

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the HOH Conference room in said district on Tuesday evening, March 11, 2025, and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel.

President Gallinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

DeShawn Arms (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
Christine Beeftink
Beth Bazer
Matt Cassidy
Jennifer Gallinson
Mara Silver-Schack
Adam Weinstock

Absent: None

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official; Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services; Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services; Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning; Maria Stavropoulos, Director of Technology; Terry Ryan, Communications Director; Chrissy Yonaite, Recording Secretary and Jeremy Bartunek, Greenbriar Teacher/Streaming Tech.

District Staff Members: Betsy Decker, Greenbriar Teacher; Scott Meek, NBJH Principal; and Ginny Hiltz, Greenbriar Principal.

Public Attendees: Danielle Moran, Alec Rosofsky, Kim Yen and Deanna Youngberg.

VISITORS COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TrueNorth Cooperative

Dr. Pearson, Superintendent, reported that two districts in the TrueNorth Cooperative voted against District 34's withdrawal from the cooperative. The withdrawal is now considered non-consensual and a different process will take place for the release of District 34.

Referendum Update

Dr. Pearson noted there was a community information session today. There is another one on March 18th and a virtual session on March 20th.

Greenbriar Principal

Dr. Pearson introduced Danielle Moran to the Board noting her past work experiences. She will start on July 1, 2025, with a one-year contract.

Betsy Decker, Greenbriar Teacher, spoke to the Board about the selection of Dr. Moran. The interview team was impressed with Dr. Moran's experience, enthusiasm and warmth, along with her student-centered focus.

It was moved by Member Bazer and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board of Education approve the contract for Danielle Moran for the role of Greenbriar Principal.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Weinstock and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, on February 25, 2025, and Closed Meeting, on February 25, 2025.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Cassidy and seconded by Member Beeftink that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

Payroll

The payment of employee salaries for the last half of February 2025, in the amount of \$1,877,787.26 and covered by check numbers 68200 through 68209 and deduction check numbers 68210 through 68227 inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated March 11, 2025;

Bills

Vendor invoices totaling \$389,068.65 and Warrants listed as Numbers 64380 through 64459, and the following voids: 64035 and 202400271, confirmed by the signature of the President of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated March 11, 2025.

Personnel Report: Contract Changes, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations and Dismissals

Staff Resignations, Retirements and / or Terminations				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Kalie Athans	Special Educ Teacher	MB	Resignation	6/3/2025
Jennifer Hook	Special Educ Teacher	MB	Resignation	6/3/2025
Lori Sandler	School Psychologist	NBJH	Resignation	6/3/2025
Nicole Dominguez	Social Worker and Liaison for Family & Community Outreach	GB/NBJH	Resignation	6/3/2025
David Hoppe	Part-Time Orchestra Teacher	NBJH	Resignation	6/3/2025

Staff Leave of Absence				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Courtney Luken	7th Gr Math Teacher	NBJH	Leave of Absence for 2025-26	8/18/2025

Staff Lane Changes 2025-26				
Name	Position	Location	Current Salary 24/25	New Salary 25/26
Alice Woodward	School Nurse	WM	B+00-09 \$65,124	B+12-10 \$70,352

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Report

Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official, reviewed the financial reports for the months ending December 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025. After seven months of the fiscal year, the monthly variance report shows 52% of the 2024-25 budget expended and 47% of budgeted revenues collected.

Local, State & Federal Requirements

Since the February Board of Education Meeting, District 28 submitted the following:

- Filed monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics Report on Current Employment
- Submitted Teacher Retirement System Gemini payroll reports
- Submitted monthly Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Wage Report
- Submitted "Excess Cost Worksheet" to ISBE (required as part of IDEA grant reporting)

Member Arms moved, and Member Silver-Schack seconded that the Board of Education approve the Finance Report for December 2024(restated) and January 2025.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal

Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services, presented a resolution to the Board that the following positions are discontinued at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year:

- Temporary Teacher for Maternity/Paternity Leave/Building Substitute
- Temporary Speech Language Pathologist for Maternity/Paternity Leave

The district is required to notify the certified personnel assigned to these positions that they will be honorably dismissed.

Member Bazer moved, and Member Weinstock seconded that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services, reminded the Board that summer programming registration will open on March 31.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on the Social-Emotional Learning Committee work. The SEL Committee selected the core curriculum, which will be presented at the May meeting for approval. She noted the SEL team also worked on a standardized behavior matrix for next year. Dr. Raitzer shared that the District has formed a Wellness Committee.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summer Projects

Ms. Donato presented four summer projects for approval. She explained that they are all needed projects from the Facilities Master Plan and do not conflict with the proposed referendum work. Additionally, all four projects came in under budget from the Facilities Master Plan estimates.

HVAC Projects - Westmoor, Greenbriar, NBJH

In the previously provided memo, Ms. Donato outlined the proposal to replace multiple rooftop units and air handler units at Westmoor, Greenbriar and NBJH.

It was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Silver-Schack that the Board approve the HVAC Projects for Westmoor, Greenbriar and NBJH.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Westmoor Bus Lane Paving

Ms. Donato explained to the Board that the Westmoor bus lane asphalt has deteriorated and is in need of repair.

It was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Bazer that the Board approve the Westmoor Bus Lane Paving Project.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Door Replacements and Hardware Upgrade

Ms. Donato recommended replacing five doors at NBJH and upgrading all exterior door hardware districtwide. The upgrading of the hardware will increase security throughout the buildings.

It was moved by Member Beeftink and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board approve the Door Replacements and Hardware Upgrade.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

HVAC Building Automation System Upgrade Districtwide

Ms. Donato presented the recommendation to replace 34 obsolete controllers at NBJH and upgrade all four schools to the newest Building Automated System software platform.

It was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Arms that the Board approve the HVAC Building Automation System Upgrade for the District.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

Member Cassidy mentioned Physical Education waivers were under discussion at the state level which does not apply to the district. No new information at the federal level.

POLICY

Policy 5:330 Updates

Mr. Brophy explained to the Board that Policy 5:330 needed to be corrected to accurately reflect the benefits for Classified Personnel. The correct information was not reflected in the transition to Press Plus.

It was moved by Member Beeftink and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board approve the edits to Policy 5:330 as provided.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Terry Ryan, Communications Director, provided the Board with some analytics on

referendum materials noting the video has over 3,000 views. Ms. Ryan stated the 5essentials survey is underway and the District has reached the minimum threshold for parent participation.

There was 1 FOIA this month.

TRUENORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

In

At 7:28 p.m., it was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Weinstock that the Board of Education go into a Closed Session to discuss the following:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity as authorized by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Bazer, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Out

At 8:15 p.m, it was moved by Member Cassidy and seconded by Member Weinstock that the meeting return to Regular Session. All members present voted Aye. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Bazer to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Beth Bazer, Secretary

Jennifer Gallinson, President