



Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Special Meeting
Minutes – August 20, 2025

President James Stoltman called the Regular 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	Member	X	
Victoria Gonzalez	Secretary	X	
Robert Laudadio	Member	X	
Milton Mercado, Jr.	Member	X	
Anita Miller	Vice-President	X	
Maria Cristina Reyes	Member	X	
James Stoltman	President	X	
Administration			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent	X	
Mr. Tim Keeley	C.S.B.O	X	
Ms. Lydia Ryan	Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning	X	
Mr. Dustin Berman	Assistant Superintendent for Student Services	X	
Other Staff			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	
Tania Gomez	Community Relations Coordinator	X	

Others Present: Jay Pasternak - Community Member.

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

Public Comment - None

Celebrations- Dr. McCluskey celebrated:

- That the newly constructed ACE spaces at W.A. Johnson Elementary have been successfully completed.
- The first day for BSD2 students K–8 took place today, August 20. It was a smooth and successful start to the year.

Board Committee Reports

A. Announcements - none

Administrative Reports

- **Announcements** – Dr. McCluskey reported that this year the immunization requirement changed. The District required that all students have their immunizations by the first day of school. Our families did a great job following the requirements and we only have 1 family at BMS and 2 at WAJ that we are supporting to help meet the requirement so their children can come to school.

A. FOIA Report – None

B. Annual Safety Meeting Report – Dr. McCluskey reported that on Thursday, July 17, 2025, Bensenville School District 2 convened the yearly safety meeting with staff, administration, and local emergency responders

(including police, fire, and emergency management) to assess and update each school building's emergency and crisis response plans and school safety drill programs. The meeting agenda covered a welcome, safety plan review, district information for responders, lessons learned from the prior year, future responder visits to schools, and planning for the current year's safety drills. Dr. McCluskey thanked the local emergency responders for their collaboration and continued commitment to keeping our students and schools safe.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Special Board of Education Meeting – July 16 , 2025
2. Special Board of Education Meeting - August 6, 2025

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills July 2025
 - a) Accounts Payable
 - b) Imprest Checks
 - c) Advanced Checks
 - d) Credit Card Payments
2. Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025

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

C. Personnel

I. Resignation of Classified Staff

Recommendation: No action by the Board of Education is necessary for this resignation.

1. Cecilia Arteaga, Dual Language Paraprofessional, Tioga School has submitted her resignation.

Ratification of Employment for 2025-2026 Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of Atur Orah, Speech/Language Pathologist, Johnson School, effective August 14, 2025.

III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

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

1. Diana Lira Bravo, Special Education Paraprofessional in ALS, Johnson School, effective August 18, 2025.
2. Maheswari Moorthy, Instructional Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 18, 2025.
3. Erika Perez Espinosa, Dual Language Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 18, 2025.
4. Hilda Sanchez, Language Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 18, 2025.

IV. Authorize Stipend Appointments for Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the creation of all the stipend positions to be filled by teachers selected by the principals and subject to the Superintendent's approval.

V. Approval of Long-Term Substitute

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Samuel Ingram, 8th Grade long-term substitute teacher at Blackhawk Middle School, from August 18, 2025 through November 7, 2025.

- D. Ratify Purchase of Email Security** - With funding supported through the **E-Rate Cybersecurity Pilot Program**, the district's cybersecurity program can utilize the need to secure the district's most widely used communication platform—email.

In 2024, the FCC launched the **E-Rate Cybersecurity Pilot Program**, offering \$200 million over three years to help school districts and libraries fund advanced cybersecurity tools not currently eligible under the standard E-Rate program.

Email security is a **high-priority category** under the pilot, making it a viable and cost-effective pathway to protect our community.

Email Security: bids were solicited in May and June for Proofpoint. Proofpoint offers robust email security solutions with strengths in threat detection and prevention.

Five firms submitted proposals, as shown below. The recommended bidder is SHI for \$57,615.00. Four bids were disregarded because they offered different products than was specified. Of all the bids, SHI was the lowest bidder for requested services.

