

MINUTES OF A BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28  
HELD OCTOBER 13, 2025

A Northbrook District 28 Board of Education Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting was held in the HOH Conference Room, 1475 Maple Ave., on Thursday October 13, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Member Silver-Schack at 11:35 a.m., with the following members present:

DeShawn Arms (arrived at 11:43 a.m.)  
Mara Silver-Schack

Absent: Beth Bazer

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official, Joel Gallegos, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Samantha Scheinman, Director of Communications; Yanni Kousiounelos, Project Manager and Chrissy Yonaites, Recording Secretary.

Virtual Attendees: Eric Kretschmer, Eric Sickbert, Ignacio Carrera and Heather Juhl from DLA Architects. (All four left at 12:51p.m.)

**Visitor Comments**

None.

**Construction Updates**

Yanni Kousiounelos, Project Manager updated the committee on the Meadowbrook Construction. He noted that the underground plumbing was completed and the wall construction is underway. Meadowbrook is currently on schedule.

Next, the committee reviewed the Meadowbrook School schematic design. A future meeting is needed to discuss the playground. The building exterior has a timeless exterior to align with the neighborhood. It will have a flex space to use as needed based on school enrollment.

Heather Juhl from DLA Architects showed the entire building using a 3D model which included what the classrooms and different areas will look like.

Board Members Silver-Schack and Arms asked follow up questions. They both agree that the breakout rooms with full glass will be too distracting for students and there will need to be some sort of frosting on these.

Ignacio Carrera from DLA Architects reviewed the schematics for Westmoor. He went through some recent design changes that include adding a mother's room and an extra bathroom.

Next, Greenbriar and NBJH were discussed. Currently both schools are over budget, as the initial proposals included all the needs and wants. The committee discussed new options for each building that would reduce the total construction costs.

Greenbriar options were reviewed. Feedback was given to try to add another classroom with one of the provided options.

New options for Northbrook Junior High were shown to the committee. The committee wants to understand which of the identified needs from the facility master plan are included and which are not. This will be discussed in a future meeting.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Upon review of the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2025 and there being no corrections and adjustments, it was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Arms to approve the minutes.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Adjournment**

At 12:52 p.m., it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

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Mara Silver-Schack, Committee Chair

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Jason Pearson, Superintendent