

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 6:00 PM**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:01 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. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Matt Merboth and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mrs. Carol Alcorn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Principal, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ITEM 10.16.f: APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JACOB FRAZIER, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to amend the agenda to add Item 10.16.f to approve the appointment of Mr. Jacob Frazier, Help Desk Technician. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Recognitions

The Board recognized Girls' Swimming athlete Samantha Nauman, who placed 4th in the State in the 100-yard Backstroke and 10th in the 200-yard Individual Medley, along with Assistant Coach Jennifer Heagy and Head Coach Rob McNally.

The Board also recognized Boys' Bowling athlete Aiden McCray, who placed 35th in the State overall, along with Assistant Coach Joe Zokal and Head Coach Randy Gunia.

Additionally, Mr. Aaron Guenther was recognized for the honor of being named the 2025 NFHS Girls' Bowling Coach of the Year in Illinois.

Division Spotlight

Mr. Riley Hinzsche, Agricultural Teacher and FFA Advisor, represented the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division providing an overview of the Agricultural program and growth. He highlighted the planned course pathways, explaining the course sequence is structured to guide students through progressively advanced levels of agricultural education, building knowledge and skills that prepare them

for postsecondary education and careers in the agriculture industry. He emphasized how FFA offers various leadership opportunities that help students develop skills in leadership, teamwork, public speaking, and community engagement. In addition, Mr. Hintzsche shared that 11 L-P students participated in the Section 7 Proficiencies for the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), which involves hands-on projects or work experiences, with six advancing to the district competition in March.

Public Comment

Mr. Sarver asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No questions or comments were presented.

FINANCE

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

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

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, 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: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from Mrs. Cheryl DePaepe for the Board of Education's donation to the L-P Educational Foundation in memory of Mr. Don Wiercinski (Father of Mr. Andrew Wiercinski))

TIF Reimbursements

City of Oglesby	<u>\$3,389.30</u>
TOTAL TIF REIMBURSEMENTS:	\$3,389.30

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Policy Committee: Mrs. Cushing presented the report from the Policy Committee meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, reporting on the following: Approval of September 11, 2026, minutes, recommendation to approve the PRESS Policy Update 120, October 2025, and update on remaining Ad Hoc AI Design Team meetings.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, presented his report from the meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The report included the following items: Approval of the January 14, 2026, minutes, Ag Building update, Sip-N-Savor project update, Dance Studio floor repair, Elevator updates: Main Building handicap elevator, kitchen, and Dolan Building, with a recommendation to approve the Emergency HLS Resolution for Dolan Building repairs, Ag Building donations update, Recommendation to solicit bids for the Dolan Building 2nd Floor Restroom and Door Frames, Health Occupations hospital beds update, and Howard Fellows Stadium project update, including traffic coating.

Finance Committee: Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, presented the Finance report from the meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The report covered the following items: Approval of the January 15, 2026, minutes, Monthly financial statements, Update on Series 2025/2026 Debt Certificates – General Obligation

Bonds, Technology Project: Wireless Refresh, Ag Building: Change Orders and Allowance, Insurance Update: EBC 2026–2027 Preliminary Renewal Rates, MOU Agreements with Teachers Local 604 – recommendations, Ag Building Donations, IMRF Authorized Agent – recommendation, Solution Tree contract – 1-year extension recommendation, Emergency HLS Resolution for the Dolan Building elevator repair, 1% sales tax county-wide referendum – the committee decided the district will not support it, Forensic audit proposals. Mr. Sarver noted that Newkirk and Associates have not yet been able to present the audit due to the government shutdown.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTEDENT

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing reported on the following topics:

