



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7:00 PM  
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**

The Regular Meeting of the Keeneyville School District 20 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm, by President Farwa Ahmed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Also in attendance: Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent; Biran Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations/CSBO; Dr. Carrie Buckley, Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Colleen Flores, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Michael Bellino, Assistant Director of Marketing & Communications; Dr. Jon Pokora, Principal, Waterbury School; John Gustafson, Principal, Greenbrook School; Phil Aliano, Principal, Spring Wood Middle School; Terry Karner, 8th grade teacher & KEA President; Maria Noyola, Recording Secretary; Staff and Community Members also participated in person and via Zoom.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Lynne Steiner moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented; Brent Seehafer seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**IV. Student Ignite Award**

Student Ingite Awards were presented as follows.

Waterbury School: Cole Grevan, 4th grade; Isabella DiNuzzo, 4th grade; Lilian Gallegos-Dobson, 4th grade; Adam Andel, 5th grade; Jordan Harper, 5th grade.

Greenbrook School: Mason Fielder, 4th grade; Emma Pivaral, 4th grade; Johann Hernandez Serrano, 4th grade; Alizah Mendoza, 5th grade; Salvador Lovera Pineda, 5th grade;

Spring Wood Middle School: Philip Olszanecki, 6th grade; Sameeha Khan, 6th grade; David Dellaria, 7th grade; Amelia Orlak, 7th grade; Roselynn Ethridge, 8th grade; and Rudra Shukla, 8th grade.

#### V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

NOTE: Items under the consent agenda are considered 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 — October 16, 2025

b. Financial Reports

1. District 20 Financial Reports and Accounts Payable - October & November 2025

2. October P&L

c. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters

(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 the Salt Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Hanover Park

e. Disposition of District Property

Sarah Dellaria moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented; Lynne Steiner seconded.

Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Brent Seehafer	-aye
Amanda Coppola	-aye
Lynne Steiner	-aye
Natalie Kucharski	-aye
Terre Taylor	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye

Motion carried.

#### VI. 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 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.

Michelle Rutke, teacher at Greenbrook School, thanked the Board for approving tuition reimbursement which has supported her and a group of teachers in completing their Master's + 30.

#### VII. School Board's President Report

a. Board Self-Monitoring Report

There was no Board Self-Monitoring Report submitted.

b. Board Discussion

#### 1. May Board Meeting Date Change

The Board of Education discussed and approved moving the **May 21, 2026, Board Meeting to Thursday, May 28, 2026**, due to the Spring Wood 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony being scheduled on May 21. Additionally, the **June Board Meeting** has been rescheduled to **Thursday, June 18, 2026**.

#### c. District Finance & Facilities

Sarah Dellaria presented the District Finance & Facilities Committee meeting report. The committee met on Thursday, November at 6 pm in the District Board Room. They discussed the School Maintenance Program Grant (SMPG), a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant of up to \$50,000 for building maintenance. If awarded, the district plans to use the funds to update the Greenbrook cafeteria, including floor repairs and painting. The application will be presented at the December Board meeting. The committee reviewed and approved renewing the Salt Purchasing Agreement with the Village of Hanover Park. The agreement allows the district to purchase 22 tons of salt at \$88.68 per ton, totaling \$1,950.96, and will run through April 30, 2026. Lastly, the committee reviewed the 2025 Tentative Tax Levy. Local property taxes remain the district's primary source of operating revenue. Based on assumptions of an 8.6% EAV increase, \$3,290,000 in new construction (a 51% decrease from last year), and a 2.9% CPI, the district plans to levy \$19,578,750, plus \$1,118,754 for bond and interest. A public hearing for the final levy will be held at the December Board meeting.

#### d. Wellness Committee

Amanda Coppola reported on the Wellness Committee. She shared that a staff survey was conducted to determine whether employees preferred to continue the Holiday gift-wrapping service or receive a jacket instead. A total of 137 staff members participated in the survey, with 71 percent voting in favor of jackets and 31 percent preferring the gift-wrapping service. The next Wellness Committee meeting will take place on December 3, 2025.

#### e. Dashboards

##### 1. Financial Dashboard and Summary of Tentative 2025 Tax Levy

Mr. Marroquin presented to the Board of Education with the Financial Dashboard for July 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025 (unaudited figures) as follows:

Education Fund – Received 80% of budgeted revenues or \$16 million. The Ed Fund expended 28% of budgeted dollars or \$6.7 million. Operations & Maintenance Fund – Received 92% of budgeted revenues or \$2.8 million and expended 51% or \$1.6 million of budgeted dollars. Transportation Fund Received 72% of budgeted revenues or \$1.2 million and expended 7% of budgeted dollars. Combined and All Funds- Received 81% of budgeted revenues or \$23 million and expended 34% or \$10 million.

2. Staff & Student Attendance Dashboard

Dr. Castillo presented the Staff and Student Attendance Dashboard.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

a. Dr. Omar Castillo's Board Report

Dr. Castillo submitted and presented his Board Report. He shared that the Bloomingdale–Roselle Rotary donated over 50 coats for students in need. Dr. Castillo also recognized the School Board for receiving the Governance Award, which will be formally presented at the Spring DuPage Division dinner meeting. In addition, he acknowledged Board Member Day, which was celebrated on November 15. To mark the occasion, the Board was presented with a token of appreciation, and a video created by school staff and students was shown, thanking Board members for their time, dedication, and service.

b. Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning - Admin Written Report

Dr. Buckley submitted her monthly Teaching and Learning report to the Board.

c. Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations - Admin Written Report

Mr. Marroquin submitted his monthly Finance & Operations report to the Board.

d. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services - Admin Written Report

Ms. Flores submitted her monthly Student Services report to the Board.

e. Principal Written Reports

Dr. Pokora, Mr. Gustafson, and Mr. Aliano submitted their written reports to the Board.

f. FOIA's

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FOIA's received were responded to in a timely manner.

g. Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled

The Quarterly Report of Students No Longer enrolled was presented to the Board.

IX. Action Items

a. Approval of Resolution to Approve the Tentative 2025 Tax Levy for All Funds

Brent Seehafer moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Approve the Tentative 2025 Tax Levy for All Funds as presented; Lynne Steiner seconded.

Amanda Coppola	-aye
Lynne Steiner	-aye
Natalie Kucharski	-aye
Terre Taylor	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye
Sarah Dellaria	-
Brent Seehafer	-aye

Motion carried.

X. Dates to Remember:

- Friday, November 14 - Report Card Distribution
- Monday, November 17 - SW Girls BB Roselle @ SW - 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 18 -SW Girls BB SW @ Westfield - 4:00 PM

- WB Family Bingo Night @ 6PM
- Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Break - Schools Closed
- Wednesday, Decemer 10 - SW Winter Music Concert @ 6PM
- Thursday, December 11 - BPAC Holiday Celebration @ 5:30 PM - 7:00PM - SW Thunderdome
- Wednesday, December 17 - Elementary Winter Concert @ 6PM - SW Thunderdome
- Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2 - Winter Break - Schols Closed
- Monday, January 5 - Schools Re-Open

XI.Adjournment

At 8:11 p.m., Terre Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting; Amanda Coppola 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