

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026 6:40 PM

Administration Center - Joanne H. Osmond Boardroom, 131 McKinley Ave., Lake Villa, Illinois 60046

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Electronic Participation of a Board Member (Roll Call Vote)**
4. **Closed Session (Roll Call Vote)**
 - *Personnel – Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of Lake Villa District #41. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*
 - *Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).*
5. **Resume Open Session at 7:00 p.m. (Voice Vote)**
6. **Approval of Agenda (Roll Call Vote)**
7. **Pledge of Allegiance**
8. **Announcement & Appointment of a New Board Member to fill the Unexpired Term for Vacated Board Seat through April 2027 (Roll Call Vote)**
 - 8.1. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Board Member
9. **Organization of the Board**
 - 9.1. Committee Appointments (Voice Vote)
10. **Communications**
 - 10.1. *Fairfield Park Update – Presented by Dan Venturi, Lake Villa Township Supervisor*
11. **Public Comments**
12. **Consent Agenda A (Roll Call Vote)**
 - 12.1. *Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2026*
 - 12.2. *Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2026*
 - 12.3. *Resignation of Staff – Helen Edelmann, Paraprofessional; Kylie Wolter, Teacher*
 - 12.4. *FMLA Request – Lauren Bong-DiNovo, Teacher; Mandy Marshall, Teacher*
 - 12.5. *Employment of Staff – Bethany Eber, Social Worker; Julissa Soto-Nickles, Assignment Change from Registrar to HR and Benefits*

Specialist

- 12.6. Freedom of Information Act Requests
- 12.7. Electronic Communication Received by the Board
- 12.8. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings – April 12, 2024
- 12.9. Semi-Annual Review /Approval of Closed Session Minutes Recommended for Release
- 12.10. Depositories, Investments Managers, Dealers, and Brokers
- 12.11. Building Usage Fees for 2026-2027 School Year
- 12.12. Intergovernmental Agreement with Community High School District 117
- 12.13. Intent to Bid Snow Removal Services

13. Reports

- 13.1. Superintendent's Report **Presenter:** Dr. Keim - Bounds
- 13.2. Ends Policies Compliance Report
- 13.3. Summer 2026 Facility Projects Plan **Presenter:** Blaine Sears

14. Old Business

- 14.1. SonDay Reading System Supplemental Curriculum Renewal (Roll Call Vote) **Presenter:** Dr. Ann Scully
- 14.2. County School Facilities Sales Tax (CSFT) (Discussion) **Presenter:** Anna Kasprzyk

15. New Business

- 15.1. Easter Seals Professional Development for LASSO Program Purchase (Discussion) **Presenter:** Susan Harkins
- 15.2. New Board of Education Member Training Presenters and Schedule (Discussion)

16. Calendar Review

17. Public Comments

18. Adjourn

FOIA REQUEST REPORT 04-06-26

Request Date	Name / Company	Records Requested	Status	Status Date
3/17/2026	Justin Wenig, Starbridge	<i>"(...)All executed contracts, purchase agreements, and purchase orders with Professional Learning/Development services including any exhibits, addenda, or amendments that are in effect or have been in effect in the last 3 years. For purposes of this request, professional learning or professional development services include agreements with providers, publishers, vendors, or government entities that supply: Professional development, training, or coaching provided by a curriculum publisher as part of, or in connection with, a curriculum or instructional materials contract. Professional development, training, or coaching provided by a third-party vendor or service provider supporting curriculum implementation. Professional development, training, or coaching related to teaching content or instructional practice that supports classroom instruction. Professional learning, professional development, training, or instructional services provided by state agencies, stateaffiliated organizations, regional education service agencies, regional education offices, or similar regional or state entities."</i>	Response Pending	4/6/26
3/19/2026	CT Mills Public Info Access LLC	<i>"(...)any existing records identifying the employee(s) responsible for leadership, oversight, or coordination of the following functional areas at the district or central office level: Curriculum & Instruction / Teaching & Learning Career & Technical Education (CTE) and STEM English Language Learner (ELL) Technology / Information Technology / Computer Science Library / Media Services Core Academic Subjects, including: English Language Arts (ELA) Mathematics Science Social Studies For any responsive existing record, please provide the following for the identified employee(s): Full Name Official Job Title District-Issued Work Email Address."</i>	Response Made	3/30/26
3/31/2026	Justin Wenig, Starbridge	<i>"(...)All purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors from January 1, 2025 to current date. Records should include, at minimum: Purchase date Vendor name Line item description Line item quantity Line item Amount."</i>	Response Pending	4/6/26

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION REPORT
04-06-2026

Sender	Date	Time	Received by the Board
Nothing to report			

MEMO

DATE: April 6, 2026

TO: Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Anna Kasprzyk, Chief School Business Official

RE: Designation of Depositories

As required by Board Policy 4:30, the Board of Education annually reviews the depositories District uses.

