

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 9:27 p.m. June 18, 2025

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Sean Mason
Jason Nash

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, Maura Raleigh, Kelly Yana, Maggie Pisanko, and Jennifer Ruden; Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler; Board attorney Kevin Gordon; and community members Tom Arra, Tom Lisowski, Karyn Lisowski, Courtney Borkowski, Jennifer Wulff, Paige Sidel, Laura Kitaeff, Megan McMillian, Samantha Washlow, Patrick Murry, Colleen Smith, Ann Tumpane, Yiaki Yiannopolus, Sragana Novarovic, Megan Grad, Courtney Bolt, Samantha Mason, Francesca Salamone, Jovana Petrovic, Ivana Novakovic, Vanja Stodakovic, Kiely Polerecky, Ana Zec, Bojana Stojiljkovic, Debbie Dubak and Lola Dubak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board and all attendees

OPEN FORUM

Tom Arra addressed the Board regarding the potential LTHS land purchase. Courtney Borkowski, Jennifer Wulff, Paige Seidel, Laura Kitaeff, Megan McMillin, Samantha Washlow, Patrick Murray, and Lola Dubak spoke on a personnel issue.

ACTION NO. 46 Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of: meeting minutes of the May 21, 2025 regular meeting; meeting minutes of the closed session meeting minutes of May 21, 2025; meeting minutes of the June 9, 2025 special meeting; meeting minutes of the June 9 special meeting closed session meeting; payment of May payroll/June warrants; June 2025 Personnel Report; Voluntary Student Insurance; Designation of Depositories for School District Funds; Board Resolution for Serious Safety Hazards; Resolution Authorizing Certain Payments; School Board (sec. 2) Board Policies; Intergovernmental Agreement between Pleasantdale 107 and West40 Intermediate Service Center for participation in the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP). Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash, and Brockob).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTION NO. 47

TTO Withdrawal IGA

Approve LTTO Withdrawal Intergovernmental Agreement

As part of the District's transition away from the Lyons Township Treasurer's Office, the Board formally approved an intergovernmental agreement. This agreement outlines the necessary procedures for transferring the District's financial assets to a newly selected fund manager. Approval of this agreement is a critical step in ensuring a smooth and secure transfer of funds. Motion Lenzen, second Brockob, carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash, and Brockob).

SEL Update

Members of the Middle School Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee, led by PMS Assistant Principal Maura Raleigh, shared an update with the Board on their ongoing efforts. The committee's work plays an essential role in supporting our students' well-being and in equipping them with the executive functioning skills needed to succeed both in middle school and beyond.

Student Services Update

Assistant Director of Student Services, Sara Poplawski, provided the Board with a comprehensive update on the range of student support services offered within the district. Her presentation covered key program areas, including Special Education, English Language Learners, McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education), and academic intervention services. Mrs. Poplawski outlined the specific supports available under each category and shared current data on the number of students served.

Spring Testing Report

Dr. Ban presented the Board with an update on the district's spring standardized assessment results, focusing on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The data reflects continued strong academic performance, indicating that our students are well-prepared as they transition to high school. Dr. Ban also highlighted areas of growth and shared key trends that will inform future instructional planning.

Facilities Update

At the April Board of Education meeting, the Board re-established several key priorities for facilities improvements, both for the upcoming year and beyond. These priorities have guided the administration in developing a range of responsive facility options. Dr. Palzet presented a series of recommendations, developed by the District Administrative team, that aim to partially or fully address the Board's stated goals.

OPEN FORUM

Karyn Lisowski discussed a potential construction project and the transition of our reading programs.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA: The District received three Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

- Academy Research Group
- Painting Information
- Civic IQ
- Smart Procure

Extracurricular Report

ACTION NO. 48

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 8:41 a.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 49

Open Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into open session at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona Marchione, Walters, Mason, Lenzen, and Nash).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 9:27 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____