

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:05 PM Central

Media Center  
300 S Harrison  
Colfax, IL 61728

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent  
Jeff Harris: Present  
Preston McNamara: Present  
Jamison Mosley: Present  
Pam Rathke: Absent  
Brittney Van Note: Present  
Chris Wyant: Present  
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

III.A. Marketing Curriculum Presentation

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of the Consent Agenda. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV.A. Approval of Agenda

IV.B. Approval of Minutes

IV.C. Approval of Bills

IV.D. Approval of Treasurer's Report(s)

**V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANYTHING ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Those wishing to speak should sign in and indicate their desire to speak. Speakers will be in the order of sign-up.**

**Board Policy 2:230 - Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petition to the Board**

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

VI.A. Erik Young, Superintendent

**VII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

VII.A. Transportation/Attendance Report

VII.A.1. Elementary Attendance - May 2025

VII.A.2. Junior High/High School Attendance

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

VIII.A. Construction Management RFP

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX.A. Schedule Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

IX.B. Schedule Policy Committee Meeting

## X. BUSINESS ITEMS

X.A. Approval FY24 Annual Financial Report

Preston McNamara moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Approve FY24 Annual Financial Report, as presented. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.B. Approval of FY25 Amended Budget

Brittney Van Note moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve FY25 Amended Budget, as presented. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.C. Approval of Authorization to Spend

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve the School District's expenditure of funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and liabilities of the School District incurred for educational or operations or maintenance or transportation or site and construction purposes of the District for Fiscal Year 2026, until which time the Annual Budget of the District is adopted in conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.D. Approval of 2025-2026 Elementary School Student Handbook

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve the 2025-2026 Elementary School Student Handbook, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.E. Approval of 2025-2026 Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve the 2025-2026 Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris

Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.F. Approval of 5th Grade Departmentalization

Jeff Harris moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Approve the departmentalization of 5th Grade, as presented. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.G. Approval of AP English

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve changing Dual Credit High School English course to AP English as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.H. Approval of Dual Credit Chemistry

Preston McNamara moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve addition of Dual Credit Chemistry course option as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.I. Consideration and action on a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$32,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the purpose of paying the costs of building an addition to the existing facilities, as well as improving school sites and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities.

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$32,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the purpose of paying the costs of building an addition to the existing facilities, as well as improving school sites and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.J. Approval of Kitchen Cooler Bid

Brittney Van Note moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve kitchen cooler bid and alternate bid from Johnson Mechanical Service, Inc. for \$88,750 (Base Bid) and \$15,250 (Alternate Bid 1). Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston

McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.K. Authorization to seek lighting replacement bid  
Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Authorize the Superintendent to initiate the process of seeking bids for lighting replacement. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.L. Approval of Assistant Maintenance and Transportation Director job description  
Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve the job description for the Assistant Maintenance and Transportation Director as presented. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.M. Approval to post Assistant Maintenance and Transportation Director position  
Jeff Harris moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve the posting of the Assistant Maintenance and Transportation Director position as presented. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.N. Approval to seek RFP for Construction Manager  
Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Authorize the superintendent to seek RFP's for a construction manager, as presented. Vote. Carried  
Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **To discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees; Collective Negotiations Matters; Student Discipline; Matters Related to Individual Students; Litigation; and Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed pursuant to Statute Section 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 21**

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of to go into Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XI.A. Discussion

XI.B. Come out of Executive Session

Preston McNamara moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XI.C. Approve and Seal the minutes of the Executive Session

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of approve and Seal the minutes of Executive Session. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## XII. ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII.A. Resignations

- 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- JH Scholastic Bowl Coach
- 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve the resignations of Robyn Jones (8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach & JH Scholastic Bowl Coach) and Chip Jamerson as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.B. Hiring of JH Assistant Baseball Coach

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Recommended Motion(s): Approve the employment of John Popovich as Junior High School Baseball Assistant Coach, at 4%, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.C. Hiring of HS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Recommendation to approve the employment of Robyn Jones for High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach at 12% per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.D. Hiring of 8th Grade Girls Baseball Coach

Chris Wyant moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve hiring Charles Jamerson as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at 10% per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.E. Approval of extended contract for Jr/Sr High School Student Services Coordinator

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve an extended contract of 10 days for Jr/Sr High School Student Services Coordinator, Nicole Winterland. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.F. Approval of Elementary School Principal Contract

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve the multi-year employment contract for Ben Hutley, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.G. Approval of Jr/Sr High School Principal Contract

Preston McNamara moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve the multi-year employment contract for Zach Freed, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.H. Approve 2025-2026 salary and benefit changes for Director of Maintenance.

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of approval of salary and benefit change consisting of 4.5% district paid IMRF, 2% increase, and 5 additional vacation days for Director of Maintenance Robert Bourne. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris

Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XII.I. Approve 2025-2026 salary and benefit changes for Accounts Payable Specialist.

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of approval of salary and benefit change consisting of 4.5% district paid IMRF, 2% increase, and 5 additional vacation days for Director of Accounts Payable Specialist Deena Meyer. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Preston McNamara moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of adjourning the meeting at 8:54 pm. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Absent, Pam Rathke: Absent, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2



*Education that develops the potential to embrace the future*

*The Ridgeview School Community will encourage students to embrace the future by adapting to challenges, making decisions, and solving problems as respectful and responsible citizens members of an ever-changing society.*

## **Superintendent Board Report**

June 2025

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### **Community.**

- We have received word that the Teacher Vacancy Grant will be awarded for a third and final year. We do expect the grant to be less than the previous two years, due to changes in the state budget. More information will be released soon.

### **Students**

- Even though we are in the summer months, the building is still busy with a variety of student activities. Breakfast and lunch deliveries are going well. If you are interested in receiving meals, please contact the district office.

### **Staff**

- Several staff have been in the building working on a variety of academic initiatives and to prepare for the upcoming school year.

### **Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation**

- Building cleaning is in full swing. The custodial team is busy cleaning and painting.

### **Upcoming Dates**

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|------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>June 20</b>   | <b>Regular Board Meeting</b> | <b>6pm</b>  |
| <b>July 15</b>   | <b>Regular Board Meeting</b> | <b>6pm</b>  |
| August 11        | First Day for Teachers       |             |
| <b>August 12</b> | <b>Regular Board Meeting</b> | <b>6pm*</b> |
| August 13        | First Day of School          |             |