For FY2026-2027 District will be using the following depositories:

First American Bank

- Primary Checking accounts for General and Student Activity Funds

Illinois Liquid Asset Fund/PMA Financial

- Deposits and Investments

Amalgamated Bank of Chicago

- Bond Transactions

There are no changes to the Depositories for FY2026-2027.

It is recommended to continue with the financial institutions as presented.

MEMO

DATE: April 6, 2026

TO: Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Anna Kasprzyk, Chief School Business Official

RE: Building Rental Usage Fees for 2026-2027

Background:

Lake Villa CCSD #41 Board Policy 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities allows renting the school facilities to community organizations. With the facility operation and maintenance costs increasing, rates need to be periodically reviewed and adjusted if needed. The rental usage fees are one of the District's revenue sources that is used to offset the cost of maintaining the facilities.

During normal operation, the District generates on average \$30K-35K from building rental revenue. Most of the organizations that rent our buildings fall into Class 1 and Class 2 (see attached for details).

Discussion:

Due to higher energy costs and maintenance of the rental spaces the fees need to be increased. Class 2 increases by \$2 (7%), Class 3 by \$5 (7%-14%) and Class 4 increases are between \$6-\$30 with Palombi Gym rental rates experiencing the largest increase to make up for modest increases in years prior.

To account for the rising cost of maintaining the building, rental rates are being increased as presented below. To account for the rising cost of maintaining the building, rental rates are being increased as presented below.

Basic Fee Schedule

	Library	Gym or Cafeteria	Gym (Palombi)	Board Room (Palombi)	Auditorium (Palombi)
Class 1	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C
Class 2	\$30/hr	\$30/hr	\$30/hr	\$30/hr	\$30/hr
Class 3	\$45/hr	\$45/hr	\$75/hr	\$45/hr	\$90/hr
Class 4	Subject to final approval by the Superintendent or designee				
	\$75/hr	\$75/hr	\$100/hr	\$70/hr	\$105/hr

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves the building usage fees as presented.

SCHEDULE OF FEES/CHARGES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- Class 1: District affiliated or sponsored organizations or classes (such as PTO, Boosters, Scouting Groups on school days before 5:00 p.m., Park District and other groups providing programs in partnership with District programs, etc.).
- Class 2:
 - a. Local non-public school faculty and pupil groups
 - b. Park Board sponsored groups not working in partnership with the District
 - c. Non-profit civic, religious and service clubs/organizations
 - d. Local governments and municipal groups
 - e. Scouting groups after 5:00 p.m. and weekends
- Class 3:
 - a. Business, fraternal and social organizations
 - b. Political parties and related groups
 - c. College and University classes NOT initiated by District #41
- Class 4:
 - a. Recognized local and/or non-local organizations which charge admission for the purpose of benefiting their treasuries
 - b. Non-district fund-raising activities
 - c. Others (including for-Profit Organizations)
(Facilities will not be made available to private promoters)

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The Fee Schedule includes room rental costs. Personnel and cleaning costs incurred by the District are not included in this schedule and will be determined separately, after the date of usage.

Current custodial rate used is: Per Current Custodial Service Contract

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR
FACILITY USAGE FOR GRADUATION PURPOSES**

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 117
LAKE VILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

The purpose of the Agreement is to create an Agreement between school districts for the purpose of utilizing the Community High School District 117 McKay Center for the performance of the Lake Villa School District 41 Graduation.

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is entered into as of the 19th day of March, 2026, by and between the Board of Education of Community High School District No. 117, Lake County, Antioch, Illinois 60002, and the Board of Education of Lake Villa School District 41, Lake Villa, Illinois 60046. Herein referred to as "Districts."

