



**MINUTES OF AN OPEN SESSION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS; HELD IN THE CAFENASIUM AT
THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL, 542 ABBOTSFORD RD., KENILWORTH, ILLINOIS, AT 6:00 P.M. ON THE
14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.**

President Paul Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon Roll Call, the following Board members answered as present: Mr. Paul Anderson, Ms. Lisa Graham, Mr. Eric Hayes, Mr. Steve Potter, and Ms. Kate Tarbert.

The following members were absent: Mr. Bill Graham and Mr. Ashish Kaura.

Also present were Ms. Kate Donegan, Superintendent; Dr. Carrie De La Cruz, Director of Student Services; Mr. Nathan McBride, Chief Operating Officer; and Ms. Rachel White, Recording Secretary.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT,
EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL
OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES; COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS; THE
SETTING OF A PRICE FOR SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY; AND STUDENT
DISCIPLINARY CASES.[5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1, 2, 6, 9)]**

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to go into Closed Session for consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; the setting of a price for sale or lease of property; and student disciplinary cases.[5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1, 2, 6, 9)]

A motion was made by Ms. Tarbert, seconded by Mr. Potter, to go into closed session at 6:09 p.m. The motion was carried with a voice vote of 5 to 0.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 7:01 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following Board members answered as present: Mr. Paul Anderson, Ms. Lisa Graham, Mr. Eric Hayes, Mr. Steve Potter, and Ms. Kate Tarbert.

The following members were absent: Mr. Bill Graham and Mr. Ashish Kaura.

Also present were Ms. Kate Donegan, Superintendent; Dr. Carrie De La Cruz, Director of Student Services; Mr. Nathan McBride, Chief Operating Officer; and Ms. Rachel White, Recording Secretary.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Anderson invited public comment. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Bid Award Recommendations for Summer 2025 Phase III Construction

Frederick Quinn Corporation (FQC) and DLA Architects presented documents related to construction at the schoolhouse, including a letter recommending the Board award fifteen (15) trade packages to responsible contractors for their lowest respective bid packages.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the bid packages for the summer 2025 work on the Master Facilities Plan, as recommended by FQC.

The motion carried with a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0.

Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board to transfer \$1,900,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to open a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to transfer \$1,900,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

A motion was made by Ms. Graham, seconded by Ms. Tarbert, to open a public hearing.

The motion carried with a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0.

Mr. Anderson invited any public comment related to the transfers of funds from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

There being no public comment, Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Ms. Graham, seconded by Ms. Tarbert, to close the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to transfer \$1,900,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

The motion carried with a roll call vote of members presented voting 5-0.



Approval of Resolution directing the transfer of (i) \$1,900,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and then (ii) \$3,800,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to approve a Resolution directing the transfer of (i) \$1,900,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and then (ii) \$3,800,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Graham, seconded by Ms. Tarbert, to approve the transfer of funds as presented.

The motion carried with a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0.

Appointment of Mr. Nathan McBride as District 38 Representative to the North Suburban Benefits Cooperative

Ms. Donegan reported that the Board is required to appoint a representative to the North Suburban Benefits Cooperative and that they had previously appointed Dr. Joseph Bailey. Ms. Donegan recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Nathan McBride as the District's representative to serve on the boards of EBC, NSBC, CLIC: Property & Casualty, and CLIC: Workers' Compensation. She also recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Ms. Angela Lascola as the District's alternate representative.

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to approve the appointment of District 38 representatives to the North Suburban Benefits Cooperative, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter, seconded by Ms. Graham, to approve the appointment of Mr. Nathan McBride as the District 38 representative and Ms. Angela Lascola as the alternative representative to the North Suburban Benefits Cooperative.

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Junior Kindergarten Tuition

Mr. McBride recommended a tuition increase for the Junior Kindergarten program for the 2025-2026 school year based on a comprehensive review of local preschool tuition rates and an analysis of the program's operational costs. He recommended raising full-day JK tuition from \$10,000 to \$14,000 per student and half-day tuition from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Junior Kindergarten tuition, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the 2025-2026 Junior Kindergarten tuition.



The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

INFORMATION

Whole Child Presentation

The Whole Child Committee presented a comprehensive overview of the Whole Child Approach within the District, one of the six key focus areas outlined in the District's strategic plan. The Whole Child approach aims to establish a safe, kind, inclusive learning community that promotes the social and emotional well-being of all students. In their presentation, the Committee reviewed the target areas for the 2024-2025 school year, highlighting their achievements and ongoing initiatives.

The Committee celebrated several achievements, including the successful third year of implementing the Caring School Community program, with over 80% of staff reporting a positive impact on their classrooms. Other noted accomplishments included reducing chronic absenteeism across the District, establishing a system for behavior incident reporting, enhancing attendance tracking, promoting cross-aged collaboration, and providing targeted professional development to support consistent practices in student behavior management. They also showcased expanded student leadership opportunities, such as the Sears Student Ambassadors program.

Members of the Student Ambassadors program joined the Committee to share their personal experiences, explaining why they joined, the positive impact they have seen, and the changes they aspire to make in the coming year.

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, the Committee outlined key focus areas, such as continuing the Caring School Community program and universal behavior management practices across the District. Additional priorities include improving attendance rates and creating more opportunities for student leadership and community-building within the school.

Discussion of the 2024 IASB Resolutions Committee Report

Mr. Hayes stated that he will attend the 2024 IASB Delegate Assembly, where he will represent District 38 to vote on a number of proposals. He shared the 2024 Resolutions Committee Report with the Board and asked that they review the proposals and connect with him before the Delegate Assembly on November 23, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Anderson invited public comment. There was none.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

All Ayes.

Attest for Distribution: _____
Mr. Ashish Kaura, Secretary

Approved: _____
Mr. Paul Anderson, President

ATTEST: _____
Mr. Ashish Kaura, Secretary