
  - d. Lauren Sowa, Science, West Campus, effective August 15, 2025, Step E-9 \$82,583; due to resignation of Bridget Hughes
  - e. Lisa Biel, School Psychologist, West Campus, August 15, 2025, Step D-4 \$72,857; due to resignation of Monica Cuellar
  - f. Elise Gnilka-Hrachovsky, Part time Speech Pathologist, West Campus, August 15, 2025, Step D-3 \$42,751- 108 work days; due to resignation of April Gabel
  - g. Quetzalli Jacobo, Bilingual Social Worker, West Campus, effective August 15, 2025, Step E-1 \$69,117; due to New Position
  - h. Barbara Burns, School Psychologist, Pathways Campus, effective August 15, 2025, Step G-9 \$85,062; due to retirement of Alexandria Fotopoulos
  - i. Jennifer Becker, Spanish Teacher, West Campus, effective August 15, 2025, Step C-10 \$82,083; due to reassignment of Mathilde Gleizes and resignation of Sharon Eichensuhr
8. Classified Retirement Request(s)
- a. Patricia Jones, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective May 30, 2025
  - b. Adela Martinez, Service Worker, Cafeteria, West Campus effective May 30, 2025
  - c. Nancy Tutko-Mangun, Benefits Coordinator, District, effective December 19, 2025
9. Classified Resignation Request(s)
- a. Helena Alvares, Instructional Paraprofessional, Special Services, Central Campus, effective May 30, 2025
  - b. Timothy Moore, Instructional Paraprofessional, Special Services, Central Campus, effective May 27, 2025



- c. Nina Parker, Bus Aide, Transportation, effective June 05, 2025

10. Classified Leave of Absence Request(s)

- a. Katherine Angelus, Custodian, Buildings and Grounds, West Campus, is requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective May 27, 2025 through October 29, 2025 Medical-Family
- b. Timothy Carr, Heating Operator, Buildings and Grounds, Admin Center, is requesting a leave of absence effective May 13, 2025 through June 10, 2025 Medical-Personal

11. Classified Employment Recommendation(s)

- a. Ethan Higgins, Computer Maintenance Technician, Technology, District, \$48,000 annual salary, effective June 18, 2025
- b. Daisy Mora, Full Time Assistant Cook, Cafeteria, Central Campus, rate TBD 25-26 school year, effective August 19, 2025
- c. MaryJo Venice, Bus Driver, Transportation, Step 5 \$23.21, effective July 01, 2025
- d. Jessica Shehan, Office Staff I, Special Services, District, Step 8 \$20.12 per hour effective July 07, 2025
- e. Blanca Cisneros, Part Time Assistant Cook, Cafeteria, Central Campus, rate TBD 25-26 school year, effective August 19, 2025

12. Classified Student Summer Worker Request(s)

- a. Matthias McIntyre, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- b. Victor Turner, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- c. Kaden Cook, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- d. Logan Martin, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- e. Da'Shaun Hayes, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- f. Janiya McClain, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- g. Gage Curry, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025
- h. Niasia Smith, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, West Campus, effective June 09, 2025

13. Classified Termination Request(s)

- a. Brianna Marble, Instructional Paraprofessional-Detention Supervisor, PPS, West Campus, effective May 21, 2025

A motion was made by Mrs. Stiff to approve Personnel Reports. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

#### H. Student Discipline Recommendation(s) – *Policy 7:190*

Mrs. Lynn began by saying, “after receiving and deliberating the information contained in the hearing officer’s report, the Board of Education is charged with deciding:

1. Whether removing the child from his or her learning environment is in the best interest of the school;
2. What the rationale is for the specific duration of the recommended expulsion;
3. Whether all appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions were exhausted; and
4. Whether the continued presence in school would either; (a) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or (b) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

The Board of Education must then convene into public session to formally vote on the motion to expel, if the expulsion is the consensus arrived at during executive session.”

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student C242519 be expelled from all District 204 programs until June 2026. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student C242519 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student C242519 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in June 2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mrs. Stiff. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student C242520 be expelled from all District 204 programs until June 2026. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student C242520 may

continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student C242520 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in June 2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student C242521 be expelled from all District 204 programs until June 2027. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student C242521 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student C242521 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in June 2027. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student W242522 be expelled from all District 204 programs until June 2027. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student W242522 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student W242522 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in June 2027. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished Business.

**X. New Business**

No New Business.

**XI. Board Reports**

- Dr. Huntington shared that she attended the Joliet Central graduation.
- Mrs. Lynn shared that she attended the Joliet West graduation.
- Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer shared that she attended the Joliet West graduation.

**XII. Announcements/Public Comment**

Upon a motion by Dr. Huntington and seconded by Mrs. Lynn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Mr. Matthew Kennedy  
President

Mrs. Michelle Stiff,  
Secretary