

***Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74,
Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Lincoln Hall Auditorium
6855 North Crawford, Lincolnwood, IL 60712, on Thursday, June 26, 2025.***

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Theodore called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<p><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></p> <p>Myra A. Foutris Ted Kwon Jay Oleniczak Elissa B. Rosenberg Mihra Seta Peter D. Theodore John P. Vranas</p>		
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<p><u>ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF PRESENT</u></p> <p>Dr. David L. Russo Dr. Dominick M. Lupo Courtney L. Whited Aliaa Ibrahim James Caldwell, Sr. Renee Tolnai</p>
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2. DISTRICT RECOGNITION
- a. Honoring Lincolnwood School District 74 Retiree
Siham Younan - Todd Hall Paraprofessional
The Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education recognized retiree Siham Younan, Todd Hall Paraprofessional.
3. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS
A number of community members commented on the Preliminary Timeline for Working Cash Bonds Issuance agenda item in support of Children’s Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) remaining a tenant of the District.
4. CONSENT AGENDA
- a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- I. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **JUNE 5, 2025**
- II. Regular Board Meeting - Closed Session Minutes - **JUNE 5, 2025**

b. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

I. **Personnel Report**

II. New Employment

1. **Dylan Dinkha**, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Lincoln Hall, effective August 25, 2025, Class 1, Level 2, \$58,060

III. Resignation

1. **Kenji Mori**, 8th Grade STEM Teacher, effective June 12, 2025
2. **Mira Kilat**, Substitute Kitchen Staff, District Wide, effective June 12, 2025
3. **Michael Endo**, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Lincoln Hall, effective June 13, 2025

IV. Retirement

1. **Peggy Leen**, 2nd Grade Teacher, Todd Hall, effective June 9, 2026

c. Policy

- I. Consent Only - Policies Excluded from 1st Reading for Approval* *These policies are excluded from 1st Reading because they only involve changes in citations or immediate compliance with the law or Illinois School Code.

1. Press Plus Issue #118 - April 2025

(1) Draft - Update

- (1) 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- (2) 7:60 Residence
- (3) 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- (4) 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- (5) 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- (6) 7:190 Student Behavior
- (7) 7:200 Suspension Procedures
- (8) 7:250 Student Support Services
- (9) 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

(2) Draft Update - New

- (1) 7:255 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

d. Replacement of Lincoln Hall Flooring, Classrooms 300 and 303

The Facilities Committee concurred with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this Agreement from Johnson Floor Company, Inc. for the Carpet Tile, Base, Prep and Demo for Classrooms 300 and 303 in an amount not to exceed \$15,100.

e. Remove Pipe Tee to Prevent Nurse Toilet Room Backup

The Facilities Committee concurred with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the Proposal for Little Tommy's Plumbing shop, Inc. for \$3,730, and the Proposal for Johnson Flooring Company, Inc. not to exceed \$3,480.

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Vice President Foutris that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves those items on the Consent Agenda as appear above.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

a. NTDSE/District 807: **John P. Vranas/Elissa B. Rosenberg**

The NTDSE Governing Board met earlier this evening and will report to the Board at our next meeting.

b. IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards): **Ted Kwon/Jay Oleniczak**

Member Kwon reported that registration is open for the Joint Annual Conference in November 2025.

c. Finance Committee: **Jay Oleniczak/Mihra Seta**

The Finance Committee last met on June 12, 2025.

- The FY26 Preliminary Budget was presented. Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO reviewed the budget adoption timeline. She presented a series of slides depicting revenue and expenditure estimates for FY26 through different lenses of analysis. Courtney will continue to refine projections as more data is available and will present a tentative budget at the July Finance Committee meeting.
- Tammie Beckwith Schallmo, from PMA, presented possible scenarios for a future bond sale. She outlined the current repayment schedule for existing District debt and summarized the statutory amount of debt that the District could maintain. Tammie presented four scenarios mentioning the repayment schedule for each, how each bond sale correlates to the District's Debt Service Extension Base, and how the District's ability to sell future debt is impacted by each scenario. The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration to recommend to the Board of Education to proceed with the sale of working cash bonds in the amount of \$ 5,000,000 as presented for the purposes of doing the renovations at Todd Hall without any additions.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

d. Facilities Committee: **John P. Vranas/Myra A. Foutris**

The Facilities Committee last met on June 10, 2025.

