

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      6:00 p.m. – 9:20 p.m.      March 18, 2026

### Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)  
Bill Brockob  
Charles Zona  
Mary Lenzen  
Becky Walters  
Sean Mason (departed at 6:33pm - returned at 7:09pm)  
Jason Nash (arrived at 6:03)

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### ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Griffin Sonntag, Jen Ban, Sara Poplawski, Jeanine Arundel, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Karen Tokarczyk, Tanya Kim, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Several current and former students and their parents of Mrs. Tokarczyk were present. Community Members Tom Arra, Tom Lisowski, and Karyn Lisowski were present.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members of the Pleasantdale Middle School Battle of the Books Team.

### DISTRICT RECOGNITION

The Board recognized fourth-grade teacher Karen Tokarczyk for receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the Illinois State Board of Education.

### OPEN FORUM

Tom Arra addressed the board regarding the Reimagine D107 Community Engagement process.

### ACTION NO. 33 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 February 18, 2026, regular meeting; meeting minutes of the February 18, 2026, closed session meeting minutes; Approve Payment of February Payroll/March Warrants; March 2026 Personnel Report; Approve Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement, Approve Governance and Planning (sec. 1) and General School Administration (sec. 3) Board Policies. 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 provided the Board with an overview of the last two Reimagine Community Workshops held on February 26 and March 9. He also provided information on the work of the Facilitating Team. The work is progressing well; however, there are pieces of information that are outstanding before a decision on the

best path forward can be made. The Facilitating team will adjust the pace of the process to better match when this new information will be available.

6-8 Math Adoption

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Jennifer Ban, presented information regarding a new math resource adoption. Her presentation included an overview of the process and feedback from teachers and students about the piloted programs. The district has selected Amplify Desmos as the preferred resource for sixth- through eighth-grade math. The resource adoption will be on the April Board agenda for approval.

Superintendent Advisory Team Report: Facilities

As members of the Superintendent’s Advisory Team for Facilities, Becky Walters and Bill Brockob shared information about capital projects completed last summer, those that are ongoing, and projects scheduled for this summer.

Class Size Guidelines Policy (7:65)

Drs Palzet and Ban presented additional information to the Board as they consider changes to the class size guidelines policy (policy 7:65). The presentation focused on our current class size guidelines and how the policy is implemented in our schools. Research on best practices related to class size was also presented. The Board policy will be updated based on current research, and the policy will be on the April Board agenda for review.

Revision to Board Policy 4:20 (Fund Balance) and 4:35 (Fixed Asset Investment and Management)

The Board reviewed policies 4:20 and 4:35 and made minor revisions based on recommendations from the district auditor. The work “operational” was added to 4:20 in regards to fund balances, and a table of useful life of assets and liabilities was added to policy 4:35.

Reject Fire Alarm Replacement Bids

The district received four bids for the Fire Alarm Replacement Project at the March 5th bid opening. Upon review, two of the bids did not include the full scope of work specified in the bid documents. The remaining two bids both addressed the complete project scope but varied in cost by approximately \$150,000. Due to the incomplete submissions and the significant variance between the remaining bids, the administration recommended that the Board of Education reject all bids at this time and evaluate next steps for the project.

ACTON NO. 34  
Bid Rejection

Recommendation: That the Board of Education reject all bids received for the Fire Alarm Renovation Project. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

Items for Next Agenda

Community Engagement Update; Professional Learning Update; Freshman Preparedness Report; Approve Staffing Recommendations; Summer Facilities Projects Update; Service Contract Approvals.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN  
REPORTS

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. Chris Miller of Public Access LLC requested documents showing purchasing approval authority parameters by district staff and board members.
2. Michael Henry requested records related to background checks of district board members.
3. Karyn Lisowski requested a copy of a report by a consultant to the district from the years 2000 through 2004.
4. Lindsay Dillon requested records of communications related to her children.
5. Tom Lisowski requested documents related to consultation fees.

ACTION NO. 35

Closed Session

Motioned by Marchione, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 7:12 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 9:20 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. \_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_