WHEREAS, School District is an Illinois public school district established and operated pursuant to the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 511-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, School Districts, are authorized to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq; and

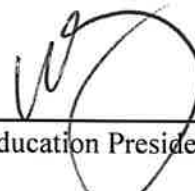
WHEREAS, the Districts wish to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the use a facility: and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained in this Intergovernmental Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, it is mutually agreed up by and between the Districts as follows:

1. Districts agree the date of usage is May 26, 2026.
2. Districts agree the start and end time of usage is 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.
3. Districts agree that LV 41 will provide the following items, services, and personnel.
Please list.
 - a. All necessary equipment beyond what is currently in possession in D117.
(please see list in # 4 of agreement.)
 - b. Additional chairs, security personnel, parking lot management, brochures etc. will be ordered, supplied, and paid for by LV 41.
4. Districts agree that D117 will provide the following items, services, and personnel.
Please list.
5. Graduation stage, McKay Center bleachers, mezzanine, cafeteria, microphone tied to the internal McKay Center sound system, and the digital display board. All items will be provided if they are in good condition and working order.
 - i. LV 41 will have access to 900 folding chairs provided by D117. LV 41 will provide additional folding chairs beyond the 900 chairs provided by District 117.
 - ii. Districts agree that LV 41 will pay \$800 for set-up and tear-down services. Actual facility rental fees are waived for this purpose.
 - iii. D117 will provide assistance to LV 41 custodial and maintenance staff as determined through planning meetings. This assistance will include support in set-up on or around May 22, 2026, and tear-down by 11 a.m. on May 27, 2026.

- iv. The associated charges cover a portion of the purchased service fees for moving equipment to the McKay Center from ACHS, supporting the set-up and tear-down process, and deep cleaning of the space after the event is over.
- b. Districts agree to set and adhere to a date and time for delivery of any items and facility access to LV 41 employees as required for adequate preparation.
- c. All Districts agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless all other Districts which are party to this agreement, from and against all claims, suits, settlements, actions, losses, expenses, damages, injuries, judgments, and demands arising from the negligent acts of any of the Districts.
- d. It is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto that the provisions of this agreement are severable. If any provisions, paragraph, section, subdivision, clause, phrase, or word of this agreement is for any reason held to be contrary to law, or contrary to any rule of regulation having the force and effect of law, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this agreement.
- e. Each person signing below on behalf of one the parties hereto agrees, represents, and warrants that he or she has been duly and validly authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of their party.
- f. LV 41 will provide a Certificate of Insurance naming CHSD117 as an Additionally Insured party no later than April 17, 2026.

Community High School District 117


Board of Education President

March 19, 2026

Date

Lake Villa School District 41

Board of Education President

Date

MEMO

DATE: April 6, 2026

TO: Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Anna Kasprzyk, Chief School Business Official

RE: Intent to Bid Snow Removal Services

Background:

The current contract for snow removal services was awarded in FY2023 and subsequently renewed for an additional terms, with an end date of March 31, 2026. The Operations and Maintenance Department is currently evaluating existing practices and service needs and intends to initiate a competitive bidding process for future snow removal services.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the District initiates a public bid for snow removal services.

Lake Villa School District #41 Compliance Report



Ends Policies

These policies define the mission, vision, goals, and objectives for Lake Villa District 41. They are the guiding policies that ensure that the education provided in the schools meets the public's expectation. Reports included on the Monitoring Report should provide sufficient evidence to determine compliance. The Board determines if we are in compliance and if the policies meet our expectations.

Policy	Report	Y/N
1:30 – School District Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Discussions – Finance, Technology, Ends, Curriculum, Facilities, Accountability Dashboard (February, June, September), Technology Report (February) 	
3:10 – Goals and Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Card, Superintendent's Progress toward Board Goals, Administrative Procedure Manual, Student and Staff Handbooks, Communications with board & community, budget, financial reports 	
4:150 – Facility Management and Building Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities Strategic Discussion, Annual Report on Facility Capacity [New]; County Building Inspection Report, ROE Annual Data Report, Enrollment Update and Trends, Life Safety Review, Life Safety Ten Year Plan 	
6:15 – School Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Presentations, Monitor Progress, AYP, Report Card, School Improvement Plan, Annual Recognition, January - Explore Assessment Results, March - Summer Enrichment Program Overview, June - Technology Plan Update, July - Extended Day Kindergarten. Report, July - ISAT and AYP Report, September - Recognition of Schools Application, approve, Certificate of Recognition 	
8:10 – Connection with the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Discussion Ends, Citizen Recognition – Monthly volunteer, Annual Awards, News Releases, Interviews and other Publications, Newsletters – electronic & paper, "Bulletin Board" 	
8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Compliance, organizations and agencies report. 	
8:80 – Gifts to the District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Review 	
8:90 – Parent Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTO Report (June) Policy Review 	
8:95 – Parent Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Report Policy Review 	
8:110 – Public Suggestions and complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Review 	

The District is not in compliance with the following policies in this area as demonstrated below:

Recommendations:

Timeline for achieving compliance:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the district is in compliance with all policies in this policy area, except as noted above.

