



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 24, 2025, 7:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom & Spring Wood Middle School Innovation Center  
5540 Arlington Drive E  
Hanover Park, IL 60133  
*Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student!***

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

At 6:30 p.m., Board President Farwa Ahmed called to order the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Roll Call:	Farwa Ahmed	-present
	Jennifer Kuban	-present
	Terry Walloch	-present
	Sarah Dellaria	-present
	Brent Seehafer	-present
	Maria Hernandez	-present
	Amanda Coppola	-present

A quorum was present.

**II. Closed Session**

[The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; and discussion of minutes 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 2106 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

At 6:31 p.m., Jennifer Kuban moved to enter closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, and discussion of minutes 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; Brent Seehafer seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Roll Call

Jennifer Kuban	-aye
Terry Walloch	-aye
Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Brent Seehafer	-aye
Maria Hernandez	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye

Motion carried.

III. Adjourn Closed Session and Return to Open Session

At 6:40 p.m., Jennifer Kuban moved to adjourn the meeting; and Terry Walloch seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

IV. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:00 p.m., Board President Farwa Ahmed called to order the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Roll Call:

Farwa Ahmed	-aye
Jennifer Kuban	-aye
Terry Walloch	-aye
Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Brent Seehafer	-aye
Maria Hernandez	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye

A quorum was present.

Motion carried.

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent; Dr. Carrie Buckley, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Brian Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations/CSBO; Carl Esquibel, Assistant Director of IT Infrastructure, Jennifer Engstrom, Assistant Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation; Dr. Jon Pokora, Principal, Waterbury; John Gustafson, Principal, Greenbrook; Phil Aliano,

Principal, Spring Wood, Giovanni Noyola, Technology Assistant; Manny Figueroa; Technology Assistant; Terry Karner, eighth grade teacher & KEA President; Maria Noyola, Recording Secretary; and Staff and Community Members also participated

#### V. Pledge of Allegiance

Farwa Ahmed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### VI. Approval of Agenda

Brent Seehafer moved to approve the agenda; Jennifer Kuban seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### VII. Board Salute

Rachel Ferrigan submitted a Board Salute recognizing the outstanding contributions of the Technology Department. Mr. Phil Aliano presented the salute during the meeting, expressing sincere gratitude on behalf of the staff for the team's hard work, dedication, and patience. The Board proudly recognized the following team members: Carl Esquibel, Assistant Director of I.T. Infrastructure; Benny Cieslewicz, Computer Technician; Manuel Figueroa, Computer Technician; Giovanni Noyola, Computer Technician.

#### VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

NOTE: Items under the consent agenda are considered routine and are enacted under one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items prior to the Board vote unless a Board member requests that an item be removed from the agenda for separate action.

a. Regular Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2025

b. Financial Reports

1. District 20 Financial Reports and Accounts Payable - March & April 2025

2. March P&L

c. Personnel Report

(A full copy of the Personnel Report is available in BoardBook online and at the meeting and is updated as needed before the meeting)

1. Employment of Licensed Professionals and Educational Support Personnel

2. Resignation of Licensed Professionals and Educational Support Personnel

3. Leaves of Absence

d. Approval of Midwest Mechanical Service Agreement 2025-2026

e. SASSED Lease Agreement 2025-2026

f. Approval of Boys and Girls Club Memorandum of Understanding for Greenbrook Elementary 2025-2026

g. Approval of GSF Contract Extension 2025-2026

h. Approval of Arbor Management Contract Extension 2025-2026

i. Approval of Board Member Triple I Expenditure Reimbursement

Jennifer Kuban moved that the Board of Education approve Consent Agenda as presented; Brent Seehafer seconded.  
Items pulled for individual discussion: None

Roll Call:

Jennifer Kuban	-aye
Terry Walloch	-aye
Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Brent Seehafer	-aye
Maria Hernandez	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye

Motion carried.

#### IX.Action Items

##### a.Approval of Non-Certified Staff Salaries 2025-2026

Sarah Dellaria moved that the Board of Education approve the Non-Certified Staff Salaries as presented; Terry Walloch seconded.

Roll Call:

Terry Walloch	-aye
Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Brent Seehafer	-aye
Maria Hernandez	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye
Jennifer Kuban	-aye

Motion carried.

##### b.Approval of Administrator Contracts 2025-2026

Terry Walloch moved that the Board of Education approve the Administrator Contracts 2025-2026 as presented; Brent Seehafer seconded.

