

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 2025, and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel.

President Silver-Schack called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

DeShawn Arms
Beth Bazer
Christine Beeftink
Diana Horwitz
Eve Pfanzelter
Mara Silver-Schack

Absent: Adam Weinstock

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; 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: David Ramirez from Organic Life.

Public Attendees: None.

VISITORS COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

David Ramirez from Organic Life spoke to the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Construction Updates

Superintendent Dr. Pearson updated the Board on the Meadowbrook Gymnasium construction, specifically addressing a village board meeting scheduled for this evening (6/24). He clarified the agenda items, which include a variance for Meadowbrook, and explained concerns raised by some adjacent neighbors. Dr. Pearson confirmed that the gymnasium's site plan adheres to zoning requirements and emphasized the focus on managing construction traffic, parking, and ensuring student safety. He also noted that site development is underway for the other three buildings.

TrueNorth

Dr. Pearson updated the Board on the TrueNorth Cooperative, noting that a vote would be held later in the agenda to approve consideration of withdrawal. He clarified that this vote does not signify actual withdrawal but rather allows the district to explore this option.

Dr. Pearson emphasized that services and support for students currently under TrueNorth will continue. Multiple districts are collaborating to determine future service models. The potential dissolution of TrueNorth is estimated to be a three-year process.

Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services, discussed her work with local districts to ensure continuity of services and explore potential shared support. Dr. Sculles noted a meeting is scheduled in July with all districts in the cooperative.

Lastly, Dr. Pearson congratulated Terry Ryan for her years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Beeftink and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education approve the minutes for Regular Meeting on May 27, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Payroll

The payment of employee salaries for the last half of May 2025, in the amount of \$1,896,291.45 and covered by check numbers 68355 through 68366 and deduction check numbers 68367 through 68384 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 June 24, 2025;

The payment of employee salaries for the first half of June 2025, in the amount of \$1,880,026.55 and covered by check numbers 68385 through 68415 and 68425 and deduction check numbers 68416 through 68424 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 June 24, 2025.

Bills

Vendor invoices totaling \$1,402,883.76 and Warrants listed as Numbers 64811 through 64960 and the following voids: 64681 and 63986, confirmed by the signature of the President of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated June 24, 2025.

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

Staff Recommended for Employment				
Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date
Elise Colon	Foundational Classroom Asst.	GB	\$38,151	8/18/25
Stephanie Wojciak*	Foundational Program Assistant and Community Liaison	GB/NBJH	M+30-01 \$65,089	8/18/25
Elizabeth Massa*	Special Educ Teacher	NBJH	B+00-07 63,704	8/18/25
Maura Crisham*	5th Grade Teacher	WM	M+00-03 \$63,981	8/18/25
Moises Najarro	Custodian	GB	\$20.00/hr	7/1/25

* Certified Candidate details below

Staff Resignations, Retirements and / or Terminations				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Maria Fernitz	Classroom Assistant	MB	Resignation	6/3/25
Michael Goytia	Part-Time Custodian	GB	Resignation	6/18/25
Mary Bergman	KidCare Director	District	Resignation	6/30/25

Staff Lane Changes 2025-26

Name	Position	Location	Current Salary	New Salary
Liz Cummins	Teacher	MB	M+00-15 \$89,546	M+12-16 \$98,603
Jenna Garcia	Teacher	NBJH	B+00-03 \$56,712	B+12-04 \$60,381
Angela Rowland	Teacher	WM	B+00-10 \$68,136	B+12-12 \$73,675

Resolution Authorizing and Directing Sale or Disposal of Personal Property

Furniture for classrooms, teachers, and students, and curricular materials, music instruments and maintenance equipment that is no longer needed, will be disposed of or sold.

Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal

The renewal of worker's compensation insurance coverage with the Accident Fund Insurance of America for the period July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, was approved.

Pupil Transportation Hazardous Area Resolution

The board approved the pupil transportation hazardous area resolution. This resolution states that the district includes students residing less than 1-½ miles from school and living in a previously approved vehicular hazardous area for the 2025-26 school year.

Special Ed Workload Plan

The Board approved the district's initial Workload Plan for Special Educators in 2009 in compliance with an Illinois mandate requiring all districts to establish workload limits for certified special education staff. This spring, the Special Education Workload Committee undertook a collaborative process to revise the plan. The Board approved the revised Workload Plan for Special Educators and addendum.

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Report

Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official, reviewed the financial reports for the months ending April 30, 2025 and May 31, 2025 and the list of bills payable in June.

Food Service Sales

As of June 3, 2025, Northbrook JH cafeteria sales-to-date totaled \$455,164.

OrganicLife's operating statement showed a profit of \$10,216 for the month of May and deficit of \$3,183 for the month of June. Year-to-date operating surplus is \$42,767.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee of the Board will need to select a date in July to review the tentative Fiscal Year 2026 budget. The whole Board will review the budget at the Committee of the Whole meeting, which will take place immediately before the July 22nd regular meeting.

Local, State & Federal Requirements

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

- Filed monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics Report on Current Employment
- Submitted TRS Gemini Payroll Reports
- Submitted monthly Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Wage Report

Member Beeftink moved, and Member Bazer seconded that the Board of Education approve the Finance Report for April 2025 and May 2025.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services stated hiring continues.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services, informed the Board that summer programming has been going well and the last day is Friday (6/27).

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent noted that there have been 3 weeks of professional development. More classes will resume mid-July.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

President Silver-Schack mentioned the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier this month.

LEGISLATION

None.

POLICY

Member Beeftink mentioned the committee met on June 23 where they reviewed how the committee works. Dr. Pearson noted the PRESS 118 policies will be on the July agenda for approval.

COMMUNICATION

Terry Ryan, Communications Director, gave her last report as she is retiring at the end of this week.

There were no FOIA's this month.

TRUENORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

Resolution for Notice of Intent to Withdraw from TrueNorth Cooperative 804

Dr. Pearson explained at last month's Board meeting that the District will need to sign a resolution for notice of intent to withdraw from TrueNorth which must be submitted before July 1. The resolution itself does not mean the District will withdraw, but it allows for the option.

Member Bazer moved, and Member Arms seconded that the Board of Education approve the district submit an intent to withdraw from TrueNorth.

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

Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 106 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804

District 106 is withdrawing from the TrueNorth Cooperative and part of that process is obtaining approval from each of the member districts.

Member Bazer moved, and Member Arms seconded that the Board of Education approve District 106's withdrawal from TrueNorth.

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

Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 30 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804

District 30 is withdrawing from the TrueNorth Cooperative and part of that process is obtaining approval from each of the member districts.

Member Bazer moved, and Member Beeftink seconded that the Board of Education approve District 30's withdrawal from TrueNorth.

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

Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 109 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804

District 109 is withdrawing from the TrueNorth Cooperative and part of that process is obtaining approval from each of the member districts.

Member Bazer moved, and Member Pfanztelter seconded that the Board of Education approve District 109's withdrawal from TrueNorth.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., it was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Bazer to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Weinstock. Motion carried.

Beth Bazer, Secretary

Mara Silver-Schack, President