



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 18, 2025, 7:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom & Spring Wood Middle School Innovation Center  
5540 Arlington Drive E  
Hanover Park, IL 60133  
*Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student!***

I. Public Hearing 2025 Final Tax Levy

At 7:00 p.m., Sarah Dellaria moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2025 Final Tax Levy; Lynne Steiner seconded.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.

Brian Marroquin presented the 2025 Final Tax Levy.

Discussion: None

Sarah Dellaria moved to adjourn the Public Hearing; Lynne Steiner seconded.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Motion carried.

II. Call to Order and Roll call

At 7:12 p.m., President Farwa Ahmed call to order the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

A quorum was present.

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; Tech Assistants: Giovanni Noyola, Benny Cieslewicz, and Manny Figueroa; 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. Pledge of Allegiance

President Farwa Ahmed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### IV. Approval of Agenda

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Motion carries?

### 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 - November 13, 2025

b. Financial Reports

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

2. November 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. First Read FY 26-27 School Calendar

e. Approval of School Maintenance Project Grant

f. Approval of Greenbrook School Improvement Plan

Lynne Steiner moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Natalie Kucharski seconded.

No Discussion.

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| Sarah Dellaria    | -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.

Demetris Hinton presented information on the services provided by Comprehensive Clinical Services. Tiera Lashay Candice Rennee Mitchell presented information on Spanish and English children’s books she has authored.

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

##### a. Board Self-Monitoring Report

There were no board self-monitoring reports.

##### b. District Finance & Facilities

Sarah Dellaria presented the District Finance & Facilities Committee meeting report.

The Committee reviewed insurance renewal rates through SCCIP, noting the total annual premium for the upcoming year will be \$125,772, representing a 1% increase from the prior year. The Committee discussed the School Maintenance Program Grant (SMPG), a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant of up to \$50,000. If awarded, funds would be used for cafeteria improvements at Greenbrook and exterior door upgrades.

The Committee reviewed the Supplemental Tax Levy, which allows the District to capture CPI growth to meet future debt service obligations related to previously issued tax bonds. The Committee reviewed the 2025 Final Tax Levy. Based on estimates from Bloomingdale Township, assumptions include an 8.6% increase in EAV, \$3,790,000 in new construction, and a CPI of 2.9%. The District plans to levy \$19,578,750 for operating funds and \$1,118,754 for bond and interest.

Lastly, the Committee reviewed compliance with Public Act 103-0394 regarding fund balance limitations. The District’s operating fund balance was 71%, which is within statutory limits. No action was required.

##### c. Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

Lynne Steiner presented the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee meeting report.

The PTAC met on December 9 at Spring Wood Middle School. Principals provided school updates highlighting recent and upcoming events, including family engagement activities, holiday programming, student performances, and student voice initiatives, including student participation in Board and strategic planning meetings.

The Committee reviewed district communication tools. ParentSquare continues to receive positive feedback for streamlined communication, with ongoing efforts to increase full staff adoption and expand use of tutorials and calendar integration. Class Intercom participation is being encouraged to promote responsible student and staff engagement. The District also reported growth in social media outreach, including the launch of a District TikTok account and recurring content such as “Dr. Castillo’s Corner” and “Educator Spotlight,” as well as Facebook Live event streams. Family engagement efforts were reviewed, including the Back-to-School Fest, which drew nearly 1,000 attendees and generated over \$11,000 in sponsorships. BPAC events, including Bilingual Family Game Night and Holidays Around the World, were well attended and featured cultural activities and student involvement. Looking ahead, the District plans to launch a district newsletter in early 2026, a district podcast in Spring 2026, and implement StudentSquare at Spring Wood following winter break. The next PTAC meetings are scheduled for February 10 and May 12, from 5:00–6:00 p.m.

d.SASED Report

Dr. Castillo presented the SASED Report.

e.Dashboards

1.Financial Dashboard

Mr. Marroquin presented to the Board of Education with the Financial Dashboard for July 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025 (unaudited figures) as follows:

Education Fund – Received 81% of budgeted revenues or \$17 million. The Ed Fund expended 36% of budgeted dollars or \$8 million. Operations & Maintenance Fund – Received 92.8% of budgeted revenues or \$2.8 million and expended 56% or \$1.7 million of budgeted dollars. Transportation Fund Received 73% of budgeted revenues or \$1.2 million and expended 31% of budgeted dollars. Combined and All Funds- Received 83% of budgeted revenues or \$24 million and expended 41% or \$13 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

1.Trimester 1 Discipline Report

2.Strategic Plan Update

The Trimester 1 Discipline Report was shared with the Board. Administration presented the Strategic Plan Update. And Dr. Castillo submitted his Board Report with the following updates.

