

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
JANUARY 21, 2026, 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Public Hearing Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, and Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak

ABSENT: Mr. Gary Ferrari and Mr. Matt Merboth

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Principal, Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mrs. Jayme Salazar, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS
SERIES 2026

Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois regarding the proposed issuance by the District of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds to pay certain outstanding claims against the District. Mr. Sarver asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to adjourn the Public Meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0. Time 6:04 p.m.**

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Public Hearing Meeting at 6:03 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, and Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak

ABSENT: Mr. Gary Ferrari and Mr. Matt Merboth

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Principal, Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mrs. Jayme Salazar, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM THE EDUCATION FUND AND
THE TRANSPORTATION FUND TO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Public Hearing pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/17 - 2A, that a public hearing be held to discuss the approval of contemplated interfund transfers. Mr. Sarver asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. Mrs. David Spudic, Vice President of the L-P Local Federation of Teachers (AFT 604) asked about the transfer of funds from the education fund and their intended use. Mr. Sarver stated the funds will cover obligations, including the new Ag building. Mr. Spudic asked whether the transfer would affect staffing amid upcoming retirements, and Mrs. Sarver confirmed there will be no impact on staff or services.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to adjourn the Public Meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0. Time 6:06 p.m.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:06 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, and Mr. Gary Ferrari (arrived at 6:06p.m.)

ABSENT: Mr. Matt Merboth

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Principal, Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mrs. Jayme Salazar, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the minutes from January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Division Spotlight

Mrs. Emmy Carney, Division Chair and Counselor, represented Student Support Services highlighting the extensive resources available to students through the school Psychologist, Social Workers, Attendance Advocacy Program (AAP)/Elevate, Nurses, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Interventionist and Counselors and Work Base Learning (WBL) Coordinator.

Public Comment

Mr. Sarver asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. L-P parent, Mrs. Michelle Vasquez, commented on the make-up and grading policy for absent students and requested a review of the policy.

FINANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Krzyaniak, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to approve the L-P Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve Financial Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from the Wiercinski family, expressing appreciation for the floral arrangement in honor of Mr. Don Wiercinski (Father of Mr. Andrew Wiercinski)

Thank you letter from Mrs. Cheryl DePaepe for the Board of Education's donation to the L-P Educational Foundation in memory of Mrs. Patricia Kurtz (Mother-in-law of Mrs. Sherrie Kurtz)

TIF Reimbursements

City of LaSalle Inrtergovt Agreement TIF's	\$5,497.90
Village of Tonica TIF 2025-2026	\$10,510.24
Village of North Utica TF1 5th	<u>\$2,461.83</u>
TOTAL TIF REIMBURSEMENTS:	\$18,469.97

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, gave his report from the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025, Ag Building Update, Other Current Projects Update: Chartres Street Courtyard, Roofing Repair/Replacements, Masonry Restoration project, Science Wing, Health Occupations, and Main Building Lights project. Summer 2025 Projects Update:

Sip-N-Savor. Fire Alarm Replacement Bid Ward Lights Summer 2026 Project Planning Update: Replacement of the Sellett Gym west (stair) and Commons doors, frames, and hardware, Replacement of the East Building pool surface and reconstruction of the main drain. Mr. Kmetz will be submitting ISBE Health Life Safety Survey to reflect the project's bid for the Fire Alarm Replacement, which will be included on the January agenda.

Finance Committee: Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, provided the Finance report from the meeting held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, reporting on the following: Monthly Financials, Levy Update, Series 2025/2026 Debt Certificates-General Obligation Bonds Update, Transfer Fund Update, Mini Bus Emergency Repair, 2026-2027 Budget Preparation, Ag Building change orders:

Vissering Construction: CO#2: Revise wood door veneers - \$2,240.00 CO#3: Addition of lights to display case - \$4,414.00, CO#4: Installation of revised pre-rinse faucet - \$1,129.00 Fire Alarm Replacement ISBE Health Life Safety Survey, Lights Summer 2026 Project Planning Update: Replacement of the Sellett Gym west (stair) and Commons doors, frames, and hardware, Replacement of the East Building pool surface and reconstruction of the main drain, and Establish a Dungeons and Dragons Club Activity Account.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing reported on the following topics:

- Hall of Honor Board Invitations: The Hall of Honor Class of 2025 induction ceremony is set for January 23rd and 24th. On Friday, January 23rd, the inductees will be introduced before the start

of the varsity basketball game. The induction ceremony is scheduled for January 24th, beginning at 5:00PM. The Board of Education is invited to attend.