- **2026 Rotary Scholastic Achievement Banquet Board Invitations:** The Rotary Clubs of the Illinois Valley are honoring the achievements of our LP students. The banquet will be held on Sunday, April 26th at Fire on Fifth from 5PM-7PM with doors opening at 4:30PM. The Board of Education is invited to attend. Please contact Mrs. Riva if interested in attending.
- **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. As of the last Board report, approval was pending. Since then it has been approved at the full rate. This grant is a \$50,000 matching grant. We will apply the funding toward the Stadium Light project.
- **Staffing Update for FY 2027:** We expect to have nearly all students registered for 2026-2027 by March 3. Once this is complete, we begin the process of sectioning classes to determine our staffing needs for next year. If necessary, we will have staffing recommendations for the Board at our meeting in March. Full-time teaching positions open for 2026-2027 are in the divisions of Math and World Languages.
- **Ag Building Updates:** Besides the information shared through the Building and Grounds and Finance Committees, we have also selected items for the allowances and have selected items for the furnishing. To save the district money, several of the items will be ordered by our Business Office.
- **5Essentials Survey:** Our annual survey window has opened. This survey is completed by students, faculty, and parents. We will have students complete the survey on March 10. Faculty has been given the log in information and as the date of the report 33% have completed it. It is also open to parents and 6% of our parents have completed it. In order to be reportable, we will need 50% of faculty, 50% of students, and 20% of parents. Historically, we only struggle with the parent group meeting the threshold, so we plan to send multiple communications as reminders.
- **ROE Excellence in Education:** Nominations were collected from staff and then the District Leadership Team selected through vote the award recipients. This year we will honor: Mrs. Sherly Kurtz, Mr. Andrew Nelson, Mr. Brandon Placher, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva. We will also honor our retiring staff members. The Board is invited to attend the celebration on Thursday, May 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ottawa. Please contact Mrs. Riva if interested in attending.
- **FOIA Requests:** This past month, we received the following FOIA requests.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
Sheila Norman, Illinois Retire Teachers Association	January 15, 2026	"We are reaching out to school districts to request the contact information of certified staff who are planning to retire in 2026."	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe of five business days.

Karen Garcia, SmartProcure	January 16, 2026	"All current employee/staff contact information."	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe of five business days.
Michael F. Henry	February 6, 2026	"From 2019 Please give the firm and name of the Districts Primary Attorney. if no primary Attorney Please list all Firms and Attorneys employed by your School District from Jan 1, 2019, Forward From 2019 thru the present please provide Documentation the District Complied with Illinois law and Performed the Background checks the District Superintendent is supposed to perform of whoever is designated to perform The Background Checks for Board members Prior to them being Goven the Oath Of Office. Please Provide the background reports as Required under Illinois Law for each School Board elected in the State Of Illinois from 2010 Present, Performed by Each of the Government Entities in this Email."	We consulted with Atty Zukowski's office and responded within the statutory timeframe of five business days.

INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kate Lance reported on the following topics:

- The administration is currently completing final teacher observations. Summative meetings are underway to finalize the evaluation process for all staff members on this year's cycle.
- We are refining our CTT process by continuing our quarterly review meetings. By meeting with administration and division chairs every three months, we can closely monitor our progress toward our three SMART goals and brainstorm innovative solutions to support a higher-achieving student body.
- State testing is officially underway. We successfully administered ACCESS testing to 78 ELL students during the final week of January and are now turning our focus toward the spring sessions. The ACT is scheduled for April 8, followed by the 9th and 10th-grade assessments on April 14th.
- Our student registration cycle is currently in full swing. Our counseling team is conducting individual sessions with students to facilitate course selections for the upcoming academic year. We remain on track to conclude the registration process by the first week of March, ensuring a seamless transition into master scheduling.
- Our Pre-Huddle and Huddles have been meeting on specific months this school year. During our prehuddles, students have the opportunity to connect with their homeroom teacher and peers while reviewing important data related to attendance and academic progress. During our

huddles, we take time to celebrate accomplishments across academics, athletics, activities, and clubs. This shared recognition helps build positive relationships and fosters a supportive, connected school community.

