

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 6:00 PM

Elser Elementary Cafeteria, 309 Hartman Lane, O'Fallon, IL 62669

1. **Call to order Executive (Closed) Session - 5:30 pm (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)) (Roll Call)**

1. Appointment - Employment - Compensation
- Discipline - Performance - Dismissal of specific employee(s)

2. **Adjourn**

3. **Call the Regular Meeting to order - 6:00 pm (Roll Call)**

4. **Superintendent Shout-Out**

5. **Public Comments**

6. **Administrative and Committee Reports**

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Gabrielle Rodriguez

2. Principal's Report - Mrs. Whitney Carpenter

3. Principal's Report - Dr. Kristin Laws

4. Director's Reports

7. **Review/Approve/Disapprove placing the following items on the Consent Agenda. (Roll Call)**

1. Minutes of September 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Executive Session

2. Minutes of September 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

3. October Bill List

4. BMO Credit Card

5. Treasurer's Report

6. Budget to Actual

7. FY26 AFR

8. FY26 Shared Services Report

8. **Review/Approve/Disapprove the Consent Agenda (Roll Call)**

9. **Review/Approve/Disapprove the FY26 Shared Services Report. (Roll Call)**

10. **Review/Approve/Disapprove the resignation of Paraprofessional Kamiya Richardson, effective December 18, 2026. (Roll Call)**

11. **Review/Approve/Disapprove the resignation of Matthew Lorton as the Girls' Assistant Basketball**

Coach. (Roll Call)

12. Review/Approve/Disapprove the hiring of Antonio Wright as the Boys' 5th/6th Grade Assistant Basketball Coach FY27. (Roll Call)
13. Review/Approve/Disapprove the hiring of Canee' Brown as the Girls' 7th/8th Grade Head Basketball Coach. (Roll Call)
14. Review/Approve/Disapprove the hiring of Kelvin Rodgers as the Girls' 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach. (Roll Call)
15. Adjourn

JAMS MONTHLY BOARD REPORT

October



Academics

- The first quarter has wrapped up! We are excited to celebrate student growth and learning.
- Student-led Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up at JAMS!
- Teachers are beginning to prepare students by reviewing grades, work samples, progress, strengths, and goals.
- Students will take ownership of their learning by sharing their progress and areas for growth with their families.
- We look forward to partnering with families as we celebrate student success and plan for continued growth!

Athletics/Clubs

- Basketball season is underway! Tryouts have started, and we're excited to welcome some new coaches to JAMS. 🏀🐅
- Our House Sorting Ceremony was a huge hit! We are excited to officially announce our House Leaders:
- Dallas Briggs – House President
- Oliver Icenogle – Protos
- Ellison Lewis – Amistad
- Kavya Patel – Sollevare
- Arianna Rogers – Isibindi
- Alexis Dintelman – Nukumori
- October Students of the Month – Responsibility: 🌟
- 3rd – Tristan Goode, Amistad
- 4th – Mariam Ashkar, Nukumori
- 5th – Joni Welge, Sollevare
- 6th – Ellie Sullins, Isibindi
- 7th – Sophia Lopez, Protos
- 8th – Ethan Garcia, Nukumori

Professional Development

- Donna Whyte has been providing ongoing support and planning assistance to our new staff members as they continue to build their instructional practices and get acclimated to JAMS.

Other

DEES MONTHLY BOARD REPORT

October



Academics & Instruction

- We are wrapping up a successful first quarter at DEES, and we are excited to celebrate our youngest learners' progress and achievements!
- Classroom instruction continues to emphasize foundational literacy, early mathematics, and social-emotional growth in Pre-K through 2nd grade.
- Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences will provide a valuable opportunity for collaborative discussions between families and educators.

Extracurricular & Community

Students of the Month for August/September for the Character Trait Respect (these students enjoyed a pizza party with the principal, and each got a student of the month t-shirt as well)

K - Sebashtien Scott

K - Ava Parraco

K - Athena Gray

1st - Elysa Edwards

1st - Jansen Nguyen

1st - Nadia Acosta

K/1/2 - Tamir Shelwood

2nd - Sa'Maj Brown

2nd - Alison Rojas-Sanchez

2nd - Callum Henderson

Our 3 preschool and pre-K classrooms will be attending a field trip on October 20th to Braeutigan Orchards. The students will get hands-on science & explore plant life cycles and seasonal changes firsthand by observing how fruit grows, flowers, and is harvested on trees.

Professional Development & Staff Growth

- Teachers and staff attended County Institute Day to collaborate with regional educators and gain fresh insights into effective instructional practices.
- Mrs. Donna Whyte is continuing her vital role in supporting and mentoring our new teachers as they integrate into the DEES school community and hone their classroom practices.