

**Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Education School District No. 6  
Lake County, Illinois  
2800 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Zion, IL 60099  
June 16, 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, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

**Absent:** Denise Lear and Netya Perez Rivera

Board member Netya Perez entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

**Administration and staff present:** Julious Lawson, Superintendent, Samantha Snyder, CSBO, Erik Youngman, Director of Teaching & Learning, Mike Scofield, Director of Technology, Donelle Staples, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, Marianne Fidishin, Director of Special Education, 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 Jacqueline San Diego.

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

Nays: None.

**Motion carried.**

**Celebrations and Recognitions**

There were no celebrations and recognitions this month.

**Public Hearing: 2024-2025 Amended School Budget**

Samantha Snyder, CSBO, presented the 2024-2025 Amended School Budget to the board and public. Highlights of the presentation included adjustments to the following funds: Education, Operations and Maintenance, Debt Service, SS/IMRF, and Capitol Projects. There were no public comments regarding the 2024-2025 Amended School Budget.

President Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn *Sine Die at 6:12 pm.*

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

Qumeshia Thomas, parent, commented on attending field trips and visiting classrooms. There were no other 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 May 19, 2025 Special and Regular Board Meetings.

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

- **Arrington, Cleophus**, resignation from the position of Supervisory Aide for Shiloh Park Middle School, effective May 15, 2025
- **Baum, Lauren**, resignation from the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective June 16, 2025
- **Block, Shannon**, resignation from the position of School Nurse for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective May 20, 2025

- **Centeno, Rafael**, resignation from the position of Technology Media Associate for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective May 30, 2025
- **De Lara Flores, Julissa**, resignation from the position of Supervisory Aide for East Elementary School, effective June 3, 2025
- **Dilosa, Naijila**, resignation from the position of Paraprofessional for West Elementary School, effective June 3, 2025
- **Edwards, Joseph**, resignation from the position of Principal for West Elementary School, effective June 30, 2025
- **Fain, Robyn**, resignation from the position of 2nd Grade Teacher for Lakeview Elementary School, effective June 6, 2025
- **Gomez, Evelyn**, resignation from the position of Translator for West Elementary School, effective June 12, 2025
- **Jones, Dorlissa**, resignation from the position of Supervisory Aide for West Elementary School, effective May 21, 2025
- **Lobo, Itzel**, resignation from the position of Music Teacher for Elmwood Elementary School, effective June 3, 2025
- **Lopez, Giovanni**, resignation from the position of Senior Technology Support Specialist for Zion Elementary School District 6, effective June 5, 2025
- **Salgado, Dario**, resignation from the position of Paraprofessional for West Elementary School, effective June 3, 2025
- **Sanchez, Karina**, resignation from the position of 1st Grade Dual Language Teacher for East Elementary School, effective June 3, 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.*

- **Corcoran, Fionn**, for the position of 8th Grade Science Teacher, for Zion Central Middle School, previously unfilled, effective for the 2025-2026 school year  
Certified: MA+30, Step 11, \$75,454.76
- **Hahn, Jessica**, for the position of Library Media Specialist, for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year  
Certified: MA, Step 17, \$69,052.58
- **Mui, Rachel**, for the position of Kindergarten Teacher, for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year  
Certified: BA+24, Step 1, \$51,254.62
- **Pitsenberger, Breana**, for the position of 1st Grade Teacher, for Beulah Park Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year  
Certified: BA, Step 7, \$47,215.87

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

- **Schmittou, Jaime**, requests an unpaid leave of absence for 16 weeks, from August 18, 2025, through December 19, 2025, to complete student teaching internship requirements.

**Motion** made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Jacqueline San Diego.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried.**

### **President's Report**

President Taylor reviewed the July and August calendar with the board. There were no updates for the taxing bodies, SEDOL, and TIF. The finance committee met and had discussion on updated projects, walk-in freezer at ZCMS, and following policy to release bills monthly.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### ***Teaching and Learning Update***

Director Erik Youngman presented on K-8 Math Programming Recommendations, Middle School Science Recommendations, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and Differentiated Online Learning.

### ***Strategic Planning***

Director Donelle Staples presented the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan viewing the goal areas of Engaging Partnership, High Quality Staff, Whole Child Well Being, Operation Excellence and Student Achievement and Innovation along with the Portrait of a Learner. Those staff and community members participating in the Strategic Planning were acknowledged and a pin and flyer were presented to each of the board members.

## **Old Business**

### ***Policy Manual Updates***

President Taylor asked for a motion the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of PRESS Policy updates: 7:255, 2:265, 2:260, 4:15, 4:80, 5:10, 5:20, 5:60, 5:100, 5:60 E1, 5:60 E2, 6:150, 6:235, 7:10, 7:20, 7:60, 7:70, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:250, 7:270, 7:310, and 7:340 as presented.

**Motion** made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Jacqueline San Diego.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

## **New Business**

### ***Amended School Budget FY 25***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Amended School Budget FY25 as presented.

**Motion** made by Netya Perez Rivera, seconded by Jacqueline San Diego.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

### ***Math Curriculum Adoption Grades K-2: Bridges***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve Bridges Math third edition for kindergarten through second grade schools for one year at \$147,313.80 as presented.

**Motion** made by Jacqueline San Diego, seconded by Ken Fielding.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

### ***Math Curriculum Adoption Grades 3-8: Carnegie Math***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve Carnegie Math for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade schools for five years at \$433,862.65 as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

### ***Middle School Science Curriculum Adoption: Activate Learning***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the OpenSciEd Curriculum published by Activate Learning for both middle schools for a term of three years at the cost of \$65,788.80 as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) Training: Solution Tree***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve Solution Tree support for seven days during the 2025-2026 school year for \$56,800 as presented.

**Motion** made by Robert Surano, seconded by Jazmine Crump.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Renewal of Imaging Learning: Espanol***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of Imagine Learning Espanol at \$37,990 for East Elementary, West Elementary, and Zion Central Middle School as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Renewal of Renaissance Learning: Freckle***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of Freckle ELA and Math by Renaissance for Lakeview, Beulah, East, Elmwood, and West for a total cost of \$43,255.00 for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Renewal of Lexia: Multi-Lingual Learners***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the renewal of Lexia English at \$39,900 for the 2025-2026 school year for Multi-Lingual Learnings within Zion ESD 6 as presented.

**Motion** made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Robert Surano.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Teacher Supply Kits***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of consumable teacher kits for the 2025-2026 school year from School Specialty for a total of \$38,876.15 as presented.

**Motion** made by Netya Perez Rivera, seconded by Robert Surano.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***School Improvement Plans (SIP) 2025-2026***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Improvement Plans (SIP) be submitted to ISBE by July 20<sup>th</sup> for the following schools: Beulah, Lakeview, Elmwood, West, Shiloh, and Zion Central as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***SPED Related Service Contracts***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the SPED related service contracts as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***SPED Embrace Software***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the one-year renewal from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 of the Embrace Software agreement for \$15,429.47 as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***SPED Cartwheel Mental Health Services***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the one-year renewal of the Cartwheel agreement for \$24,000 as presented.

**Motion** made by Robert Surano, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Barracuda Security Renewal***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the renewal of Barracuda Email Protection Advanced and Barracuda Security Awareness Training for the next 3 years via Heartland Business Systems under the Cybersecurity Pilot Program at a cost of \$7,199.92 pending final USAC approval as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for Technology Incident Prevention and Response with the Boards of Education of Zion Benton District 126, Zion District 6, Beach Park District 3, and Winthrop Harbor District 1 as presented.

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

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

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Strategic Plan 2025-2030***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve Zion Elementary School District 6 Strategic Plan 2025-2030 as presented.

**Motion** made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

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

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, Netya Perez Rivera, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

**Motion carried** unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education