



LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Peter D. Theodore, *President*
 Myra A. Foutris, *Vice President*
 John P. Vranas, *Secretary*
 Ted Kwon
 Jay Oleniczak
 Elissa B. Rosenberg
 Mihra Seta

ADMINISTRATION
 Dr. David L. Russo, *Superintendent of Schools*
 Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction*
 Courtney L. Whited, *Business Manager/CSBO*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Lincolnwood Village Hall - Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Theodore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Myra A. Foutris Ted Kwon Jay Oleniczak Elissa B. Rosenberg Mihra Seta Peter D. Theodore	<u>MEMBERS NOT PRESENT</u> John P. Vranas
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<u>ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF PRESENT</u> Dr. David L. Russo Dr. Dominick M. Lupo Courtney L. Whited Mark Atkinson	Dr. Chris Harmon Dr. Aliaa Ibrahim Jackie McGoey Jennifer Ruttkay Erin Curry	Jordan Stephen Joseph Segreti Renee Tolnai
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2. DISTRICT RECOGNITION

a. ***Curricular Highlight*** - The Physical Education Department proudly hosted Wellness Day at Todd Hall, a special event dedicated to promoting health, movement, and overall well-being within the school community. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of engaging activities designed to encourage active lifestyles while fostering meaningful connections with their peers. The event featured a diverse range of experiences, including mindfulness and yoga, Gaga Ball, pickleball, an obstacle course, soccer, tennis, dancing, and a hands-on cooking session with the Director of Food Services, Chef Peter Lembessis. Together, these activities created an environment where students could explore different aspects of wellness in a fun and supportive setting.

Todd Hall Principal Chris Harmon introduced staff and students who shared their presentation of the Todd Hall Wellness Day activities.

President Theodore appointed Member Rosenberg as Secretary Pro-Tem.
 President Theodore called for a two-minute break at 7:09 p.m.

President Theodore returned to **OPEN SESSION** at 7:11 p.m.

3. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **MARCH 5, 2026**

II. Regular Board Meeting - Closed Session Minutes - **MARCH 5, 2026**

b. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

(1) **Personnel Report**

(2) **Parental Leave**

(1) **Veronica Logan**, 1st Grade Teacher, Todd Hall, effective on or about May 23, 2026, with an expected return of October 13, 2026

(3) **Retirement**

(1) **Debra Rudnick**, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Todd Hall, effective the end of the 2029-2030 school year.

(4) **Resignation**

(1) **Anthony Prochenski**, 5th Grade Teacher, Rutledge Hall, effective June 9, 2026

(2) **Shannon Keys**, General Music Teacher, Lincoln Hall, effective June 9, 2026

(3) **Julie Tziolas**, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Lincoln Hall, effective June 9, 2026

c. Approval of Administrator Contract

The Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves all Administrator Contracts.

I. **Joseph Segreti**, Principal, Todd Hall

d. Donation from ROSE Foundation

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support for the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to accept the donation of \$319.48 from ROSE Foundation to offset costs associated with staff recognition and/or appreciation.

e. Final Fiscal Year 2025 Single Audit by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

This summary is for informational purposes. The final Fiscal Year 2025 Single Audit Report prepared by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will be presented to the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education for review at the April 9, 2026 Board of Education meeting, as recommended by the Finance Committee members in attendance.

f. E Rate Category II – SHI Network Equipment

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support of the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this contract from SHI for the purchase of a Palo Alto Firewall along with all licensing for 5 years, as well as Cisco Core switching equipment along with all Cisco licensing for 3 years in the amount of \$70,785.

It was moved by Vice President Foutris and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approves those items on the Consent Agenda as appear above.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

a. NTDSE/District 807: **John P. Vranas/Elissa B. Rosenberg**

The NTDSE Governing Board last met on March 25, 2026. The following are brief highlights:

- Ms. Rebecca Canastra, Music Therapist, Ms. Laura Frisch, Art Specialist, and Ms. Jerika Gill, Teacher, were recognized for being nominated for awards of excellence in their fields.
- The Board received a presentation on Community-Based Instruction.
- Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director, reported on the following: Job fairs to support recruitment for the 2026–27 school year, negotiations process, Legislative update on HB 4416, HB 4440, and HB 5488.
- Candice Hartranft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on the work of the Collaborative for Curriculum (CFC) literacy leaders on the reading curriculum.
- Christine Perry, Principal of Molloy, reported on the following: The Students' Outstanding Artist Recognitions at Oakton College, the Raptors basketball team took second place in the final game at ISU.
- Sheila Arad, Assistant Director of NTDSE Services, reported that: NTDSE provided a two-day Psych and Social Workers networking meeting, to be held on March 9 and April 8th, 2026. Sign language classes are held on Mondays after school through March.
- Kathy Gavin - Director of Fiscal Services, reported on the following: Significant increases in the EBC health and dental rates for the 2026-27 school year, recommendations to correct the defect in the HVAC System.

The Board approved the following:

- The 2026-27 school calendar, the 2026-27 Governing Board meeting dates, the resolution for non-renewals, the special education audit.

