



PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Grodsky Administration Building 7:00 p.m. February 12, 2026

<u>Members Present</u> Rebecca McClaney, President Spencer Long, Vice-President Carol Botwinski, Secretary Brian Greidanus Tracey Morrissey Brynn Nordmark Mari Lynn Peters	<u>Members Absent</u>
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<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Rebecca McClaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Grodsky Administration Building and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually on our YouTube Channel. Link to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg
<u>ROLL CALL</u>	PRESENT: Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Greidanus, Dr. Long, Mrs. McClaney, Mrs. Morrissey, Mr. Nordmark, and Mrs. Peters. Absent : no one Also present: Dr. Don Angelaccio, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by members of the STEAM Clubs at Sullivan and Eisenhower Schools.

<p><u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION</u></p>	<p>No one addressed the board</p>
<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></p>	<p>Wheeling Township Thank you for collecting canned goods and donating to the food pantry.</p> <p>Polar Plunge March 6, 2026</p> <p>5Essentials survey</p>
<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	<p><u>Building and Sites</u> Mrs. Morrissey reported that there was an update of the Summer 2026 work, as well as the MacArthur project timeline. Along with the windows, siding and doors project, this includes refinishing of the gymnasium floor, painting of the gymnasium, replacement of accordion stage wall in the gymnasium, and replacement of the main office furniture. An update was provided on the Eisenhower school project. A pre bid walkthrough has been scheduled as well as the bid opening and a BOE discussion in March on add alternate selections. Mr. Gonzalez provided an update on the custodial staff.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> Mrs. Peters reported that Mrs. McPartlin provided an update on property tax collections to date. There was an EBC update provided after the preliminary meeting in January. Summer 2026 work was discussed and the timeline was provided for the MacArthur windows, siding and doors project, and the gymnasium floor refinish, gymnasium painting, replacement of the gymnasium stage accordion wall and main office furniture replacements. An update was provided on the Eisenhower school project. A pre bid walkthrough was scheduled as well as the bid opening and a BOE discussion in March on add alternate selections. There was an update on the social media litigation and an update on Patriot park.</p> <p><u>N.S.S.E.O</u> Mrs. Botwinski reported that the meeting began with a moment of silence for a Kirk School student that passed away. There was a Shining Star recognized from the DHH program. An outdoor education specialist has been appointed to replace Mr. Bolger who is retiring. There was discussion on the placement of a non-resident student</p>

	<p>request. There was discussion on affiliation agreements with several universities. The IRS raised the standard mileage rate. The Winter Wonderland took place at SLOEC and was well attended. The strategic plan updates were provided by the operation board officers. There were some policies adopted, discussion on the ESY program, and the 2026-27 proposed school calendar was adopted.</p> <p><u>Succession Planning Committee</u> Dr. Long reported that there was discussion on their search firm research, a salary comparison of area Superintendents and the 12 month timeline plan.</p> <p><u>Community Relations Committee</u> Mr. Greidanus reported that the Spring D23 Community connections newsletter will be arriving in residences in early May. There was an update on the BBD23 transportation and sustainable financing. There was discussion on a website redesign and the Strategic Plan Goal. They also discussed a District flip calendar and talked about the D15 example. They discussed the various upcoming winter/spring events through Spring Break.</p>
<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	<p>The Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting and the Executive Session on January 8, 2026, the Personnel Report and the Tuition Report for Administrators.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mr. Greidanus and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.</p> <p>Spencer Long: Abstain (Without Conflict), Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p>	<p>Board member Long reviewed and approved the vouchers this month.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u></p>	<p><u>Building a Better D23 Update</u></p> <p>The monthly BBD23 update was presented with a preview of action items supporting the MacArthur Windows, Siding, and Doors project and a timeline for the upcoming Eisenhower Project dates.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Financing Presentation - Part 2:</u></p> <p>Dr. Angelaccio and Mrs. McPartlin presented the second of three components to build a common foundation of understanding of the District's financial needs and plan for sustainability. This Part 2 included a review of current budget assumptions, Full Day Kindergarten Programmatic planning and financial impact, and recommendations for updated projection models.</p> <p><u>MacArthur Middle School Main Office Furniture Replacements</u></p> <p>As discussed with Finance and Buildings and Sites, following several layout and product selection meetings with the MacArthur main office team, the recommendation is to move forward with the furniture replacement project as proposed.</p> <p>Motion to approve the contract for the MacArthur Main Office Furniture replacements to Educational Environments in the amount of \$25,218.40. This motion, made by Mr. Greidanus and seconded by Dr. Long, passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p>

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

MacArthur Middle School - Gymnasium Painting Services

Following the issuance of a Request for Proposal, pricing was solicited for the repainting of the MacArthur Middle School Gymnasium.

Motion to approve the proposal from Ascher Brothers Company in the amount of \$27,500 for the repainting of the MacArthur Middle School Gymnasium. This motion, made by Board Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

MacArthur Middle School - Gymnasium Floor Painting and Refinishing

As discussed with Finance and Buildings and Sites, Administration has recommended the repainting and refinishing of the MacArthur Gymnasium floor to update the layout and mascot in alignment with the summer construction schedule. Proposals have been attached for both the artwork and the refinishing of the floor.

Motion to approve the proposals for artwork/repainting in the amount of \$7,000 and refinishing in the amount of \$29,995 for the MacArthur Gymnasium floor at the total cost of \$36,995. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

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Absent: No one

Low Voltage Cabling Work for Betsy Ross & Anne Sullivan Schools

Continuing our whole-district work of updating our network cabling, which began last summer with Grodsky and MacArthur, we are finalizing our preparations to update the cabling for Ross and Sullivan this coming summer. Solicitations have been issued and the lowest responsive, responsible vendor is being recommended.

Motion to approve the contract for Low Voltage Cabling Installation at Betsy Ross & Anne Sullivan Schools to Greatline Communications in the total amount of \$140,814. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Dr. Long, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

District 23 Cook County Tax Collection and Distribution Resolution

District 23 has been an active participant in the Cook County Tax Coalition's efforts to correct the broken process of Cook County's billing, collection, and distribution of revenue to taxing bodies. To date, the delay in distribution of property tax revenue has cost the taxpayers of District 23 approximately \$220,000 in lost revenue.

Motion to approve the District 23 Cook County Tax Collection and Distribution Resolution as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

Resolution to Approve Hazardous Routes

	<p>Mrs. McPartlin will seek Board approval of the annual reporting of hazardous routes.</p> <p>Motion to approve the annual reporting of hazardous routes as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>OLD BUSINESS</u></p>	<p><u>Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes</u></p> <p>Mrs. Botwinski reviewed the Executive session minutes for the past six months. She is recommending the release of Executive Session Minutes from September 18, 2025 October 9, 2025 and December 18, 2025, and Executive Session recordings 18 months and older to be destroyed.</p> <p>Motion for executive session minutes from September 18, 2025, October 9, 2025 and December 18, 2025 be made available for public inspection, as they no longer require confidential treatment and executive session recordings dated January 11, 2024, February 8, 2024, March 14, 2024 and April 11, 2024 be destroyed. This motion made by Mrs. Botwinski and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p>	<p>Mr. Greidanus made an announcement that he will be leaving the Board effective April 8, 2026.</p> <p>The Board decided that Monday March 16th, they would hold a special meeting and conduct interviews to fill the spot vacated by Mr. Greidanus.</p>
<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></p>	<p>An Executive Session was needed to discuss matters of personnel. There may be action following closed session.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:22 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel. There may be action after Executive Session.</p> <p>This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed. There may be action after Executive Session.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p>Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 10:13 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, passed with a voice vote.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

<p><u>OPEN SESSION</u></p>	<p>Following a closed session discussion of the Superintendent's evaluation and goals, the Board took action on a performance bonus contribution to the retirement annuity for the Superintendent.</p> <p>Superintendent Goals and Evaluation</p> <p>Motion to contribute to the Superintendent's retirement annuity as permitted by his contract. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.</p> <p>Mari-Lynn Peters: Nay, Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 6, Nay: 1, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p>After closed session discussion, the Board also took action on an administrator's contract.</p> <p>Motion to approve the contract for Mrs. Amy McPartlin as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN</u></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

Board President

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