

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. February 18, 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, Jen Ban, Sara Poplawski, Jeanine Arundel, Maura Raleigh, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Karen Tokarczyk, Lindsey Reese, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students Maria Yiannopoulos, Valentina Cullotta, Eliana Diaz, Isabella Bunt, Hunter Nash, and Savanna Cawthon were present. Community Members Sara Heller, Tom Arra, KC Monti, and John Cullotta were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ACTION NO. 27

Public Hearing
Opening

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education open the fund transfer hearing at 6:06 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

OPEN FORUM

Public Hearing

No comments regarding the levy were made at this time.

ACTION NO. 28

Public Hearing

Closed Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education close the fund transfer hearing at 6:09. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 29

Resolution
Approval

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$620,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund of Pleasantdale School District 107, Cook County, Illinois. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 30

Resolution
Approval

Motion by Brockob, second by Lenzen that the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$1,180,000 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).

DISTRICT
RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized Pleasantdale Middle School Principal, Dr. Jeanine Arundel, for being named the West Cook County Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals' Association.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Arra addressed the Board about the Community Engagement Process. Sara Heller addressed the Board regarding allegations of sexual harassment.

ACTION NO. 31
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 January 21, 2026, regular meeting; meeting minutes of the January 21, 2026, closed session meeting minutes; declassification of meeting minutes; Approve Payment of January Payroll/February Warrants; February 2026 Personnel Report. 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 gave the Board an update on the community engagement efforts. The Facilitating Team, made up of a cross-section of the Pleasantdale community, is studying the district's challenges and opportunities. The Facilitating Team is also developing a community workshop titled *Reimagine D107: Shape What's Next* to engage the broader community and develop options to the district's challenges. The first Reimagine D107 workshop will take place on February 26, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the middle school. The subsequent workshops will take place on March 9 and April 12, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the middle school, and all community members are encouraged to attend.

School Safety Report

Dr. Palzet presented the annual safety plan update to the Board. The District safety plan was developed in consultation with a school safety expert, Randy Braverman, who conducted a thorough review of the safety features of our buildings and grounds. A district safety task force then reviewed the report to develop the plan based on Mr. Braverman's recommendations and their experiences within our district. The district will begin implementing the plan this year. The long-term safety plan will run through 2029.

Class Size Guidelines (Policy 7:65)

The Board requested a report on our class size guidelines. Dr. Palzet, Dr. Ban, and Mr. Sonntag presented the Board with information on how the Board's policy is implemented and managed, the curricular impacts of class size, and the financial impacts of changes to class size.

Preliminary Staffing Plan

The Board reviewed the preliminary staffing plan which includes a .5 increase in EL staffing as we look to add EL support for our growing English Language learning population at the elementary school.

Review Board Policy Governance and Planning (sec. 1) and General School Administration (sec. 3)

The Board reviewed several policies in section 1 (Governance and Planning) and section 3 (General School Administration). All changes to policy reflect those suggested through the PRESS policy service. These policies will be on the March consent agenda for approval.

Items for Next Agenda

Community Engagement Update; Superintendent Advisory Team: Facilities; Professional Learning Update; Approve Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement; Re-employment of Non-tenured Personnel and Non-renewal of Non-tenured Teachers.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

Pleasant Dale Park District Letter

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. Sheila Norman from the Illinois Retired Teachers association requested contact information of certified staff who are planning to retire in 2026.
2. Laura Kitaeff requested copies of various complaints, communications, and records from the past year.
3. Laura Kitaeff requested copies of student surveys, staff surveys, and survey reports administered from 2020-2025.
4. Karen Lisowski requested copies of the presentation documents from Community Engagement Committee meetings held on two dates in January 2026.
5. Oshea Smith of Sunlight Records requested copies of contracts and renewals from 2021 through 2026 in connection with certain online educational software vendors.

ACTION NO. 23

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 8:00 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the regular meeting adjourns at 9:30 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____