- We will be conducting our High Scholarship Legion Program on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00PM. We will be honoring 344 students for earning high scholarships for 3 semesters, 5 semesters, and 7 semesters.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Steve Hanson provided a report on the following topics:

1. Item 1: Winter Sports

- a. The Boys basketball will finish their regular season on 2/20 versus Kaneland. The Cavs are hosting the 3A Regional on February 25th and 27th and are the #1 seed in our Regional. The boys will host Dixon on 2/25 to open the post season. The winner of the LP Regional will advance to the Ottawa Sectional.
- b. The Girls Bowling will compete in the Harlem Sectional on Saturday, February 14th. The Girls won the regional title on February 6th at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl.
- c. The Boy's Wrestling team will be sending 3 boys to the Geneseo Sectional on 2/13.
- d. The Girls' Wrestling team finished 2nd place at the Ottawa Regional behind Minooka. The team advanced 9 individuals to the DeKalb Sectional on 2/13.
- e. The Girls Basketball team will play Sterling on Monday, February 16th in the first round of regional play in Sellett Gymnasium.
- f. The Boys Swim Coop will compete in the Normal Community Regional on 2/21.

2. Item 2: Activities Update:

- a. FFA members competed in the Section 7 Proficiencies competition on February 12th, with six students advancing to Districts in March. In addition, FFA sponsored Tacos, T-Shirts, and Staff last month. Thirty-three local businesses generously donated agriculture-related T-shirts for our staff, and all enjoyed the day.
- b. Math team participated at the I8 Conference meet. Landon Puetz placed 4th in Precalculus, Jacob Hall & Landon Puetz placed 3rd in the calculator event. Jacob Hall, Kyle Kmetz, Chris Mackrow & Landon Puetz placed 4th in the team event.
- c. Four band and chorus members were selected by audition and interview to participate in the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All State Festival. The following students competed: Collin Kalsto – All State Chorus, Nathan Leffers – Honors Chorus, Christian Limberg – Future Music Educator Seminar, and Zayden O'Dell – Band.
- d. The Concert Choir attended the I8 Conference Choral Festival at Rochelle High School on February 10th. They enjoyed working with Dr. Brian Winnie of Western Illinois University and other conference choirs.
- e. Our Music and Choral department hosted the LP Junior High Music Festival on February 11th. Students from our feeder schools rehearsed alongside our high school musicians in the morning, creating a meaningful collaboration that culminated in an evening of beautiful music.
- f. Key Club and Interact Club hosted their annual blood drive on February 12th. Thirty-two staff members, faculty, and students donated, helping to save an estimated 96 lives.
- g. The Yearbook staff crowned the 2026 Daisy Mae and Lil Abner in preparation for the Sadie Hawkins Dance on February 21. Ryia Boaz was crowned Daisy Mae, and Collin Kalsto was crowned Lil Abner.
- h. Mock Trial competed in the Central Illinois Mock Trial Regional Invitational at the McLean County Law & Justice Center in Bloomington, Illinois on February 12th. The team argued their case successfully and enjoyed the experience.
- i. Special Olympics athletes competed in the State Snowshoe competition at the Winter games in Galena in February. Miles Pangrcic, Miller Pangrcic, Justyn Griglione, Cameron Shutt, Jeremiah Godina and Carlos Arce qualified for the event. In addition, our

Unified basketball team with help from LEAD defeated our teacher team at the Huddle on February 13th.

ACC DIRECTOR

Dr. Shane Lange reported on the following topics:

Program Updates

- **Dual Credit Registration:** Representatives from Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) visited the Career Center last week to facilitate student registration for several vocational programs, including CAD, Emergency Medical Responder, Welding, Machining, and Residential Wiring.
- **Clinical Rotations:** Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students have transitioned to off-site clinical rotations three days per week at OSF HealthCare and Liberty Village. Observations during these sessions highlight the students' successful transition from classroom instruction to practical, real-world application.
- **Curriculum Expansion Proposals:**
- **Health Occupations II:** We are currently awaiting approval to offer Nutrition concurrently with Medical Terminology. If approved, this adjustment will provide students with six credit hours during the upcoming fall semester.
- **Residential Wiring:** A proposal has been submitted to integrate OSHA Safety dual credit into the current curriculum. This allows students to earn an additional credit for safety standards already being taught in the course.
- **EMS Program Development:** Preliminary discussions have begun with IVCC regarding the feasibility of offering an EMT certification within the EMS course. Student interest in this area is high, as indicated by recent programming surveys. While the logistical barriers to implementation are minimal, further consultation with Joint Agreement schools is required.

Facilities and Resource Development

- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Architectural drawings for the restroom and hallway renovations in the Dolan Building have been finalized. These upgrades are funded through the Maintenance Grant.

Program Highlight

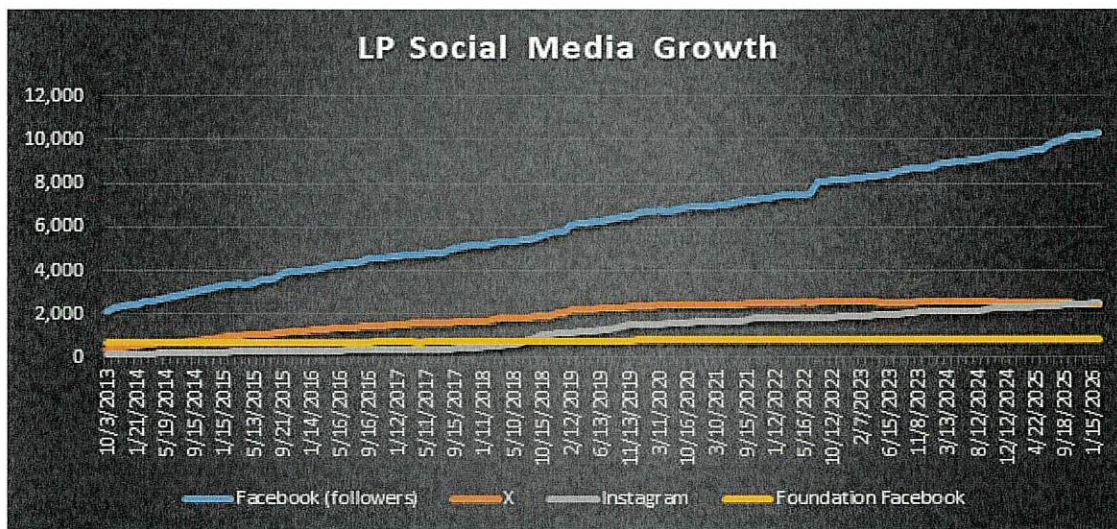
- **Culinary Arts:** The Corner Café has officially launched its Tuesday and Thursday breakfast and lunch service, showcasing the students' culinary and hospitality skills. Additionally, the program recently hosted the Camp Aramony food truck, providing students with valuable insights into the operational and logistical management of mobile food service.



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.
- Mrs. Carney and I recently attended an event for the L-P Class of 1957. We'll be hosting another event for them on campus in the Corner Café with a tour of the recent renovations in the Dolan Building.
- Mr. Hintzsche, Ms. Braboy, and I have been exploring grant and additional fundraising opportunities to support the Ag Center project.
- The L-P Foundation is preparing for the spring grant requests and the annual Trivia Night (Saturday, April 11, 2026).



NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Parameters Bond Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, of LaSalle-Peru Township High School District No. 120, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of paying claims against the District and for the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Parameters Bond Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, of LaSalle-Peru Township High School District No. 120, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of paying claims against the District and for the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to hire Tieman Builders for the Sip-N-Savor remodel project for \$46,594.00

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve hiring Tieman Builders for the Sip-N-Savor remodel project for \$46,594.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth 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#5: Access to Elevator Disconnects - \$3,790.00
- b. CO#6: Add Keyed Removable Mullion to Door - \$879.00

c. CO#7: Add Water Main Valve - \$5,845.00
Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following Ag Building Allowance Request

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

Vissering Construction:

a. #0001: Purchase of Kitchen Equipment - \$196,449.00

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

Approval of Emergency Health Life Safety Amendment Resolution to repair/replace Dolan Building hydraulic elevator plunger

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the Emergency Health Life Safety Amendment Resolution to repair/replace Dolan Building hydraulic elevator plunger, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to hire Johnson Controls for the Main Building handicap elevator equipment installation project for \$16,836.34

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve hiring Johnson Controls for the Main Building handicap elevator equipment installation project for \$16,836.34, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2026-2027 District Calendar

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to appoint Mrs. Lori Whalen as licensed IMRF Agent

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve appointing Mrs. Lori Whalen as licensed IMRF Agent, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 1-year extension of the Solution Tree contract not to exceed \$43,000

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the 1-year extension of the Solution Tree contract not to exceed \$43,000, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Wireless Refresh project at \$258,439.14 with e-rate funds to cover \$133,036.20 of the total cost

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Wireless Refresh project at \$258,439.14 with e-rate funds to cover \$133,036.20 of the total cost, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the MOU with Teachers Local 604 to correct Cheer Coach language not updated in the 2024-2027 contract

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the MOU with Teachers Local 604 to correct Cheer Coach language not updated in the 2024-2027 contract, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr.

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

Approval of the MOU with Teachers Local 604 to reflect scenarios when a Head Coach will also serve as the Assistant Coach

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the MOU with Teachers Local 604 to reflect scenarios when a Head Coach will also serve as the Assistant Coach, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Press Policy Issue 120, October 2025

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve Press Policy Issue 120, October 2025, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0**

Approval of the 2026-2027 Sprout Educational Services Contract for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the 2026-2027 Sprout Educational Services Contract for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0**

Approval of the following resignations:

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

- a. Mr. Jared Mundt, Assistant Football Coach, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year
- b. Mr. Nate Hackenberger, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach, effective July 16, 2025
- c. Mr. David Spudic, Winter Weight Room Supervisor, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year

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

Approval of the following appointments:

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

- a. Mr. Nolan Keeney, Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. Jared Mundt)
- b. Mrs. Marlea Smaga, Math Teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Matthew Makeever)
- c. Mr. Kevin Cavanaugh, Head Boys Tennis Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mr. Aaron Guenther)
- d. Ms. Gwendolyn Hanford, English Teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Ms. Emma Walke)
- e. Mr. Mike Smudzinski, Hallway Security, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mr. Burney Wilkie)

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

Approval of the following FFA Overnight Trips

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the following FFA Overnight Trips, as presented.

- a. Illinois State FFA Convention (Springfield, Illinois) from June 8–11, 2026. Students will be responsible for approximately 30% of the cost, with the remaining balance covered by the FFA account.
- b. Leadership Camp (Monticello, Illinois) from July 20–23, 2026. The camp is chaperoned by Illinois FFA State staff including numerous Ag teachers from across the state.
- c. FFA Officer Retreat (Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri) The retreat is tentatively scheduled for July 28–August 1, 2026. All costs for this retreat will be paid through the FFA account.
- d. National FFA Convention (Indianapolis, Indiana) from October 20 – 24, 2026. Students will be required to pay a portion of their trip with the remaining funds coming from the FFA account.

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver.

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, 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. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0 Time 6:50p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Krzyaniak, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 8:04p.m.**

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Alcorn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary, and Parent #1

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approved upholding the Administration's determination that Parent #1, as identified in the hearing, be excluded from District properties, as described in the Administration's correspondences to the Parent dated February 2, 2026, through and including February 2, 2027, as set forth in that correspondence. During this time, the Parent may attend Board Meetings and may attend other school events not referenced in the February 2 correspondence. The Parent may

submit written requests to the Administration to attend athletic events (such as practices or contests) but may only attend such events with the express written approval of the Administration

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve upholding the Administration's determination that Parent #1, as identified in the hearing, be excluded from District properties, as described in the Administration's correspondences to the Parent dated February 2, 2026, through and including February 2, 2027, as set forth in that correspondence. During this time, the Parent may attend Board Meetings and may attend other school events not referenced in the February 2 correspondence. The Parent may submit written requests to the Administration to attend athletic events (such as practices or contests) but may only attend such events with the express written approval of the Administration, as presented.

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

Approval to authorize Zukowski Law Office to participate at the LaSalle County Board of Review regarding current tax objection filings

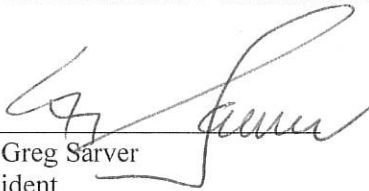
MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to authorize Zukowski Law Office to participate at the LaSalle County Board of Review regarding current tax objection, as presented.

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

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

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 8:06p.m.

Mr. Greg Sarver
President



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary

