

Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 8, 2025

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:02 p.m. December 8, 2025. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, Emily Lahti, Andy Arambula, Ashley Laskowski, Sarah Hewitt, and Andy Johnson

2. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2025 had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2025 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

3. The fund balances for November 30, 2025 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$19,320,052.95
Operation Fund	\$ (2,673,872.61)
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ (220,204.41)
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,570,588.83
I.M.R.F.	\$ 300,288.37
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 536,466.56
Tort	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ <u>62,364.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,989,887.68

Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2025. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve Vouchers 1959 through 1964 in the total amount of \$1,030,761.22 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Danek, DiPaola, Boyte, Bermudez, and Polen.

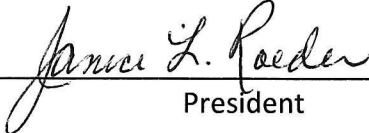
Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member White to adopt the 2025 Tax Levy. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Boyte, DiPaola, Polen, Bermudez, and Danek.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the expenses from the annual conference for Dennis Bermudez.
Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Danek, White, Roeder, Boyte, DiPaola, Polen, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
7. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn to closed session at 6:19 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or contractor personnel, student disciplinary matters, and imminent, probable, or filed litigation and matters.
*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
8. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn closed session at 7:28 p.m. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
9. The closed session was returned to regular session at 7:30 p.m.
10. Action after closed:
 1. Accept the resignation of Taylor Patete as of December 19, 2025 (7 ayes)
 2. Accept the resignation of Richard Meeks as of December 5, 2025 (7 ayes)
 3. Approve the hiring of Vanessa Sanchez as the Principal's Assistant/Secretary at the rate of \$24.00 per hour (7 ayes)
 4. Approve the hiring of Raquel Guzman as a Bus Supervision Aide at the starting rate for aides (7 ayes)
 5. Approve the 2nd semester hiring of Bryanna McCarthy as a Social Worker at the rate of MS/Year 1 (7 ayes)
 6. Approve a consultant agreement with Robert Boyte for 2026 (6 ayes, 1 abstain)
11. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



President



Secretary

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:
Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez

Minutes from the Board of Education Tax Levy Public Hearing of December 8, 2025

The Board of Education Tax Levy Public Hearing of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:00 p.m. December 8, 2025. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, Emily Lahti, and Andy Arambula

A tax levy representing greater than a 5% increase over the previous year's levy is being requested. Notice of the Levy Hearing was published in the newspaper earlier this month.

The Board of Education welcomed comments or suggestions from visitors. There were no comments. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn the Public Hearing. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



President



Secretary

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:

Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez