

**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Education School District No. 6
Lake County, Illinois
2800 29th Street, Zion, IL 60099
December 15, 2025**

Roll Call

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and held the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Absent: Jazmine Crump and Netya Perez Rivera.

Administration and staff present: Julius Lawson, Superintendent, Samantha Synder, CSBO, April Miller, Director of Human Resources, 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 Ken Fielding, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, and Margie Taylor.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Celebrations and Recognitions

There were no Celebrations or Recognitions at this meeting.

Public Participation

Davion Armstrong, parent, shared that he would like more people in the community to support kids participating in sports and the younger kids need equipment and use of a field for sports such as football. There were no other public comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which involves one roll call vote for all recommendations including the minutes of the November 17, 2025, Board Meeting:

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

- **None**

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve employment of the following personnel for the positions and dates of employment 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 submissions of all forms, documents and certifications required by law and/or requested by the District.

- **Adams, Martel**, for the position of Paraprofessional, previously unfilled, for Lakeview Elementary School, effective November 3, 2025
Classified: Step 1, \$20.63 per hour
- **Beasley, Brenda**, for the position of Parent Liaison, for Elmwood Elementary School, extra-duty stipend position
Stipend: \$10,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year only

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None.

Motion carried.

President's Report

President Taylor reviewed the January 2026 calendar with the board and reminded the board about the January 22nd meeting with the surrounding districts held at Beach Park District 3. Samm Snyder will attend the next CEJA meeting. Board members Denise Lear and Jacqueline San Diego attended a recent SEDOL meeting and reported that Dr. Jennifer Thomas will be the new superintendent at SEDOL beginning July 1st. The SEDOL strategic plan model could make districts pay approximately 25% more students to attend their programs. Board member Robert Surano reported at the recent TIF meeting, they were working on the annual audit. The Finance committee met and Julio reported on classroom temperatures and fire alarm bids for the summer 2026 project, this information was provided by Samantha Snyder, CSBO.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Lawson presented the available reports for the month. Samm Snyder, CSBO presented information on the 2025 Tax Levy Abatement.

New Business

Tax Levy 2025

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Tax Levy Resolution for the 2025 tax year as presented.

Motion made by Robert Surano, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Annual Audit Report 2025

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Ken Fielding.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Ken Fielding, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Jacqueline San Diego.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Annual Financial Report 2025

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion made by Ken Fielding, seconded by Denise Lear.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Margie Taylor, Jacqueline San Diego, and Robert Surano.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

Access and Utility, Detention Facility and Stormwater Draining Easement Agreement

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Access and Utility, Detention Facility and Stormwater Drainage Easement Agreement as presented.

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

Roll Call: Ayes; Robert Surano, Jacqueline San Diego, Ken Fielding, Denise Lear and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

Motion carried

PRESS Policy Updates

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the First Reading of PRESS Policy Updates: 2:120, 2:150, 2:270, 4:10, 4:30, 4:80, 4:140, 4:190, 5:10, 5:90, 5:100, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:280, 5:300, 6:20, 6:40, 6:60, 6:130, 6:160, 6:220, 6:260, 6:280, 7:10, 7:150, 7:70, 7:180, 7:190, 7:290, 7:310, 7:340, and 8:30 as presented.

Motion made by Denise Lear, seconded by Jacqueline San Diego.

Roll Call: Ayes; Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano, Margie Taylor, and Ken Fielding.

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: Ken Fielding, Denise Lear, Jacqueline San Diego, Robert Surano and Margie Taylor.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Dated _____

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education