- **FY 2027 Budget Development:** January is the official budget development kick-off month. An action item in new business asks the Board to authorize my office to officially begin the FY27 District Budget planning and development process.
- **School Maintenance Grant Update:** Approval from the Board of Education to apply for the School Maintenance Grant was given in the early fall. The grant has been officially submitted to ISBE on January 12th. At the time of this report, the approval is pending. This grant is a \$50,000 matching grant. We will apply the funding toward the Stadium Light project.
- **Discipline Improvement Plan Update:** Beginning with the 2017–2018 school year, ISBE reviewed data from three consecutive school years, starting with 2014–2015, to identify districts ranking in the top 20 percent for suspensions, expulsions, and removals to alternative settings. Districts identified through this analysis will be required to develop and implement a plan outlining strategies to reduce exclusionary discipline practices and/or address disproportionality. Our district was identified through this process, which resulted in the creation of the Discipline Improvement Plan. This is an action item. Once the Board takes action, then the plan will be formally submitted to ISBE.
- **IVAC-IVCLA Site Visit:** On Thursday, January 29th, approximately eight area business people will be visiting LP as part of the Illinois Valley Community Leadership Academy. During this visit, we will share information about the current state of the district, current items that the district is working on with students, ag program updates, and a tour of the campus.
- **RIF Meeting:** The deadline of December 1st was not met. Due to this, no RIFs will be allowed for the school year. While the deadline was missed, I will be still completing the Sequence of Dismissal document so that we remain current with this information. This information has been shared with the Union President.
- **FOIA Requests:**

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
Owen Wang, Illinois Valley Times	December 31, 2025	“Copies of all active full-time aide contracts/collective bargaining agreements.”	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe of five business days.
Owen Wang, Illinois Valley Times	January 1, 2026	“Copies of all vendor contracts over \$1,000 for the current school fiscal year.”	We requested additional time to complete this request. Following legal counsel advice, we approved the request. We responded within the legal timeframe.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kate Lance reported on the following topics:

- The second semester is off to a great start! I want to recognize our teachers, counselors, and administrators for their dedication in helping students complete their final exams following various pre-break absences.
- On Monday, January 5th, we held our Institute Day. During the morning faculty meeting, Mrs. Cushing presented the 2025 school report card data, highlighting several areas of significant

growth. Following administrative updates, the remainder of the day was dedicated to professional preparation. Faculty utilized this time for classroom organization, division meetings, and Collaborative Team Time (CTT) to ensure a smooth start to the second semester.

- Reflecting on our first-semester grade data, I am pleased to report a period of incredible student success. Out of 6,732 course grades awarded, 96% passed. This represents our highest passing rate in the ten years we have been collecting first-semester data. This is a testament to the hard work of both our students and faculty.
- Upon reviewing our first-semester attendance data, I am pleased to report that 80% of our student body is currently on track to meet our year-end attendance goal. We continue to work closely with families and students to reinforce the importance of daily school attendance.
- As the second semester begins, we are turning our focus toward upcoming student assessments. During the week of March 2nd, students in grades 9–11 will complete the Spring Benchmark in English, Math, Reading, and Science. This data will allow us to measure academic growth by comparing results to our Fall and Winter benchmarks.
- In addition to academic testing, we will conduct our SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) Benchmarking throughout January and February. We are also preparing for ACCESS testing, the state-mandated assessment for English Learners (EL), on January 27th, 29th, and February 3rd. Given our steadily growing EL population, we continue to refine our processes to ensure this testing is administered as efficiently as possible.
- The student registration process for the upcoming school year is officially underway. Automatic enrollment letters have been mailed to families, and our counseling team is beginning their work with students to map out their academic futures. Over the next few weeks, counselors will meet with current students to finalize course selections; they will also connect with our incoming 8th-grade families during the first week of February. It is always an exciting time of year as we see our students' interests take shape through the classes they choose.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Steve Hanson reported on the following topics:

1. Item 1: Winter Sports

- a. The Boys' Swim Coop will be hosting the LP Pentathlon on 1/22 at the LP Pool.
- b. We are hosting the Boys' Bowling Regional on 1/16 at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl.
- c. We are hosting the Girls' Bowling Regional on 2/6 at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl.
- d. We are hosting the Girls' 3A Basketball Regional the week of February 16th.
- e. We are hosting the Boys' 3A Basketball Regional the week of February 23rd.
- f. The Boys' Bowling team won the Interstate 8 Conference championship hosted by Sycamore on 1/12/2026.
- g. Girls Bowling Coach Aaron Guenther was recognized by the IHSA as the IHSA Girls' Bowling Coach of the Year.
- h. We are still in need of a Boys' Tennis Head Coach and Assistant Coach for this year

2. Item 2: Activities Update:

- a. Scholastic Bowl is off to a great start. The Varsity team so far has a 5–8 record, while the Junior Varsity team has an impressive 11–5 record. The team earned a 2nd-place finish at the I-8 Conference Tournament and gained valuable experience at the International Scholastic Bowl PAWAC Tournament. They also proudly hosted the LPHS Invitational Nerd Bowl, welcoming 16 teams from 8 schools. This annual event is a favorite for students, combining academic competition with pop culture and fandom-themed play.
- b. Student Council introduced four candidates for President at the January 16th huddle. Each candidate delivered a speech to the student body outlining their vision and how they would enhance the student experience at LP.

