

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 8:22 p.m. January 21, 2026

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, Griffin Sonntag, Sara Poplawski, Maura Raleigh, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Jennifer Drisoll, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. The district auditor Matt Beran was in attendance. Students Julian Grisoni, Isabella Girisoni, Lizzy Buchanan, Cal Brockob, Kaia Puskorious, and Emily Girut were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members of the Pleasantdale Middle School Student Council.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized Pleasantdale Middle School for receiving the Health Blue Ribbon Award and congratulated health teacher Jennifer Driscoll for her contributions to our school.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

ACTION NO. 24
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 December 10, 2025, regular meeting; Approve Payment of December Payroll/January Warrants; January 2026 Personnel Report; Students (sec. 7) and Community Relations (sec.8) Board Policies; Registration Fees for the 2026-2027 School Year; Parent/Student Handbook; FY27 School Calendar; Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Engagement/Appointment of Legal Counsel. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 25
Transfer of Funds

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$700,000 from the Operations & Maintenance Fund into the Capital Projects Fund of Pleasantdale School District No. 107, Cook County, Illinois. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Engagement Update

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an update on the Community Engagement process to begin to address the Board's priorities. The district convened a Facilitating Team, which is charged with developing three community workshops to engage the community in addressing these priorities and delivering a report to the Board. The committee has met once and will meet twice a month from now until June. The community workshops are scheduled for February 26, March 12, and April 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the middle school.

Audit Report

To ensure our business office and financial practices comply with current accounting standards, the district engaged an independent auditor to review our books. The audit confirmed that our practices and procedures align with best practices and that we should continue many of our current systems. The audit also revealed that no additional controls are needed. Matt Beran from our auditing firm, Lauterbach & Amen presented the audit's outcome.

ACTION NO. 26
Acceptance of the
annual audit

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approves acceptance of the FY25 audit report as presented by Matt Beran of Lauterbach & Amen. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

Items for Next Agenda

Community Engagement Update; School Safety Report; Declassify Closed Session Minutes; Board Policy 4:85 Cost Analysis for Programs (written); Review Governance and Planning (sec. 1) Board Policies; and Preliminary Staffing Projections/Recommendations.

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No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are filled by our FOIA officer, Mr. Sonntag. The district fulfilled the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests below:

1. Justin Wenig of Starbridge FOIA Insights requested district purchasing records.
2. Jennifer Wulff requested documents showing when a hearing notice was published to the district website.
3. CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC requested a list of active district employees.
4. Owen Wang from South Cook News requested copies of vendor contracts for the current school year.
5. Owen Wang from South Cook News requested a copy of aide contracts.
6. Travis Ter Haar requested copies of any paint order made by the district over the past 5 years.

7. Shari Reid of SmartProcure requested purchasing records from the current school year.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:22 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____