SUPERINTENDENT

April 6, 2026

DATE

BOARD PRESIDENT

April 6, 2026

DATE

MEMO

DATE: April 6, 2026

TO: Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Ann Scully, Director of Student Services

RE: SonDay Reading System Supplemental Curriculum Renewal

Background:

SonDay Reading System curriculum has been successfully implemented by the K-8 special education resource teachers and cross-categorical (cross-cat) teachers in all schools throughout our district as our special education multi-sensory literacy intervention. Cross categorical and resource special education teachers incorporate this curriculum into their instruction during resource and instructional/self-contained classes. The curriculum includes teacher kits, digital resources, student readers, as well as activities grounded in researched Orton-Gillingham principles. Last year the district invested heavily in the teacher kits, student readers, decodables, and digital licenses for the SonDay System 1 Program and SonDay System 2 programs.

The digital licenses for SonDay Systems 1 and 2 are an annual subscription.

Item	Cost
Imagine SonDay System 1- Online	\$ 17,900
Imagine SonDay System 2 - Online	\$ 11,635
Shipping, Handling, Fees and Tax	\$ 0
Total	\$ 29,535.00

These costs will be covered using our IDEA Flow Thru Grant funds.

Discussion:

To continue to support special education teachers in addressing students' IEP literacy and decoding IEP goals, the Student Services Department is proposing the renewal of the supplemental online component of the SonDay Reading System 1 and 2 curriculum.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the SonDay Reading System Curriculum and Professional Development for up to \$29,535.

COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY SALES TAX

Highlights and benefits for Lake County

What Is the CSFT?

The CSFT is a countywide sales tax (up to 1%) dedicated exclusively to school facility improvements.

- Funds can *only* be used for capital projects, mental health, and school district debt relief
- Cannot be used for operations or salaries
- Distributed based on student residency

Why It Matters

- Significant New Funding
- Estimated **\$121.2 million annually** for Lake County schools
- Lake Villa SD 41 estimated share: **\$2.47 million/year**

A transformational, recurring investment

Who Pays?

Revenue comes from the sales tax on general merchandise in Lake County

~52% of sales come from non-Lake County residents

Visitors and non lake county residents help fund local schools

What Is Taxed vs. Not Taxed

Applies To

- Restaurants
- Gasoline
- Retail (clothing, home goods, sporting goods)
- Convenience store purchases
- Online purchases

Not Taxed

- Groceries
- Prescription medications
- Professional services (doctor, lawyer)

Potential Revenue Estimates if CSFT was implemented in Lake County Based on 24-25 Numbers