3. Item 3: Spring Sports

- a. Track & field can begin on Monday, January 19th, for the indoor season.
- b. Softball can begin practice on Monday, February 23rd due to the newly passed IHSA bylaw.

- c. The first day of practice for all other spring sports is Monday, March 2nd.

ACC DIRECTOR

Dr. Shane Lange reported on the following topics:

Program Enhancements

- The Culinary program received several upgrades due to the generosity of Tom Kowalski. They have new tables and chairs, a large griddle for sandwiches, and they ordered student lockers.
- He also supported an enhancement project for the Residential Wiring program. They will receive all the equipment and supplies to create a smart home environment. Students will learn about smart lighting, HVAC control, as well as home surveillance and security.
- Machining is receiving a newer knee mill and a vertical band saw. These items will replace older equipment with safer options.
- The other programs are preparing wish lists for support. Examples of ideas include: an FAA simulator which would be certified for log hours and a CNC router.

Outreach and Recruitment

- Tom Henson from WLPO did a piece on the Career Center for his program “Tom’s Take.” He highlighted the programs available to students, the jobs in our area, and spoke with Joe Villareal, and Matt Lee about their programs.
- I attended Ottawa’s open house last week. Many students stopped by to inquire about the ACC and the process for participating.
- Updated ACC course catalogs went out last week. Several schools have begun the initial process of selecting students and courses for next year.

Facilities and Resource Development

- The drawings for the restroom and hallway improvements as part of the Maintenance grant for the Dolan building are complete.

Program Highlights

- The Early Childhood Education Class started January off with a health and wellness unit. The student teachers facilitated mini lessons for the preschoolers about several related topics. The little ones learned about several topics through play such as body parts and calling the doctor, how to properly clean their hands, and healthy vs unhealthy foods. They also received a visit from Lily the therapy dog.

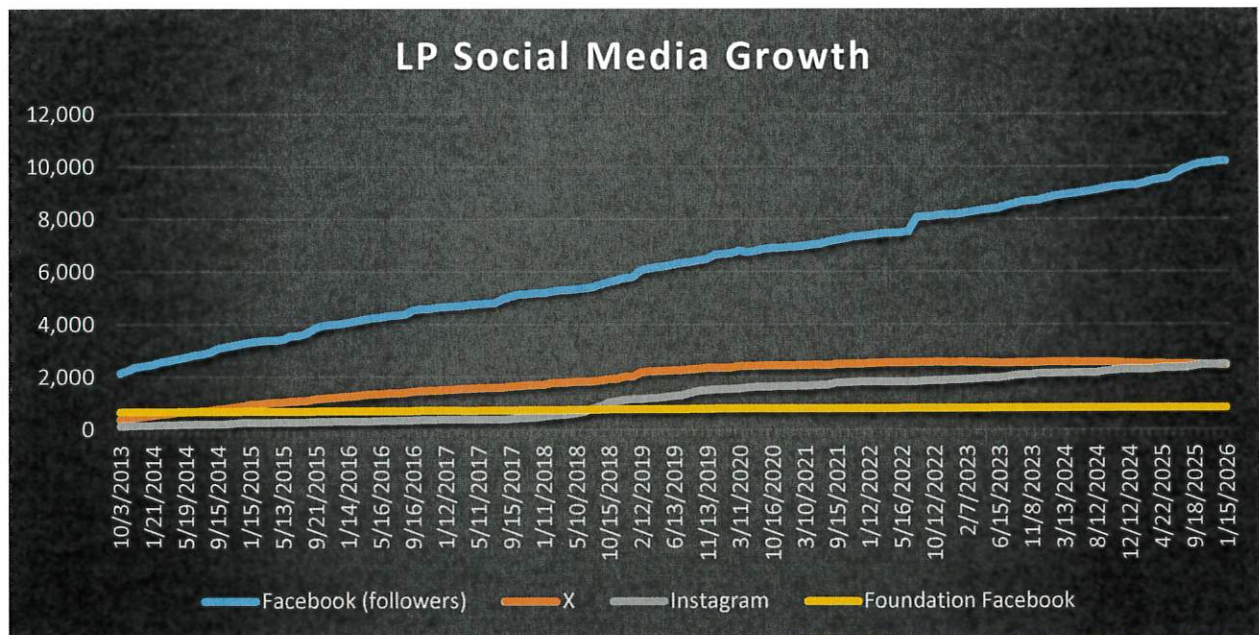




DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Matt Baker, provided a report on the following topics:

- We're still busy creating game day and huddle graphics for sports programs, along with internal hallway graphics for numerous activities thanks in large part to the efforts of our Student Assistants.
- We'll be conducting our regular start of a semester communication messaging system test.
- Mr. Hintzsche and I have been working with the foundation's new grant coordinator to seek out funding opportunities for the Ag Center. We are also tracking all donations and pledges to the project. We've currently received donations or pledges totaling more than \$60,000.
- The L-P Foundation is preparing for the spring grant requests and the annual Trivia Night (Saturday, April 11, 2026).



NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolutions authorizing the Assistant Superintendent to transfer the following amounts into the Operations and Maintenance Fund:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Interfund Transfer Resolution authorizing transfer of \$1,252,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the Interfund Transfer Resolution authorizing transfer of \$300,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Abatement Resolution authorizing transfer of \$390,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,235,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020A, and \$2,305,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023B, of the LaSalle Peru Township High School District No. 120, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois.

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,235,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020A, and \$2,305,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023B, of the LaSalle Peru Township High School District No. 120, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resolution 2026-8 to authorize the Assistant Superintendent to prepare the FY27 district budget

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve of Resolution 2026-8 to authorize the Assistant Superintendent to prepare the FY27 district budget as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following Ag Building change orders:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the following Ag Building change orders as presented:

Vissering Construction

- a. CO#2: Revise wood door veneers - \$2,240.00
- b. CO#3: Addition of lights to display case - \$4,414.00
- c. CO#4: Installation of revised pre-rinse faucet - \$1,129.00

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to establish the following activity accounts:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto to establish the following activity accounts as presented:

- a. Dungeon and Dragons Club

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to award JB Contracting, LaSalle, IL, the Dolan and Auto Shop Fire Alarm Replacement project for \$311,870.00

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve awarding JB Contracting, LaSalle, IL, the Dolan and Auto Shop Fire Alarm Replacement project for \$311,870.00 as presented:

- a. Base Bid - Dolan Building Fire Replacement - \$224,685.00
- b. Alternate Bid #1 - Auto Shop Fire Alarm Replacement - \$87,185.00

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to amend the ISBE Health Life Safety Survey to reflect the Fire Alarm Replacement project's bid

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve amending the ISBE Health Life Safety Survey to reflect the Fire Alarm Replacement project's as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to let bids for the following HLS projects

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to let bids for the following HLS projects as presented:

- a. Replacement of the Sellett Gym west (Stair) and Commons doors/frames/hardware
- b. Replacement of the East Building Pool surface and reconstruction of main drain

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

2026-2027 District Calendar – 1st Reading

Non-action Item

Approval of the Annual Discipline Improvement Plan

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve of the Annual Discipline Improvement Plan as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following appointments as presented:

- a. Mr. Ronnie Pelsynski, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year
- b. Mr. Steve Destri, Volunteer Assistant Track Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
- c. Mr. William Quesse, Network Administrator, effective February 16, 2026
- d. Ms. Madison Bean, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Ferrari. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following resignations:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve of the following resignations as presented:

- a. Mrs. Lindsey Gaworski, Math Teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year
- b. Mr. Jared Mundt, Math Teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following paternity/FMLA request:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve of the following appointments as presented:

- a. Mr. Andrew Nelson beginning on or about May 7, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 school year

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of an overnight stay on February 13, 2026, for the Girls' Bowling team in Rockford, Illinois. The team qualified for the IHSA Sectional Tournament

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the overnight stay on February 13, 2026, for the Girls' Bowling team in Rockford, Illinois. The team qualified for the IHSA Sectional Tournament as presented.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of an overnight stay from February 10 – February 12, 2026 for the Special Olympics team in Galena, IL, to attend the State Snowshoe Winter Olympics

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to Approval of an overnight stay from February 10 – February 12, 2026, for the Special Olympics team in Galena, IL, to attend the State Snowshoe Winter Olympics as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to move to executive/closed session for purpose of: a) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes, b) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee, and c) Imminent/Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0 Time 7:12p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Krzyaniak, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 7:27p.m.**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, and Mrs. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mr. Matt Merboth

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to July 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to July 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, as presented.

a. Special Meeting, June 26, 2024

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following reassignment:

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the following reassignment: as presented.

a. Mr. Burney Wilke, Inside Security, effective January 22, 2026 (replaces Mr. John Lamb)
Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 6-0.**

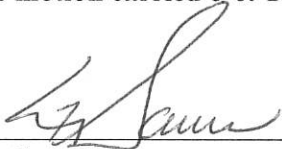
Approval of the contract settlement with AK Plumbing of Illinois, Inc. pending receipt of the signed release agreement of the corporate resolution

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the contract settlement with AK Plumbing of Illinois, Inc. pending receipt of the signed release agreement of the corporate resolution.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 7:30p.m.



Mr. Greg Sarver
President



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary