



Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Special Meeting
Minutes – April 23, 2025

President Robert Laudadio called the Special Meeting of the Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Educational Administration Center, 210 S. Church Road, Bensenville, IL.

Roll call verified that there was a quorum of the Board present with the following members present and absent as listed below:

Board of Education	Title	Present	Absent
Jacqueline Dye	Secretary	X	
Victoria Gonzalez	Member	X	
Robert Laudadio	President	X	
Marisol Leyva	Vice-President		X
Anita Miller	Member	X	
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X	
James Stoltman	Member	X	
Administration			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent		X
Mr. Paul Novack	C.F.O.	X	
Dr. Anne Paonessa	Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning		X
Mr. Dustin Berman	Assistant Superintendent for Student Services	X	
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	

Others Present: Tim Waldorf, Community Relations Coordinator, Meredith Barrett WAJ Staff member.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Laudadio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Closed Session

At 6:31 p.m. motion was made by Ms. Parthimos and seconded by Ms. Dye that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of personnel *(The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).*

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Parthimos, Dye, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Miller, Stoltman
Nay: None
Absent: Leyva
Motion Carried.

At 6:41 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Miller that the Board of Education adjourn from closed session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 9, 2025

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the above listed minutes as presented and attached.

B. Personnel

I. Resignation of Certified Staff

The following certified staff member has submitted their resignation, no action by the Board of Education is necessary for these resignations.

1. Zulema Davalos, 4th Grade Dual Language Teacher, Johnson School, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Shelby Ross, Speech/Language Pathologist, Johnson School effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

II. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following classified staff:

1. Jacquanet Goggins, Special Education One-on-One paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective April 22, 2025.
2. Anita Patel, PreK One-on-One Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective April 30, 2025.
3. Diosmery Roque, Infant/Toddler Specialist, Tioga School, effective April 21, 2025.

III. Approval of Long-Term Substitute

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following long-term substitute:

1. Kim Glomp, long-term substitute for a 3rd Grade teacher at Tioga School, from April 7, 2025, through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Erida Shingjini, long-term substitute for a PreK Self-Contained Teacher at Tioga School, from April 28, 2025, through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

IV. Summer School Staffing

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following 2025 summer school Teacher/paraprofessionals:

1. Katelynn Klingler, 6th grade ISP Support for summer school.
2. Nicole Wawczak, Kindergarten Monolingual Paraprofessional support.
3. Lady Popoca, 1st grade Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
4. Tammy Czeszewski, 1st grade Monolingual Paraprofessional support.
5. Adriana Garcia, 2nd grade one-on-one Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
6. Nicolette Rakowski, 2nd grade one-on-one Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
7. Daniela Loza, 3rd grade Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
8. Riley Barnitz, 3rd grade Monolingual Paraprofessional support.
9. Joyce McGowen, 4th grade Monolingual Paraprofessional support.
10. Marian Quijano, 5th grade Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
11. E. Judith Chaidez, 5th grade Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
12. Odalys Diaz, 6th grade Dual Language Paraprofessional support.
13. Sandra Oliveros, 7th grade Paraprofessional support.
14. Amy Rezulak, 7th grade one-on-one Paraprofessional support.
15. Eliana Barrera, 7th grade Paraprofessional support.
16. Mariela DeLaCruz, Paraprofessional Floater for Enrichment Groups.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Miller that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Gonzalez, Miller, Dye, Laudadio, Parthimos, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Leyva

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Items

A. Technology Equipment Purchases – Chromebooks are assigned to students in all grades. In Kindergarten and in 5th grade, replacements will be purchased this spring, because the current devices are five to six years old. For Kindergarten, the features include touchscreens and QR code logins, both especially helpful for younger learners. For 5th grade, standard clamshell Chromebooks will offer improved speed, battery life, and support for educational apps and assessments.

Desktop model computers are currently used by office staff at all locations. These devices are six years old and do not support updated software or performance demands. Replacement models will be laptops plus a full-size monitor. The laptops offer greater portability for all staff and will have faster processors, solid-state drives, and extended battery life. Full-size monitors will maintain the desktop feel and functionality. This refresh will enhance staff productivity and align with current technology standards.

Currently, Board members use various models of iPad and Chromebook. We will be refreshing the Board member devices to all be updated Chromebooks. Standardizing all members on the same model is recommended.

Bids were solicited two ways. Proposals were requested from Dell, the District’s usual source for these items. Public bid requests were then solicited on BHFX, a website for publicizing technology purchases.

Bidder	For 470 Chromebooks	Bidder	For 32 Laptops and 39 Monitors
Dell Direct	\$195,470	Dell Direct	\$44,497
Riverside Technologies	\$195,540 but for 4GB models instead of 8GB	Aztek Computers	\$49,183
Tech Advanced Computers	\$256,440	Software Information Resource	\$66,273
Mvation Worldwide	\$282,350		

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Ms. Parthimos that the Board of Education approve the purchases from Dell Direct described above.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Parthimos, Dye, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Miller,
Nay: None
Absent: Leyva
Motion Carried.

B. Approval of Revised Policy 7:230 - Library Media Program - The Board adopted changes to Policy 6:230 at the April 9 meeting. An incorrect version was presented at that meeting. The correct version was presented. The correct version was the same as was presented at the First Reading on March 19, 2025. The Administration recommends re-approving the revised policy 6:230 as presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Parthimos that the Board of Education approve this version of Policy 6:230 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Parthimos, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Miller, Stoltman
Nay: None
Absent: Leyva
Motion Carried.

C. Proclaim winners of April 1, 2025 school board member election – Mr. Laudadio presented the Official Canvass of Votes for the Consolidated Election 4/1/2025 from DuPage County Election Commission for Bensenville Grade School 2 School Board Member and declared Maria Cristina Reyes with total of 1,478 votes, Milton Mercado, Mr. with a total of 1,119 votes and Bob Laudadio with a total of 1,039 votes elected. Upon voice vote, all board members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Laudadio congratulated the newly elected school board members.

Mr. Laudadio announced that on behalf of Dr. McCluskey she also congratulates them and looks forward to working with them.

Mr. Laudadio presented Ms. Parthimos with a small parting remembrance of her service to District 2 and a certificate of appreciation.

Ms. Parthimos thanked the board.

Adjournment

At 6:47 p.m. with no further business to come before this board, a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez to adjourn *sine die*. **Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.**

President

Secretary