Beta test. Sales tax collected in Lake county TEST		103,000,000	% of cut	Distribution per Dist
Estimated from 2024 Total County Tax.. Could be at \$110 Million for 2025				
School District and Buildings	Pupil Enrollment			
Winthrop Harbor School Dist 1	578	0.51%	\$	527,714
Beach Park C.C. School Dist 3	1,983	1.76%	\$	1,810,477
Zion Elementary School Dist 6	2,106	1.87%	\$	1,922,776
Millburn C.C. School Dist 24	1,067	0.95%	\$	974,170
Emmons School Dist 33	295	0.26%	\$	269,335
Antioch C.C. School Dist 34	2,549	2.26%	\$	2,327,235
Grass Lake School Dist 36	178	0.16%	\$	162,514
Gavin School Dist 37	860	0.76%	\$	785,179
Big Hollow School Dist 38	1,611	1.43%	\$	1,470,842
Lake Villa C.C. School Dist 41	2,309	2.05%	\$	2,108,115
Community Cons. School Dist 46	3,365	2.98%	\$	3,072,242
Woodland School Dist 50	4,301	3.81%	\$	3,926,809
Gurnee School Dist 56	1,711	1.52%	\$	1,562,142
Waukegan C.U. School Dist 60	12,449	11.03%	\$	11,365,927
Lake Bluff School Dist 65	862	0.76%	\$	787,005
Lake Forest School Dist 67	1,698	1.51%	\$	1,550,273
Oak Grove School Dist 68	885	0.78%	\$	808,004
Libertyville School Dist 70	2,182	1.93%	\$	1,992,164
Rondout School Dist 72	135	0.12%	\$	123,255
Hawthorn C.C. School Dist 73	3,430	3.04%	\$	3,131,587
Mundelein School Dist 75	1,572	1.39%	\$	1,435,235
Diamond Lake School Dist 76	763	0.68%	\$	696,618
Fremont School Dist 79	2,082	1.85%	\$	1,900,864
Lake Zurich School Dist 95	5,762	5.11%	\$	5,260,701
Kildeer Countryside C.C. Dist 96	3,322	2.94%	\$	3,032,983
Aptakisic-Tripp C.C. School Dist 102	2,433	2.16%	\$	2,221,327
Lincolnshire-Prairie View Dist 103	1,863	1.65%	\$	1,700,917
Bannockburn School Dist 106	154	0.14%	\$	140,602
Deerfield School Dist 109	2,696	2.39%	\$	2,461,446
North Shore School Dist 112	3,652	3.24%	\$	3,334,273
Township High School Dist 113	3,065	2.72%	\$	2,798,342
Fox Lake School Dist 114	615	0.55%	\$	561,494
Lake Forest Comm. H.S. Dist 115	1,331	1.18%	\$	1,215,202
Round Lake C.U. School Dist 116	5,919	5.25%	\$	5,404,042
Community High School District 117	2,515	2.23%	\$	2,296,193
Wauconda C.U. School Dist 118	3,329	2.95%	\$	3,039,374
Mundelein High School Dist 120	2,124	1.88%	\$	1,939,210
Warren Township H.S. Dist 121	3,461	3.07%	\$	3,159,890
Grant Comm H.S. 124	1,755	1.56%	\$	1,602,314
Adlai Stevenson H.S. Dist 125	4,836	4.29%	\$	4,415,264
Zion-Benton Township H.S. Dist 126	2,397	2.12%	\$	2,188,459
Grayslake Comm. H.S. Dist 127	2,521	2.23%	\$	2,301,671
Community High School District 128	3,158	2.80%	\$	2,883,251
North Chicago C.U.S.D. 187	3,348	2.97%	\$	3,056,721
Barrington Comm. Unit Dist 220	3,305	2.93%	\$	3,017,462
McHenry #15 Lake County enrollment	72	0.06%	\$	65,736
Cary #26 Lake County Enrollment	140	0.12%	\$	127,820
Crystal Lake #155 Lake County Enrollment	68	0.06%	\$	62,084
Mchenry #156 Lake County Enrollment	3	0.00%	\$	2,739



Supporting School Facilities, Students and Community Tax Relief

Facility Investments

Planned & Future Improvements

- Lake Villa School District 41 has identified **\$7.9 million** in facility needs, as outlined in the 2025 10-Year Health Life Safety (HLS) Survey.
 - Renovation of both instructional and non-instructional spaces to enhance learning and operational efficiency.
 - Upgrades to the camera and security systems to ensure a safe environment for students and staff.
 - Revamping playgrounds to provide safe, engaging, and accessible play areas for all children.
 - Planning for additional future facility improvement projects to address evolving educational needs and needs for aging infrastructure
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Student Support & Well-Being

Mental Health Investment

- Hiring additional mental health professionals to provide essential support to students.
 - Expanding student support services to ensure comprehensive care for academic and emotional well-being.
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Property Tax Relief

Direct Community Impact

To alleviate the financial burden on local taxpayers, the CSFT revenue can be utilized to partially offset annual bond payments. Estimated impact is illustrated by the following example:

- **Estimated CSFT Revenue:** \$2.4 million annually
 - **Estimated reduction in property taxes for a \$250,000 home:** Approximately **\$200 per year**
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MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of [Name of School District], held in the [meeting location], [meeting address], Illinois, in said School District at ____ o'clock P.M., on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, [name of Board President], the President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference:

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever:

The President announced that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Lake, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school

facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Whereupon Member _____ presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

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RESOLUTION directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Lake, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

