

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, January 15, 2026 Board Meeting

Media Center, 2950 Glenwood Dyer Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Present
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Present
Mrs Kim Newton: Present
Mrs Grace Snelling: Present
Jeff Walker: Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Discussion: The meeting started at 7:00PM

Presenter: President
Jenkins-Brown

2. ROLL CALL: President Jenkins-Brown, Dr. Stacey McJunkins, Mrs. Snelling, Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Newton, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Gray

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

4. Superintendent Report

Discussion: The board of Education will take action on a resolution to remove Shaunta Gray as a Board Member on a resolution. For failure to execute her functions as a Board Member.

Presenter: Dr. Kim
Nalls

4.1. Trial Balance Update

Discussion: Monthly totals began at approximately \$7,697,972.62. A new system has been adopted by Cook County. We will begin expending money. An amendment may have to be made. The situation is healthy, and our spending is being reviewed.

4.2. The Village of Lynwood, IL, will host a **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 19, 2026**, from 11 AM to 2 PM at the L Building (behind Village Hall) for free student haircuts, school supplies, blood pressure checks, and voter registration, with Trustee Bryan Hurt and Mayor Jada Curry leading this community effort to honor Dr. King's legacy through service.

Discussion: The Village of Lynwood will be hosting a Day of Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Fraternities and sororities will be participating.

5. Director of Student Support Services Report

Discussion: Mr. Hooks has 3 items to discuss: Mobile Dentist. 50 students signed up for the endeavor and it was free. This was a great help to the parents.

Presenter: David Hook

Mental Health, there 3wikll be some changes regarding. The rates for mental health is on rise and also for students as well.

In IL 1 in 999 need the support of psychologists, the Crisis Text Line and Safe2Help Illinois, or a local suicide prevention hotline on their ID cards.

SD 172 (Mr. Hooks) will develop a mental health team. Develop a relationship with outside Mental Health organizations.

Special Evaluation process programs IDEA, ISBE, FAPE ensuring the children have access to these programs.

6. Principal's Report

Presenter: Ms. Kalea Polk

Discussion: Mrs Polk's Presentation - Principal

WIN Time - Groups have been updated with the new I-Ready and the growth - The Math, Reading have a great percentage of growth.

Some teachers need to have a different strategy.

Tutoring, the program has been started and Grades 4-8th are based on Spring IAR

K-3rd will begin by February. Teachers Institute Day is Jan 5. Some need to reset expectations.

The last Home boys basketball game was won by SD 172.

Valentine Day Dance is coming up

7. Assistant Principal's Report

Presenter: Mr. Chris VanderKuyl

Discussion: Accept the report as presented.

1st Quarter - Attendance we are at 93%

Strategies that are in p0lacde consist of the following:

Phone calls
10 day letters
Home Visits
Attendance Champions
Attendance Professional Development

Teachers are recommended to notify the Principal when students have missed a certain number of days.

8. Public Comments

9. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Action(s):

9. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda. This motion,

made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Mrs Grace Snelling, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.1. Motion to Approve Minutes

Action(s):

9.1. Motion to Approve Minutes. This motion, made by Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown and seconded by Mrs Grace Snelling, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.2. Motion to Approve Payment of the Bills totaling \$312,193.62 **Presenter:** Dr. Kim Nalls

Action(s):

9.2. Motion to Approve Payment of the Bills totaling \$312,193.62. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Mrs Grace Snelling, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.3. Motion to Approve Payroll

Action(s):

9.3. Motion to Approve Payroll. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Mrs Grace Snelling, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.4. Motion to Approve Personnel

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Action(s):

9.4. Motion to Approve Personnel. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Mrs Grace Snelling, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Elena LeGraff has resigned

Kyley Ward - \$35,000 she will ride the bus with one student

Transfer to Admin Waller will work for Superintendent. (stipend for staying late working

No conflict of interest with a person working for the Superintendent

Ms.

10. **Motion To Approve the Resolution To Remove a Board Member**

Presenter: MS. SONJA JENKINS-BROWN

Action(s):

10. Motion To Approve the Resolution To Remove a Board Member. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Jeff Walker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. **Motion To Approve Supplemental Levy to Pay the Principal and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds**

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Action(s):

11. Motion To Approve Supplemental Levy to Pay the Principal and Interest on O. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Jeff Walker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea

Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. **Motion To Approve Budget Spending and Authority for SY 27** **Presenter:** Dr. Kim Nalls

Action(s):

12. Motion To Approve Budget Spending and Authority for SY 27. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Jeff Walker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. **Old Business**

14. **New Business**

Discussion: DISCUSSION OF THE COW CONTINUING UNTIL NEXT SESSION WHEN A FULL SCHOOL BOARD IS PRESENT

15. **Motion to Adjourn**

Action(s):

15. Motion to Adjourn. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Mrs Grace Snelling, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown: Yea
Ms Janell Krueger: Absent
Dr Stacey McJunkins: Yea
Mrs Kim Newton: Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling: Yea
Jeff Walker: Yea

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16. **Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

: Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