The next meeting of the NTDSE Governing Board is scheduled at the NTDSE Administrative Center on April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

b. IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards): **Ted Kwon/Jay Oleniczak**

No report.

c. Finance Committee: **Jay Oleniczak/Mihra Seta**

The Finance Committee last met on March 26, 2026. There were no formal recommendations voted on due to the lack of a quorum. The Finance Committee members in attendance supported the Administrative recommendation to the Board of Education for two items on the Consent Agenda:

- E-Rate Category II – SHI Network Equipment
- Donation from ROSE Foundation
- The Administration will invoice the Lincolnwood Baseball and Softball Association (LBSA) for an Athletic Fields maintenance fee.
- The final Fiscal Year 2025 Single Audit Report prepared by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will be presented to the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education for review at the meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

d. Facilities Committee: **John P. Vranas/Myra A. Foutris**

The Facilities Committee last met on October 21, 2025. The March 2026 Facilities Committee meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

- Three items are on the agenda for approval:
 - Todd Hall's Second Grade Classroom Furniture Replacement

- GSF USA, Inc. Custodial Cleaning Services for 2026-27
- Pump Replacements with ComEd Energy Efficiency Incentive Program

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

e. Policy Committee: **Myra A. Foutris/Ted Kwon**

The Policy Committee last met on Friday, December 12, 2025. The March Policy Committee meeting was canceled due to a light agenda.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2026 at 8:30am in the Administration Building. The public is welcome.

f. President's Report: **Peter D. Theodore**

i. Important District Dates

President Theodore shared important District upcoming dates. Please see the District website for information: sd74.org.

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. LTA (Lincolnwood Teacher Association): **Travis DuPriest/Kevin Conley (Co-Presidents)**

No report.

b. LSSU (Lincolnwood Support Staff Union): **Tommy Bujnowski (President)**

No report.

c. PALS (People Active with Lincolnwood Schools): **Abby Jones (President)**

No report.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report: **Dr. David L. Russo**

i. District Updates

- Welcome back from Spring Break! We hope that everyone enjoyed fun and restful activities! We have a great deal yet to accomplish this year, and we will continue to maximize student academic growth in the remaining weeks of this school year.
- Thank you to Dr. Harmon and all those who collaborated at Todd Hall to create such a purposeful day of activities during their recent Wellness Day event. Wellness Day is such a wonderful feature of the annual slate of activities in each building. There is always such a fun variety of sessions to introduce students to new activities and information regarding health and wellness.
- Spring is going to be an extremely busy time in the District. Please continue to consult *Tuesday Newsday* on a weekly basis to gather details on upcoming events.
- Register for the 2026-2027 School Year:
 - Registration for the upcoming school year is open. Families who are re-registering received an email with a Snapcode and a link to the re-registration portal. Families who are registering for the first time should visit the District website to begin the registration process.
 - *Important information to note:*
 - Registration is not complete until the online registration form is submitted for each student, residency documents are submitted, and school fees are paid.
 - Families who complete the registration process by May 8, 2026 will receive a \$20 lunch credit for each registered student for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Complete registration by August 1, 2026 to avoid a \$25 late fee, per student.
- All District families are invited to join us for Family Bingo Night, April 17, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., in the Rutledge Hall gym! Enjoy pizza, popcorn, a raffle (win lunch with a principal!), and BINGO, of course! Consult this week's *Tuesday Newsday* for the link to RSVP. *While an RSVP is not required, it is recommended to ensure the District orders enough food and prizes for the event.*

b. Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent's Report: **Dr. Dominick M. Lupo**

I. Curriculum Department Update

- The District is looking forward to wrapping up the IAR State testing in the next couple of weeks. Students in grades 3 thru 8 are assessed in Language Arts in Math by taking the IAR, and students in grades 5 & 8 are assessed in Science via the Illinois Science Assessment as well.
- On the curriculum front, District 74 is collaborating with other schools in the Township regarding new literacy programs. Instructional coaches have connected with other District coaches, and we are in the process of refining our planning and instructional approaches with newly adopted curriculum.
- All SD74 Summer Adventures classes are now in the planning process. More information is forthcoming.

II. Set the Last Day of School for Each School Year

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the last day of school for the 2025-2026 District calendar to show a closing date of Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

c. Business and Operations, Business Manager/CSBO: **Courtney Whited**

I. Finance Report - **JANUARY 2026**

Business Manager/CSBO Whited presented the January 2026 Finance Report.

II. GSF USA, Inc. Custodial Cleaning Services for 2026-27

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Oleniczak that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve this Agreement from GSF USA, Inc. for custodial cleaning services in the amount of \$535,203.49 from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, as presented.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

III. Pump Replacements with ComEd Energy Efficiency Incentive Program

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve the two (2) quotes for the replacement of pumps with variable frequency drives to be installed in Rutledge Hall and Lincoln Hall as part of ComEd's Energy Efficiency Incentive program for the initial cost of \$44,660 with a possible reduction of \$16,875.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

IV. Todd Hall's Second Grade Classroom Furniture Replacement

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Seta that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve this quote from Interiors for Business, Inc. for Second Grade's Classroom Furniture in the amount of \$85,686.28 to be installed during Summer 2026.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

V. Bills Payable in the Amount of \$1,363,967.58

Bills reviewed this month by: Ted Kwon and John P. Vranas

It was moved by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg and seconded by Member Kwon that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education approve invoices and bills in the amount of \$1,363,967.58.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a vote and the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Foutris, Kwon, Oleniczak, Rosenberg, Seta, Theodore

Nays: None

Absent: Vranas

Motion passed.

10. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None.

11. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Theodore and seconded by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg that the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education recess into Closed Session for the purposes of: **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459 - Personnel and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - Collective Negotiating.**

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by President Theodore and seconded by Secretary Pro-Tem Rosenberg to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education.

President Theodore submitted the motion to a voice vote and the motion passed at 8:10 p.m.

Peter D. Theodore, President

Elissa B. Rosenberg, Secretary Pro-Tem