

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 6:00 PM Central

Media Center
300 S Harrison
Colfax, IL 61728

Katelyn Hamlow: Present
Jeff Harris: Present
Preston McNamara: Present
Jamison Mosley: Present
Pam Rathke: Present
Brittney Van Note: Present
Chris Wyant: Present
Present: 7.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. Conduct Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell \$32,000,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

IV.A. Electric Rates - Chris Langstrom, Twin City Energy Services

IV.B. New Student Performance Levels - Jennifer Jamison, Director of Curriculum and Compliance

V. CONSENT AGENDA

V.A. Approval of Agenda

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

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.B. Approval of Minutes

V.C. Approval of Bills

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

V.E. Approval of Treasurer Bond - Rosie Joyce

V.F. Approval of Rosie Joyce, District Bookkeeper, as IMRF Authorized Agent

V.G. Approval of High School Graduation date

V.H. Approval of 2027 Student Trip

V.I. Approval of Teacher/Admin Salary and Benefits Report - 2024-2025

VI. 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

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VII.A. Erik Young, Superintendent

VII.B. Ben Hutley, Elementary Principal

VII.C. Zach Freed, Jr/Sr High School Principal

VIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

VIII.A. Transportation/Attendance Report

VIII.B. Board Convention - November 20-23, 2025

VIII.C. FOIA Requests

VIII.C.1. 08/14/25 - School Report Card Information - Renee Nord, Citizen

VIII.C.2. 08/19/25 - Directory Information - Jacob Long, Public Data Research

VIII.C.3. 09/02/25 - Student Information - Owen Wang, McLean County Times

VIII.C.4. 09/08/25 - Directory Information - Owen Wang, McLean County Times

VIII.C.5. 09/08/25 - Principal and Teacher Contracts - Owen Wang, McLean County Times

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX.A. Electrical Rates

IX.B. Full Time Substitute Position

IX.C. BCA End of Year Report

IX.D. HOI Conference Report

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

X.A. Finance Committee Report

X.B. REA Foundation Committee

XI. BUSINESS ITEMS

XI.A. Approval of Risk Management Plan

Jeff Harris moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve 2025-2026 Risk Management Plan, as presented. Vote. Carried

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.B. Approval of FY26 Budget

Jeff Harris moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve FY26 Budget, as presented. Vote. Carried

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.C. Consideration and action on a Resolution of intent to issue \$32,000,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District.

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Action on a resolution of intent to issue \$32.000000 Funding bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the district. Vote. Carried

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.D. Designate Principal Authority for the Illinois Funds

Jeff Harris moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve Erik Young, Superintendent to be Principal Authority of the Illinois Funds. Vote. Carried

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.E. Designate Principal Authority for the Illinois Funds

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve Rosie Joyce, Bookkeeper, to be Principal Authority of the Illinois Funds. Vote. Carried

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.F. Approval of Construction Management Contract

Jeff Harris moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve Construction Management Contract with Core Construction Services of Illinois, as presented. Vote. Carried

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.G. Authorize Superintendent to enter into electric rate contract

Preston McNamara moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Authorize the Superintendent to enter into an electric rate contract with Twin City Energy at a time when prime market rates are most favorable, for a term not to exceed three years. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam

Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.H. Approval to increase speech services

Jeff Harris moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve an increase of \$14,426 to Tri-County Special Education Association for 1 day per week of speech services, effective immediately. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.I. Approve the job description and posting of Permanent Substitute Position

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve a motion to table the job description and posting of a permanent substitute position, as presented. Vote. Tabled

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.J. Approval of Perry Weather Agreement

Jamison Mosley moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve the agreement with Perry Weather for \$3,900/year. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.K. Approval of Board Policy 2:125-E3 - Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements

Preston McNamara moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve Board Policy 2:125-E3 - Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.L. Approval of Board Policy 5:20-E - Resolution to Prohibit Harassment

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve Board Policy 5:20-E - Resolution to Prohibit Harassment, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.M. Approval of Door Access Quote

Preston McNamara moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve door access quote from Basic ITS, as presented. \$5786.66. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII. 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] 1-6, 8-10, 11, 16, 21** (updated 9/2024)

Jeff Harris moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Motion to go into Executive session at 8:09 pm. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII.A. Discussion

XII.B. Come out of Executive Session

Preston McNamara moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Come out of Executive Session at 8:32. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

Chris Wyant moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Approve and Seal the minutes. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIII. ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. Resignations and Retirements

XIV.A. Resignations

- District Bookkeeper

Brittney Van Note moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve the resignation of Loraine Vandegraft (District Bookkeeper), effective September 18, 2025. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.B. Retirement

- Custodian
- Title 1 Teacher

Chris Wyant moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve the retirement of Tim Givens (Custodian) effective December 1, 2025. Approve the retirement of Kelly Borton,

Title One Teacher, effective at the end of the year 2027-2028 school year, and allow for the usage of the retirement incentive, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0
Chris Wyant moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve the retirement of Kelly Borton, Title One Teacher, effective at the end of the 2027-2028 school year, and allow for the usage of the retirement incentive, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XV. Employment

***All new hires/volunteers are contingent upon successful completion of background investigation, employment history review, and verification/completion of proper certification and/or licensure for the position.**

XV.A. Employment - Assistant Senior Class Sponsor

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve the hiring of Ashley Benton as Assistant Senior Class Sponsor at a payrate of 1%, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XV.B. Employment - Assistant High School Football Coach

Chris Wyant moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve the hiring of Drew Barth as Assistant High School Football Coach at a payrate of 8%, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chris Wyant moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0