Firm	Purchase Price before 85% E-rate	Comments
Proofpoint (SHI Reseller)	\$57,615.00	This bid is recommended. It is the lowest price for the specified request of Proofpoint services and support.
Infoblox	\$12,274.5/staff \$49,000/students	This bid is not recommended, because the bid did not offer the Proofpoint product that the District specified.
Coro	\$1,803.60	This bid is not recommended, because the bid did not offer the Proofpoint product that the District specified.
CDW	\$7,335.00	This bid is not recommended, because the bid did not offer the Proofpoint product that the District specified.
Concorse	\$54,649.08	This bid is not recommended, because the bid did not offer the Proofpoint product that the District specified.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratify the purchase of Proofpoint email security solutions.

- E. Hazardous Transportation Routes** - The law requires that once a determination of a serious safety hazard condition is submitted by the local school board and is approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the respective local school board must review the conditions annually, and certify whether the conditions remain unchanged.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education resolve that the presently approved safety hazard transportation conditions remain unchanged and that free transportation for the identified population be approved for the 2025-26 school year as presented and attached.

- F. Review Closed Session Minutes & Destruction of Tapes** - The Board meets in closed session from time to time as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. The closed sessions are recorded. Minutes from the closed sessions are approved by the Board at a later meeting.

Recordings of closed sessions are confidential. They must be preserved for at least 18 months, after which the Board may choose to destroy them.

Minutes of closed sessions are confidential until the Board chooses to release them for public inspection. The Board must review its closed minutes at least every six months to determine if there is a continuing need for confidentiality for the minutes, in whole or in part.

For recordings of closed sessions, it is the Board's practice to approve their destruction once they are older than 18 months.

For minutes of closed sessions, it is the Board's practice to maintain their confidentiality. The most recent review of minutes was in February 2025. The Board determined then to maintain confidentiality for all minutes.

Recommendations: That the Board of Education

- (1) direct the Superintendent to destroy closed meeting recordings that are at least 18 months old for which approved minutes of the closed meeting already exist; and
- (2) find the need for confidentiality still exists as to all of its closed session minutes.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Miller, Mercado, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Items

A. 1st Reading Policy Revisions – Mr. Keeley reported that these six policies are being recommended for revision:

- [4:15 - Identity Protection](#) - The policy and footnotes are updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 30046, addressing the safeguarding of information under grant awards and updating the definitions for *personally identifiable information* and *protected personally identifiable information*.
- [4:60 - Contracts](#) - Removed the reference to a specific dollar amount. Most districts have removed this and kept the statute reference to ensure timely implementation of any legislative changes. Internal procedures are being formalized to assure compliance.
- [4:80 - Accounting and Audits](#) - The policy and footnotes are updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 30046, addressing the disposition and the retention of property acquired under grant awards, including an increase in the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for capital assets. The footnotes are also updated for continuous improvement.
- [4:120 - Food Services](#) - The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/2-304, added by P.A. 103-1076, requiring the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) to secure one or more master contracts for Halal and Kosher meals, subject to appropriation.
- [7:270 - Administering Medicines to Students](#) - The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated. The policy is updated for continuous improvement to clarify that students may self-carry supplies when authorized by their diabetes care plan and/or seizure action plan.

The footnotes are updated in response to:

1. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540(b)(2), amended by 48 Ill.Reg. 14539, adding that schools are not required to accept opt-out requests from parents for the administration of undesignated medications.
 2. Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, 225 ILCS 20/4.5, added by P.A. 103-1048, authorizing licensed school social workers to possess and administer opioid antagonists in their licensed professional capacity; and
 3. Continuous improvement. - The Legal References are updated for continuous improvement to add 105 ILCS 150/, Seizure Smart School Act.
- [8:30 - Visitors to and Conduct on School Property](#) - The Legal References are updated with a minor style change. The footnotes are updated in response to the Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-18, amended by P.A. 103-1071, eff. 7-1-25, renaming the criminal offense of patronizing a person engaged in the sex trade, and for continuous improvement.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education consider for First Reading the six policies, in anticipation of possible adoption at a future board meeting.

New Business - None

Closed Session – None

Adjournment

At 6:51 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No further business appearing, Mr. Stoltman adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

President

Secretary