* * *

WHEREAS, Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*County School Facility Occupation Tax Law*"), authorizes the imposition of a tax upon all persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property, other than personal property titled or registered with an agency of the government of the State of Illinois, at retail in The County of Lake, Illinois (the "*County*"), on the gross receipts of the sales made in the course of business and a service occupation tax upon all persons engaged in the County in the business of making sales of service, who, as an incident to making those sales of service, transfer tangible personal property within the County as an incident to a sale of service, at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals (the "*County School Facility Occupation Taxes*") if a proposition for the County School Facility Occupation Taxes (the "*Proposition*") is submitted to the electors of the County at a regular election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, "*school facility purposes*" means (i) the acquisition, development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, financing, architectural planning, and installation of capital facilities

consisting of buildings, structures, and durable equipment and the acquisition and improvement of real property and interest in real property required, or expected to be required, in connection with the capital facilities and (ii) the payment of bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued, including bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued to refund or to continue to refund bonds or other obligations issued, for school facility purposes provided that the taxes levied to pay such bonds are abated by the amount of the taxes imposed under the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law that are used to pay such bonds; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, “*school facility purposes*” also includes fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes set forth under Section 17-2.11 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law provides that upon receipt of a resolution or resolutions of school district boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment within the County, the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County (the “*Regional Superintendent*”) must certify the Proposition to the proper election authority in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of [Name of School District] (the “*District*”), deems it necessary, advisable and in the best interest of the District that the Regional Superintendent certify the Proposition to the County Clerk of the County (the “*County Clerk*”)

for submission to the electors of the County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 (the “*Election*”):

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of [Name of School District], as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Direction to Regional Superintendent. The Regional Superintendent is hereby directed to certify the Proposition to the County Clerk in the form set forth in the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law and in accordance with the Election Code, for submission to the electors of the County at the Election.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Repeal. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted _____, 2026.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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Member _____ moved and Member _____

seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE:

The following members voted NAY:

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, approved and signed the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of [Name of School District], which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of [Name of School District] (the “Board”), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Lake, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers’ occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Illinois and at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review from the time of such posting until said meeting, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this ____ day of _____,
2026.

Secretary, Board of Education

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MEMO

DATE: April 6, 2026

TO: Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Susan Harkins, Coordinator of Early Learning & District Out-Placements
Dr. Ann Scully, Director of Student Services

RE: EasterSeals Coaching for LASSO Program

Background:

This school year, the district transitioned the EC-2nd-grade Language and Social Skill Opportunities (LASSO) classrooms back to Thompson School. As part of the transition, the Board of Education approved coaching support through Easterseals as part of the LASSO team's professional development. This bi-weekly coaching played a critical role in building staff capacity, equipping both special education and general education teachers with strategies to effectively serve students with diverse learning needs, including those with Autism.

Throughout the year, the Director of Student Services and the Coordinator of Early Learning & District Out-Placements met with the LASSO team and building administration to gather feedback on the professional development provided by EasterSeals. Staff consistently reported that the coaching was highly beneficial, noting increased confidence in implementing instructional strategies, improved ability to respond to student behaviors, and stronger collaboration among team members. The opportunity to engage in ongoing, job-embedded coaching allowed staff to apply new learning in real time, reflect on practices, and problem-solve with expert support.

The team is very appreciative of the support in providing this coaching throughout the school year. With the continuation of coaching services through Easterseals, staff will further strengthen their practice by continuing to refine curriculum supports, collaboratively address student needs, and enhance classroom instruction to better support all learners.

Below is the description of the proposed coaching support EasterSeals would provide next school year:

Training/Who/When	Description	Cost
Twice a Month Coaching 18 coaching sessions (September 2026 - May 2027) Staff working in the 3 LASSO Classrooms	The coaching service will provide the district with an assigned expert coach who will work primarily with the LASSO program but will be available for additional support as needed.	\$40,910.40

Discussion:

Given the highly beneficial nature of the coaching provided this school year, which successfully built staff capacity and enhanced instructional strategies for the LASSO team, the Student Services Department is proposing the continuation of this expert support. Continued coaching will allow Thompson Staff to further refine curriculum supports and collaboratively address student needs. The proposed purchase of coaching services will be funded entirely through the IDEA Grant.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the EasterSeals coaching support opportunities listed above for a cost no greater than \$40,910.40.