



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School District 45, DuPage County
Villa Park, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting: May 19, 2026

The Board of Education of School District No. 45, DuPage County, Illinois, met on the 19th day of May 2026, in regular session in the Jefferson Middle School Cafeteria, 255 W. Vermont Street, Villa Park, Illinois, at 6:32 p.m., according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by President Judith Degnan, who presided. Members of the Board were present and absent as follows:

- PRESENT:** Mrs. Deborah Cain
 Mrs. Judith Degnan, President
 Mrs. Sarah Godzicki
 Dr. Allen Legutki, Secretary
 Mrs. Emily Shultz
 Mrs. Katie Wagner

- ABSENT:** Mrs. Carol Klamecki, Vice President

Administrative staff members were present and absent as follows:

- PRESENT:** Ms. Christine Arado, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent
 Dr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO
 Mr. Mike Pinney, Chief Information Officer
 Dr. Annetta Spychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

ABSENT:

- 051926 (1) Call to Order**
- 051926 (1a) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 051926 (1b) District 45 Mission Statement**
- 051926 (1c) North Elementary School Presentation**

Mr. Leinweber, North Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Christina Betz-Cahill, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Kelly Alvey, PE Teacher, presented to the Board of Education an Elementary School Report. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

- 051926 (2) Comments Regarding Agenda: None**

- 051926 (3) Public Comments:**

Carlos Robles, David Morrison, Dyan Page, Wandalyse Warell, Nichole Hart, Anthony Caldwell, Jenny McQuillan, Sara Wadford, Bridget Chapman, Sloane Chapman addressed the Board regarding the referendum. The Board listened to all comments and thanked the speakers.

(See official board book)

051926 (4)

Board of Education and Superintendent Comments:

Dr. Graber commented on end of year activities which also included the Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremonies that will be taking place at Willowbrook High School on Wednesday, May 20. Dr. Graber recognized Dr. Annetta Spsychalski who has been with District 45 for two years in a Curriculum and Instruction role before transitioning over to Human Resources for two years. Dr. Graber thanked Dr. Spsychalski for her collaborative contributions in District 45 for the past four years.

Mrs. Degnan expressed gratitude to all the teachers and staff. Mrs. Degnan offered appreciation to the teachers for all the time and energy they invest in our students. Mrs. Degnan wished everyone a great summer.

Dr. Legutki chaperoned a fifth grade field trip. Dr. Legutki commended the teachers and students for their positive attitudes and problem solving skills.

Mrs. Godzick chaperoned the PAC field trip with Jefferson Band, Orchestra, and Choir where they performed for two judges. Mrs. Godzicki went on to say that they received the highest honors.

Mrs. Degnan addressed the decision that was made at the previous board meeting regarding the extracurricular stipends. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

051926 (5)

Approval of Action Items (Discussion Agenda)

051926 (5a1-5a3)

**Approve District 45 Financial Reports (5a1-5a3)
5a1 Operating Statement; 5a2 Balance Sheet; 5a3 Budget Management Update**

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Godzicki, to approve the Financial Reports as presented in Agenda Items 5a1-5a3.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the financial information with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

051926 (5b)

Approve 2026-2027 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Godzicki, to approve the 2026-2027 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule as presented in agenda item 5b.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the 2026-2027 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule with the Board of Education.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

051926 (5c)

Approve Direct Depositories

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Godzicki, to approve the Direct Depositories as presented in agenda item 5c.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the Direct Depositories with the Board of Education.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

051926 (5d)

Approve School Treasurer

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Godzicki, to approve the School Treasurer as presented in agenda item 5d.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, presented to the Board of Education the approving of the school treasurer.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

051926 (6)

Action Items (Consent Agenda): 6a - 6j

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Godzicki, to approve the Action Items as presented in Agenda Items 6a-6j.

051926 (6a)

Approve Payrolls

051926 (6b)

Approve Check Listing

051926 (6b1)

Approve Check Listing: Manual Checks

051926 (6b2)

Approve Check Listing: Bills Payable

051926 (6c)

Approve Personnel Changes

051926 (6c1)

Approve Personnel Changes: Termination(s)/Resignation(s)

051926 (6c2)

Approve Personnel Changes: Appointment(s)

051926 (6c3)

Approve Personnel Changes: Leave(s) of Absence

051926 (6c4)

Approve Personnel Changes: Resignation(s) for Purpose of Retirement

051926 (6c5)

Approve Personnel Changes: Terminal Pay Authorization

051926 (6d)

Approve Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 5, 2026

051926 (6e)

Approve Closed Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 5, 2026

051926 (6f)

Approve Salary Adjustment(s)

051926 (6g)

Approve School Fees

051926 (6h)

Approve Facilities Usage

051926 (6i)

Approve Septran Renewal Contract

051926 (6j)

Approve School-Based Child Nutrition Meal Agreement between School Association for Special Education in DuPage, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, Multi-Needs Program, and School District 45

(See official board book for copies of agenda items 6a-6j)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

051926 (7) Information and Consideration

051926 (7a) Student Technology Use

Mrs. Beth Slusher, Director of Digital Learning & Innovation, reviewed student technology usage with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

051926 (7b) District Finances and Referendum Discussion

Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent, led a discussion on district finances and a potential referendum with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

It was agreed that District 45 will move forward with the referendum in November 2026.

Mr. Tom Jackson, Director of Communications & Community Engagement, reviewed communication ideas for the next November 2026 referendum.

(See official board book)

051926 (8) Requests under Freedom of Information Act

Dr. Spychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reviewed with the Board of Education the FOIAs.

(See official board book)

051926 (9) Adjournment to Executive Session

At 9:17 p.m., Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Godzicki to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Roll Call Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Godzicki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Wagner
Nays: None

051926 (10) Reconvene Board Meeting

At 10:14 p.m., Mrs. Godzicki moved, seconded by Mrs. Shultz, to reconvene the Board Meeting.

051926 (11) Adjournment

At 10:14 p.m., Mrs. Godzicki moved, seconded by Mrs. Shultz, to adjourn the Board Meeting.

President

Secretary