Roll Call:

Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Brent Seehafer	-aye
Maria Hernandez	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye
Jennifer Kuban	-aye
Terry Walloch	-aye

Motion carried.

##### c.Approval of Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) Health Insurance Renewal Rates for the 2025-2026 school year

Jennifer Kuban moved that the Board of Education approve the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) Health Insurance Renewal Rates for the 2025-2026 school year as presented; Terry Walloch seconded.

Roll Call:

Brent Seehafer	-aye
Maria Hernandez	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye
Jennifer Kuban	-aye
Terry Walloch	-aye
Sarah Dellaria	-aye

Motion carried.

#### X.Public Comment

The Board welcomes and encourages the community to attend board meetings and ask questions during Public Comment. You are asked to limit your comments to 3 minutes. Please understand the Board will not respond to your questions and concerns during the meeting. They will follow up with you regarding your questions and/or concerns.

KEA President & 8th grade teacher, Terry Karner, thanked the outgoing board members; Jennifer Kuban, Terry Walloch, and Maria Hernandez for their years of service and dedication to the Keeneyville Board of Education.

Dr. Castillo recognized outgoing Board members Jennifer Kuban, Terry Walloch, and Maria Hernandez with commemorative plaques honoring their years of service to the Keeneyville Board of Education. He expressed sincere appreciation for their dedication, leadership, and contributions to the district. Each departing member shared heartfelt remarks, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve and reflecting on the meaningful experiences they had while on the Board.

#### XI.Canvass of the Results of April 1, 2025 School Board Election

Farwa Ahmed read the Canvass of the Results of the April 1, 2025 School Board Election as follows:

Terre Taylor - 984  
Amanda Coppola - 800  
Lynne Steiner – 715  
Natalie Kucharski - 638

#### XII.Administration of Oath to Office

Farwa Ahmed led the Administration of Oath to Office.

XIII.Appointment of President Pro Tem

Farwa Ahmed Recommended Dr. Omar Castillo as President Pro Tem.

XIV.Adjournment Sine Die

Sarah Dellaria moved to adjourn Sine Die; Brent Seehafer seconded.

All those in favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion carried.

XV.Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:30 p.m., Board President Farwa Ahmed called to order the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Roll Call:	Farwa Ahmed	-present
	Sarah Dellaria	-present
	Brent Seehafer	-present
	Amanda Coppola	-present
	Lynne Steiner	-present
	Natalie Kucharski	-present
	Terre Taylor	-present

A quorum was present.

XVI.Board Reorganization

The Board began their board reorganization with election of officers and assignment of roles.

XVII.Election of Officers; President, Vice-President, Secretary

Nomination for President: Farwa Ahmed

Unanimous Vote for: Farwa Ahmed

Nomination for Vice President: Sarah Dellaria

Unanimous Vote for: Sarah Dellaria

Nomination for Secretary: Brent Seehafer

Unanimous Vote for: Brent Seehafer

XVIII.Board Discussion on Time, Place, and Dates of Regular School Board Meetings

The Board will approve the time, place, and dates of regular school board meetings at the May 15 board meeting.

XIX.School Board's President Report

a. Board Self-Monitoring Report

There were no board self-monitoring reports.

b. District Finance & Facilities

Sarah Dellaria reported on the District Finance & Facilities Committee meeting as follows. The Finance & Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Spring Wood Board Room. The Committee reviewed Transportation Reimbursement revenue from the state. This revenue stream will be under budget for the current fiscal year due to adjustments made by ISBE in the Fall based on state-wide claims. The district will be reimbursed at 68% of the qualifying expenses, instead of the typical 80%. On a positive note, federal sources of revenue will most likely be higher than budgeted. Next, the committee reviewed the final Tentative Tax Levy Extension from DuPage County for the 2024 Tax Year. The committee looked at the estimated figures versus the actuals for EAV, new construction, and tax rate. The final numbers were very close to district estimates. The district will receive \$18,844,479, which is just under our "ask" of \$18,900,740, not including the Bond & Interest Levy. The Committee also discussed the 5-Year Financial Forecast for the district. The committee looked at end-of-year projections for the current year, then reviewed revenue and expenditure assumptions for the next year and the following years. The committee reviewed spending trends and ending fund balances for the next five years.

The Committee discussed approval of a one-year contract extension with GSF for the 2025-26 school year. GSF provides custodial services and has been very responsive to district needs. The one-year extension reflects an increase of 2.9%, for an annual rate of \$580,326.