- StudioGC provided Todd Hall renovation and addition concepts for review. The Committee provided feedback.
- Athi provided a quote for new seating in Todd Hall's Main Office reception area. The surface will be easy to clean as it will be the same vinyl material as the seating recently chosen for the Rutledge Hall Staff Lounge.
- Athi presented possible replacement concepts for the Rutledge Hall wall map. Athi explained that the map is actually covering a door that is an elevated entrance to the stage. The door would be removed and filled with masonry. The Committee likes the Lincolnwood map and asked Athi to present a firm proposal at a future Facilities Committee meeting.
- The Facilities Committee concurred with the Administration's recommendation to approve the quote from Woodland Manufacturing for Custom Lincoln Hall Signage.
- The Committee would like to see options for a mural for the Door 7 Stairwell at Rutledge Hall, specific to Anne Rutledge that would be like the beautiful mural of President Lincoln at Lincoln Hall.
- The following recommendations from the Administration were approved by the Facilities Committee for the Board's consideration at tonight's meeting:
 - The Agreement from Johnson Floor Company, Inc. for the Carpet Tile, Base, Prep and Demo for classrooms 300 and 303.
 - The Proposal from Little Tommy's Plumbing shop, Inc. and the Proposal from Johnson Flooring Company, Inc. for the replacement of the pipe tee to prevent backups in the toilet room in the Nurse's office.
- Jordan Stephen, Director of Technology, presented the District Security Audit and Recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year. The Committee directed Jordan to obtain quotes for security cameras, visitor management, panic buttons and video messaging as presented.
- Dr. Russo presented the Rutledge Hall Courtyard renderings to complete the courtyard renovations making it useful as an outdoor space for classes. The Administration is following up with the vendor on specific questions related to the design.

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

e. Policy Committee: **Myra A. Foutris/Ted Kwon**

The Policy Committee last met on Friday, May 23, 2025. The June and July Policy Committee meetings were canceled due to a light agenda. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2025 at 8:30am in the Administration Building. The public is welcome.

f. President's Report: **Peter D. Theodore**

i. Important District Dates

President Theodore shared important District upcoming dates. Please see the District website for information: sd74.org.

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. LTA (Lincolnwood Teacher Association): **Travis DuPriest/Kevin Conley (Co-Presidents)**

No report.

b. LSSU (Lincolnwood Support Staff Union): **Tommy Bujnowski (President)**

No report.

c. PALS (People Active with Lincolnwood Schools): **Abby Jones (President)**

No report.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report: **Dr. David L. Russo**

i. District Updates

- The hot weather of the last few days certainly has made it feel like summer! Superintendent Russo hopes that everyone's summer is off to a great start!
- The District completed the first week of the SD74 Summer Adventures program and it has been wonderful to host the NTDSE Extended School Year program at Rutledge Hall. The NTDSE program wraps up on July 10, 2025.
- As people are in and around campus, please be aware of fenced off areas and heavy equipment. We are making good progress on our summer projects and want everyone to be safe as we look to get these projects accomplished in time for the fall.
- Don't forget to register your child or children for the 2025-2026 school year. Re-registration must be complete, meaning all required paperwork has been submitted and approved, along with full fee payment. There will be a \$25 Late Registration Fee applied to the account for each student beginning August 1, 2025. Additionally, information on teacher assignment will only be communicated to those families who have completed the registration process. Currently, there are 804 total registrations in some state of completion. Of the 721 re-registrations, 438 are approved and finalized. There have been 83 new registrations. Please keep in mind that this figure includes Pre-K, kindergarten, and students new to the District at all other grade levels.

b. Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent's Report: **Dr. Dominick M. Lupo**

i. Curriculum Department Update

- SD74 Summer Adventures successfully began this week. Please remember there are no classes the week of June 30 thru July 4, 2025.
- Also, all new curricular materials have begun to roll into the District, and we are looking to inventory these materials in the coming weeks.
- The District's summer curriculum writing projects are underway, and teachers are working on projects from updating their scope and sequence to collaborative work on topics such as Building a Thinking classroom where class structures and activities have a focus on building student ownership over their learning.

c. Business and Operations, Business Manager/CSBO: **Courtney Whited**

i. Finance Report - **APRIL 2025**

Business Manager/CSBO presented the April 2025 Finance Report.

II. Preliminary Timeline for Working Cash Bonds Issuance

In general, the Board of Education needs three meetings to address all necessary legal steps for the sale of working cash bonds. This timeline enables the District to generate working cash bond proceeds by early December 2025:

August 7, 2025 - Board adopts resolution of Intent & a Resolution calling a BINA hearing at Regular meeting
September 4, 2025 - Board holds BINA hearing at Regular meeting for Working Cash Bonds
October 2, 2025 - Board approves parameters resolution authorizing Working Cash Bonds
November 17, 2025 - Bonds sold; delegates approve results
Early December 2025 - Bond issue closes; District receives Working Cash Bonds proceeds

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves to proceed with the necessary Legal steps for the sale of Working Cash Bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000, as presented, for the purposes of doing the renovations at Todd Hall without any additions.

President Theodore asked for additional comments before the Board of Education voted on the motion.

Secretary Vranas requested additional details about the Working Cash Bonds issuance scenarios from the Administration as well as from the Finance Committee Chair Jay Oleniczak.

Vice President Foutris asked the Administration a series of questions on the analysis conducted to present the above motion. Secretary Vranas asked the Administration for additional details regarding the costs associated with issuing the Working Cash Bonds and requested an explanation of how a Referendum Bond would impact the Board's planning relative to future development of the Lincolnwood Town Center property.

Vice President Foutris inquired about the timeline for placing a Referendum Bond on the ballot. The Administration will consult with District Legal Counsel for guidance.

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Vice President Foutris to table the motion and to send the item back to the Finance Committee to investigate doing a \$12,100,000 Referendum Bond; thereby, giving the community the opportunity to decide the issue.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

III. Bills Payable in the Amount of \$1,393,128.47

Bills reviewed this month by: Elissa B. Rosenberg and Myra A. Foutris

It was moved by Vice President Foutris and seconded by Member Rosenberg that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve invoices and bills in the amount of \$1,393,128.47.

President Theodore submitted the new motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

10. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Several community members commented on the Preliminary Timeline for Working Cash Bonds Issuance agenda item as well as an audience member comment on the Possible Dismissal of an LSSU (Lincolnwood Support Staff Union) Personnel Employee agenda item.

Susan Fahey, Director of Children’s Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) thanked the Board of Education and Administration for continuing the discussion of maintaining their working partnership with the District.

Secretary Vranas requested and was granted a point of privilege from President Theodore. Secretary Vranas shared that all Board of Education and Committee meeting details can be found on the District website, and as always, the public is always welcome to attend any of the meetings.

11. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Theodore and seconded by Secretary Vranas that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education recess into Closed Session for the purposes of: **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459 - Personnel.**

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 8:52 p.m.

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

It was moved by Vice President Foutris and seconded by Secretary Vranas for the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education to return to open session.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 10:13 p.m.

13. Possible Dismissal of an LSSU (Lincolnwood Support Staff Union) Personnel Employee

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education terminate the employment of employee Jarrett Passaglia effective immediately for the reasons discussed in Closed Session.

President Theodore submitted the new motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Vranas, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Secretary Vranas and seconded by Member Rosenberg to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 10:16 p.m.

Peter D. Theodore, President

John P. Vranas, Secretary