The Calendar Committee met on December 9 and reviewed the proposed 2026–2027 school calendar, which is included in the consent agenda for a first read. The proposed calendar closely mirrors the 2025–2026 calendar; however, the District will not be fully aligned with Lake Park in September due to Lake Park’s closure from September 21–25 for the President’s Cup at Medinah Country Club.

Key dates for the 2026–2027 school year were reviewed, including an Opening Institute Day on August 17, the first day of student attendance on August 19, Thanksgiving Break from November 23–27, Winter Break from December 21 through January 2, Spring Break from March 29 through April 2, and a projected last day of school on June 2 if no emergency days are used, or June 8 if all emergency days are used.

The administration reviewed inclement weather procedures, emphasizing that student and staff safety is the top priority. School closure notifications will be communicated via ParentSquare and posted on the District website and social media platforms. The District collaborates with the Lake Park area superintendents' group when making closure decisions. The designation of emergency days or e-Learning days will be determined on a case-by-case basis based on weather conditions, timing, and the nature of the emergency.

Lastly, a reminder was shared that schools will be closed for Winter Break from December 22 through January 2, with classes resuming on January 5. The administration extended holiday well wishes to the school community. Community Engagement and School Communications updates were also provided as follows. The District reported recent media coverage, including a feature in the *Daily Herald* highlighting the Chicago Wolves' "Read to Succeed" visit to Waterbury Elementary. Ongoing efforts to update the District's visual identity were also reviewed, including continued alignment of the website and print materials with refreshed branding. The Board received an update on digital and social media communications, including weekly content series such as *Dr. Castillo's Corner* and *Educator Spotlight*, as well as event highlights. Notable engagement included coverage of Greenbrook's Thanksgiving Parade, which received engagement from Macy's official social media account and reached approximately 2,500 views on Facebook. Program promotion efforts were reviewed, including coordination of the BPAC Holidays Around the World Celebration on December 11, which engaged approximately 360 students, parents, and staff and featured participation from Dual Language and English Learner students across schools. The District also promoted various community events and youth programs in partnership with local organizations and municipalities.

The District added the Find Food IL interactive map to the website to support families in accessing food and nutrition resources.

b. Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Dr. Buckley submitted to the board report and provided highlights to the Board.

c. Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

Mr. Marroquin submitted to the board his board report and provided highlights to the Board.

d. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

Ms. Flores submitted to the board her board report and provided highlights to the Board.

e. Principal Reports

Mr. Gustafson, Dr. Pokora, and Mr. Aliano submitted their monthly board reports and provided highlights to the Board.

f.FOIA's

1.Bry Ember

2.SmartProcure

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

IX.Action Items

a.Approval of Final 2025 Tax Levy for All Funds

Sarah Dellaria moved that the Board of Education approve the Final 2025 Tax Levy for All Funds as presented; Amanda Coppola seconded.

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

Motion carried.

b.Approval of 2025 Supplemental Tax Levy

Sarah Dellaria moved that the Board of Education approve the 2025 Supplemental Tax Levy as presented; Lynne Steiner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

c.Approval of SSCIP Contract Renewal

Lynne Steiner moved that the Board of Education approve the SSCIP Contract Renewal as presented; Sarah Dellaria seconded.

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| Lynne Steiner     | -aye |
| Natalie Kucharski | -aye |
| Terre Taylor      | -aye |

Farwa Ahmed -aye  
Sarah Dellaria -aye  
Amanda Coppola -aye

Motion carried.

X.Dates to Remember:

- Friday, December 19 - WB Winter Holiday Sing Along Assembly @ 10-11 AM
- Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2 - Winter Break - No School
- Monday, January 5 - Schools Re-Open
- Thursday, January 8 - SW Boys Basketball & Cheer Game @ Westfield @ Spring Wood - 4:00 PM
- Monday, January 12 - SW Boys Basketball & Cheer Game Spring Wood @ Medinah - 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 13 - SW Boys Basketball & Cheer Game Spring Wood @ Peacock - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 14 - SW Charger Pride Dinner @ 6 PM
- Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King's Birthday - Schools Closed
- Tuesday, January 20 - SW Boys Basketball & Cheer Game Spring Wood @ Wood Dale - 4:00 pm
- Thursday, January 22 - SW Boys Basketball & Cheer Game Spring Wood @ Roselle - 4:00 PM
  - Regular Board Meeting @ SW Innovation Center - 7PM

XI.Adjournment

At 8:11 p.m., Lynne Steiner moved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting; Natalie Kucharski seconded.

Ayes: 6

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