

**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Education School District No. 6
Lake County, Illinois
2800 29th Street, Zion, IL 60099
August 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

Roll Call

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., and held the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jazmine Crump, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Absent: Netya Perez Rivera

Board member Netya Perez entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Administration and staff present: Julious Lawson, Superintendent, Samantha Snyder, CSBO, Ryan Hawkins, Director of Special Education, Mike Scofield, Director of Technology, April Miller, Director of Human Resources, and Kimberly Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Jazmine Crump.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Jazmine Crump, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, and Margie Taylor.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Celebrations and Recognitions

Dr. Lawson recognized the following staff: Katie Patton, Rick Reed, and Julie Zilmer who were in the top six winners from almost 300 participants attending the CS PD Week (Computer Science) conference held June 23-27, 2025 in Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Lawson recognized Laura Spaeth, Director of the Razzle Dazzles Baton Corps along with members of the team were recognized at the board meeting.

The following Zion 6 students competed at both the State and National Championships and placed 1st in the Juvenile Twirling Corps with Props Division:

- Annali Sanchez and Miyah Smith from Elmwood School
- Nia Arias, Leighton Laituri, Lily Laituri and Rosalie Pilman from West School
- Scarlett Camacho, Renata Gonzalez, Gisselle Joya, Mariana Silva, Kami Tanner and Chanel Turcios from Zion Central Middle School
- Sofia Avilez from Shiloh Park Middle School

The following Zion 6 students competed at the World Championships in Turin, Italy and returned home with Gold medals and the World Championship Title. They represented Team USA and competed in the Corps Competition as members of the Razzle Dazzles.

- Scarlett Camacho, Gisselle Joya and Kami Tanner, students at Zion Central Middle School

Also recognized was Bria Harper, daughter of Keayon Senter, Assistant Principal at Shiloh Park Middle School and granddaughter of Board Member Denise Lear, who attends Beach Park School District 1.

Public Participation

There were no public comments.

Approval of Amended Consent Agenda

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Amended Consent Agenda, which involves one roll call vote for all recommendations including the minutes for the June 16, 2025 Special and Regular Board Meetings.

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following resignations.

- **Baum, Lauren**, resignation from the position of 1st Grade Teacher for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective June 16, 2025
- **Bloom, Stacey**, resignation from the position of Assistant Principal for Beulah Park

Elementary School, effective June 30, 2025

- **Fair, Hailee**, resignation from the position of Music Teacher for Zion Central Middle School, effective June 18, 2025
- **Ferrara, Jessica**, resignation from the position of 3rd Grade Teacher for West Elementary School, effective July 9, 2025
- **Harris, Nikita**, resignation from the position of Health Aide, for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective July 13, 2025
- **Hernandez, Leslie**, resignation from the position of Building Secretary, for Lakeview Elementary School, effective August 4, 2025
- **Hiles, Becky**, resignation from the position of Interventionist for Shiloh Park Middle School, effective July 7, 2025
- **Khandker, Sejuti**, resignation from the position of ELL Resource Teacher for West Elementary School, effective July 17, 2025
- **Navarro, Sandra**, resignation from the position of Translator for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective July 23, 2025
- **Quintero, Johanna**, resignation from the position of Paraprofessional for Lakeview Elementary School, effective August 11, 2025
- **Rea, Adriana**, resignation from the position of Translator for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective July 10, 2025
- **Rivera, Joshua**, resignation from the position of Supervisory Aide for Zion Central Middle School, effective August 1, 2025
- **Schesvold, Jennifer**, resignation from the position of Library Media Specialist for West Elementary School, effective July 14, 2025
- **Scott, Jenneh**, resignation from the position of Paraprofessional for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective August 5, 2025
- **Sewell, Adrienne**, resignation from the position of Kindergarten Teacher for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective July 14, 2025
- **Sewell, Devona**, resignation from the position of 5th Grade Teacher for West Elementary School, effective July 21, 2025
- **Thomas-Veal, Jacqueline**, resignation from the position of Academic Enrichment Coordinator for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective June 30, 2025
- **Young, Haylie**, resignation from the position of Paraprofessional for Zion Central Middle School, effective August 4, 2025
- **Zeinz, Robert**, resignation from the position of Contemporary World Issues Teacher for Zion Central and Shiloh Park Middle School, effective August 6, 2025

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve employment of the following personnel for the positions and dates of employment as indicated, subject to successful completion of the medical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-5 of the Illinois School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 1-21.9 of the Illinois School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents and certifications required by law and/or requested by the District.

- **Besser, Miriam**, for the position of 2nd Grade Teacher, for Beulah Park Elementary School, previously held by Julie Dobnikar, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,135.77
- **Cohn, Aaron**, for the position of 5th Grade Teacher, for West Elementary School, previously held by Devona Sewell, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: MA, Step 15, \$66,879.08
- **Colon Agosto, Stephanie**, for the position of Paraprofessional, previously held by Edith Giraldo, for East Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Classified: \$20.43 per hour
- **Flores, Myra**, for the position of Senior Technology Support Specialist Tier III, new position, for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective July 1, 2025
Classified: \$75,000.00
- **Flores, Yolanda**, for the position of Paraprofessional, for East Elementary School, previously held by Prisila Velazquez, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Classified: Step 1, \$20.63 per hour
- **Hakanen, Tyler**, for the position of Instructional Interventionist, for Shiloh Park

Middle School, previously held by Becky Hiles, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: MA+16, Step 7, \$63,902.22

- **Kraisorn, Kerry**, for the position of Pre-K Teacher, for Beulah Park Elementary School, previously held by Glenda Hodge, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: MA, Step 1, \$52,643.47
- **Lopez, Elder**, for the position of 5th Grade Dual Language, for West Elementary School, previously unfilled, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA+24, Step 5, \$55,191.67
- **Lor, Tianna**, for the position of 2nd Grade Teacher, for Beulah Park Elementary School, previously held by Monique Flowers, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,135.77
- **Munoz, Rosa**, for the position of Bookkeeper/Business Office Administrative Assistant, previously held by Samantha Snyder, for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective July 1, 2025
Classified: \$60,000.00
- **Perkins, Kenneth**, for the position of Instructional Interventionist, for Zion Central Middle School, previously held by Jacqueline Thomas-Veal, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: MA+60, Step 4, \$73,216.01
- **Spero, Ryan**, for the position of Music Teacher, for Zion Central Middle School, previously held by Hailee Fair, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,135.77
- **Spindler, Cassandra**, for the position of 8th Grade ELA Teacher, for Zion Central Middle School, previously held by Christopher Sabadash, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: MA, Step 14, \$65,821.32
- **Sweeny, Madelyn**, for the position of 5th Grade Teacher, for West Elementary School, previously held by Gigi Garbanzos, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,135.77
- **Watkins, Damian**, for the position of 7th Grade Math Teacher, for Zion Central Middle School, previously held by Latoya Brewton, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,135.77
- **Zalewski, Olaina**, for the position of 1st Grade Teacher, for Beulah Park Elementary School, previously Adrienne Sewell, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: BA, Step 1, \$43,135.77

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following leave of absence requests:

- **Esmeralda Moreno**, Health Aide, Student Services, is requesting an unpaid partial leave of absence from August 18, 2025, through December 12, 2025, to pursue educational advancement.

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following placement adjustments:

- **Griffin, Kaitlyn**, Social Worker, for Zion Elementary School District 6, previously approved at the May 19, 2025, Board of Education Meeting, adjustment to salary and lane placement effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Certified: MA+30, Step 3, \$66,504.53

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Jazmine Crump.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Jazmine Crump, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Jaqueline San Diego.

Nays; None.

Motion carried.

President's Report

President Taylor reviewed the September calendar with the board. Proposed joint board meetings dates with Districts 1, 3, 6, and 126 scheduled are October 28, 2025, December 2, 2025 and April 28, 2026.

Superintendent's Report

There were no school reports or department reports presented.