Lastly, the committee discussed medical insurance renewal rates through the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) for fiscal year 2025-26. PPO Medical will increase by 6.9%, HMO medical will increase by 6.2%, and PPO Dental will increase by 4%. HMO Dental and Life Insurance would have no increase.

The next Finance and Facilities meeting is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM in the Spring Wood Board room.

c. SASSED

Dr. Castillo reported on SASSED as follows. The SASSED Board of Directors met last week. Approved consent agenda items included: Monthly Financial and HR Items, updated job descriptions, administrator contracts, Nursing Support Agreement with College of DuPage, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Student Support Agreement with Fox College, agreement with Five Star Interpreting for their services, Food Service Management Company Renewal with Gourmet Gorilla, discussion and informational items included: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, Enrollment, Staffing, Strategic Plan Progress Update, and board committee updates. Action items included: Dismissal of Support Staff Employee for Cause, Employment contract for the new Southeast School Principal, employment contract for an Interim Chief

Human Resource Officer, and the New Audiology Billing Model. There was no closed session.

d. Wellness Committee

The Wellness committee met on Wednesday, April 16 and discussed the current wellness challenge. The Wellness Committee will be providing lunch for staff on Wednesday, May 21. This was the last committee meeting of the year.

e. Dashboards

1. Financial Dashboard

Mr. Marroquin presented the Board of Education with the Financial Dashboard for July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 (unaudited figures) as follows: July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025 (unaudited figures) Education Fund – Received 94% of budgeted revenues or \$18.8 million. The Ed Fund expended 66% of budgeted dollars or \$14.8 million. Operations & Maintenance Fund – Received 97.4% of budgeted revenues or \$2.7 million and expended 77% or \$2 million of budgeted dollars. Transportation Fund Received 80% of budgeted revenues or \$1.4 million and expended 64% of budgeted dollars. Combined and All Funds- Received 94% of budgeted revenues or \$25 million and expended 67% or \$20 million.

Mr. Marroquin also presented an update on the Greenbrook expansion project.

2. Student & Staff Attendance Dashboard

Dr. Castillo presented the Student & Staff Attendance Dashboard.

XX. Superintendent's Report

a. Dr. Omar Castillo's Board Report

Dr. Castillo recognized and thanked assistant principals, Mrs. Fricano, Mr. Foege, Mr. King, and Mr. Baier for Assistant Principal recognition month.

Summer hours will begin the week of June 6 and end the week of July 21.

Dr. Castillo was pleased to inform the Greenbrook School community of a new partnership between our district and the Boys and girls club beginning next fall.

1. Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Buckley, Mrs. Relihan, Ms. Aubry, and Mr. Marroquin provided an update on the district's Strategic Plan, highlighting key progress, initiatives, and next steps aligned with the district's long-term goals.

b. Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Dr. Buckley provided highlights of her Teaching and Learning Information Report.

c. Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

Mr. Marroquin provided highlights of her Teaching and Learning Information Report.

d. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

Ms. Flores provided highlights of her Teaching and Learning Information Report.

e. Director of Strategic Operations

Mrs. Relihan provided highlights of her Teaching and Learning Information Report.

f. Principal Reports

Mr. Aliano highlighted Spring Wood's Band teacher, Ms. Reilley, and her students in his report to the Board, recognizing their hard work and dedication to the arts program. Mr. Gustafson and Dr. Pokora gave some highlights of their Board Reports.

g. FOIA's

1. Mike Powers - SMART Local 265

2. Ad.Cuius.Bonum@Proton.Me

FOIA requests received were responded to in a timely manner.

h. Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled

Quarterly Report was submitted to the Board.

XXI. Dates to Remember:

- Friday, April 25 - ECC Preschool Screening
- Monday, April 28 - International Day of the Child Celebration @ 5:30-7:30 PM @ Spring Wood Middle School
- Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Thursday, May 8 - Parent Education (Virtual) Cyber Safety @ 6PM
- Wednesday, May 14 - SW Spring Band Concert
- Thursday, May 15 - Regular Board of Education Meeting @ 7 PM - Spring Wood Innovation Center

XXII. Adjournment

At 8:28 p.m., Brent Seehafer moved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting; Sarah Dellaria seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Farwa Ahmed, Board President

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Date

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Brent Seehafer, Board Secretary

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Date