

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Elementary School Library 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. August 12, 2026

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Mary Lenzen

Becky Walters

Sean Mason

Absent:

Jason Nash

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were district staff, Griffin Sonntag, Jen Ban, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, Maura Raleigh, Alec Buti, Maggie Pisanko, Katie Dittrich, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board of Education.

OPEN FORUM

No community members addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 1

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 June 17, 2026, regular meeting; Approve Payment of June and July Payroll/June, July, and August Warrants; August 2026 Personnel Report; Declassify Closed Session Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, and Mason; absent Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Responder Meeting

On August 4, the district held its annual first responder meeting. This meeting is attended by representatives from the Burr Ridge and Willow Springs police departments as well as members of the Tri-State and Pleasantview Fire Protection Districts. Sean Mason attended as the Board representative, along with district and building administrators. The purpose of the meeting is to review the district's crisis plan and make any necessary or required updates based on first responder feedback. The meeting is also an opportunity to share safety updates and other important information. The Board directed the administration to present a report on the possibility of School Resource Officers or Security Guards in the schools.

Superintendent Advisory Team Appointments

Below is a list of the Superintendent Advisory Teams and the Board members appointed to them.

- Finance Team: Charles Zona and Sean Mason
- Facilities Team: Bill Brockob and Becky Walters
- Student Services Team: Jason Nash and Mary Lenzen

Board member Tarryne Marchione will serve as an alternate for any Board member who cannot attend a meeting.

Summer Academy Update

Summer Academy Administrator, Maggie Pisanko, provided the Board with a recap of this year's program. This year's Summer Academy was a tremendous success, with an outstanding turnout and enthusiastic participation. The program ran smoothly from start to finish. The program served 202 students who participated in 40 courses at our elementary school.

2026 Summer Construction Projects

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Griffin Sonntag, provided the Board an update on this year's summer construction projects. Successful summer projects include improvements to district safety and security, improvements to classroom technology, and phase two of our gym refresh project including a new floor and removable wall at the elementary school.

Tentative Budget

In compliance with state law, the administration presents a tentative budget to the Board of Education each August. This tentative budget reflects our district's priorities as we seek to make responsible financial decisions. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Griffin Sonntag, presented the tentative budget to the Board. A copy of the tentative budget will be on display for community review in the district office for the required 30 days.

Review Board Policy (sec 5) Personnel

The Board reviewed selected policies from Section 5 (Personnel). The changes made to policies reflect suggested and required changes from the PRESS policy service.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update; Annual Curriculum Cycle Review; Budget Hearing; Adopt Annual Budget; Staff Introductions; Approve Personnel (sec 5) Board Policy; Review Curriculum and Instruction (sec 6) Board Policies; Class Size Update.

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No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA - 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:

- Audrey Long with The Data Branch requested copies of documents related to subscriptions and purchases of certain educational software applications from the past four years.
- Daniel Cramer with Upgraid RE requested copies of utility statements from the past year, past facility condition assessments and energy audits.

- Holly Sinclair from The Data Branch requested documents related to pricing arrangements with certain vendors over the past four years.
- Edward Weinhaus with Judiciocracy, LLC requested evidence of public posting of certain district documents.
- Weston Adler with The Data Branch requested copies of purchase orders and contracts with certain vendors over the past four years.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried by a voice vote

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____