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) BOOST

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BOOST to provide programming at Beulah, East, Lakeview, Elmwood, and West Schools as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Jazmine Crump.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Tentative FY26 Budget

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Tentative FY26 Budget as presented and set the Public Hearing date as September 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Denise Lear, Margie Taylor, Jazmine Crump, Ken Fielding, and Jacqueline San Diego.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

PowerSchool Renewals

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the district's annual PowerSchool subscriptions for Hosting, Engage Suite, Enrollment, Maintenance, and Support in the total amount of \$58,171.07 as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Jazmine Crump.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Jazmine Crump, Ken Fielding, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

GoGuardian Renewals

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the renewal of GoGuardian service subscriptions for one year from August 24, 2025 to August 24, 2026 in the amount of \$68,180.00 as presented.

Motion made by Jacqueline San Diego, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Jacqueline San Diego, Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Jazmine Crump.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Palo Alto Firewall Renewals

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Palo Alto service subscriptions for one year from September 8, 2025 to September 8, 2026 in the amount of \$41,280.74 as presented.

Motion made by Jazmine Crump, seconded by Jaqueline San Diego.

Roll Call: Ayes; Jazmine Crump, Jacqueline San Diego, Denise Lear, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Xerox ChromeCare Renewal

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of ChromeCare coverage from Xerox in the amount of \$78,310.00 for 1,780 student Chromebooks, including 3-year, 2-year, and 1-year coverage tiers with no deductible protection, as presented.

Motion made by Jacqueline San Diego, seconded by Robert Surano.

Roll Call: Ayes; Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, Jazmine Crump, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, and Netya Perez Rivera.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

SPED Related Services Contracts

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the SPED related services contracts for The Stepping Stone Group and Elevation as presented.

Motion made by Jazmine Crump, seconded by Jacqueline San Diego.

Roll Call: Ayes; Jazmine Crump, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, and Netya Perez Rivera.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Policy Manual Updates

President Taylor asked for a motion the Board of Education approve the First Reading of PRESS Policy updates: 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:80, 2:130, 2:240, 2:120-E1, 2:120-E2, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 3:30, 4:50, 4:90, 4:180, 5:20-E, 5:270, 7:40, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:300, 7:325, 8:80, and 8:110 as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Robert Surano.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, Jazmine Crump, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, and Jacqueline San Diego.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Subcontractor Contracts

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following contracts with Aya Healthcare, Banner Personnel, Blazerworks, EDU Healthcare, Epic Special Education Staffing, Kaleidoscope Education Amergis Healthcare/Maxim, Elevation Healthcare, Onward Search, Anchor Staffing, Stepping Stones Group, and HTF Staffing as presented.

Motion made by Jazmine Crump, seconded by Jacqueline San Diego.

Roll Call: Ayes; Jazmine Crump, Jacqueline San Diego, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Closed Session

President Taylor asked for a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals, who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- B. Student disciplinary case 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Ken Fielding, to enter into Closed Session.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Jacqueline San Diego, Margie Taylor, and Jazmine Crump.

Nays; None

Motion carried and the Board entered Closed Session at 6:51 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board exited Closed Session at 8:29 p.m. and resumed Open Session.

Other Business

Student Abatement in Lieu of Expulsion

President Taylor asked for a motion that the Board of Education approve the expulsion-in-abatement referral of Student 21959 to an alternative out-of-district placement at the Regional

Safe School Program (RSSP) of Lake County for the length of one full semester beginning at the 2025-2026 school year in lieu of expulsion as presented.

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Netya Perez Rivera, Jacqueline San Diego, Margie Taylor and Jazmine Crump.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Administrator Employment Contracts

President Taylor asked for a motion that the Board of Education approve the Administrator Contracts for Latoya Barnes, Assistant Principal, Ryan Hawkins, Director of Special Education, and William Stanton, Principal for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.

Motion made by Jazmine Crump, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

Roll Call: Ayes; Jazmine Crump, Netya Perez Rivera, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Dismissal of Educational Personnel

President Taylor asked for a motion that the Board of Education approve the resolution to dismiss the following educational support personnel employees effective immediately: Davion Johnson, Devyn Stockstill, and Khanaya Story as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, Jazmine Crump, and Netya Perez Rivera.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the board motioned to adjourn.

Ayes; All in favor. **Nays;** None.

Roll Call: Jazmine Crump, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Dated: _____

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education