

## SANDRIDGE SD 172 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, February 19, 2026 6:00P.M.

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

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Discussion:**

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

### 3. Superintendent Report: Review Board Vacancy Process

**Presenter:** Dr. Kim Nalls

**Discussion:** Dr. Nalls' Presentation:

Shanta Gray has submitted her resignation to the entire Board of Education. In accordance with the Illinois School Code, I have provided written notice to the Regional Superintendent of Schools with the required five-day timeline.

Procedures for filling a board vacancy are:  
Official Acknowledgment of vacancy  
Public Notice and Verification of Eligibility  
Listed requirements

After there has been an appointed member, they will remain in the position until April 2027

### 4. Associate Superintendent Report: Review of the 2027 School Calendar

**Presenter:** Mr. Joe Kosina

**Discussion:** Dr. Nalls is giving Mr Kosino's presentation.

She discussed the Public School Calendar for 2027 - which aligns with Bloom high school.

She discussed Title 1 - providing children with a fair and equitable education  
Title II - Preparing, training and recruiting  
Title IV - A well-rounded education that is safe and healthy.  
Discussed the upcoming Summer program

Various days:

Teacher institute day will be August 11, 2026.  
The entire week of Thanksgiving is off for the school

June 1st is the last day of school and people can meet their new teachers.

A 5-day summer school is being considered.

Previously, the summer school program was not well-attended. During the summer, a large number of students that are Hispanic may leave the country, and we are asking their parents to work with us.

176 days have been accounted for this school year.

Wednesday is an early dismissal day. Board members, please come to the school on that day if you are available.

**5. Finance Department Report: Review and Approval of Bills \$323,105.94**

**Presenter:** Mrs. Charlotte White

**Discussion:** Skyward, the new program, we are starting the budget minus the things that we need. The money needs to be spent or there will be a cut-off.

The funding needs to be allocated for the next semester. We should not be waiting for the next semester.

**6. Director of Student Support Services Report**

**Presenter:** Mr. David Hook

**Discussion:** Mr Hook has the same numbers previous.

IEP Students 5044 Plan Students

In District 69 12 Students

Out o District 17 initial Evaluations in

Progress - 12 Students

There have been a large number of lower results, basically because of behavior

South ISC 4 Compliance Visit

Employee Medical Files

In-person visit will be done.

The reviews went well.

April will be another visit.

All appropriate files need to be ready for the April visit.

Some programs may have not been in place at Sabndridge and we will need to form a committee.

**7. Principal Report**

**Presenter:** Ms. Kalea Polk

**Discussion:** Ms. Polk gave her Presentation:

Registration packets will be given out on April 1st and collected throughout the month and end April 30, 2027.

There was an excellent MLK Day Presentation held at the "L" Building in Lynwood. It ws orchestrated by Trustee Bryan Hurt of Lynwood. This event was well attended and it was noted that a larger venue will be needed for next year. And because of Mr. Hurt's success, he was presented with an award.

**8. Assistant Principal Report**

**Presenter:** Mr. Chris VanderKuyl

**Discussion:** Assistant Principal Report

Closing of Positive Support Room

This room had to be closed because it was needed for Ms Purcell and due to the increase in special education children. This room may be reopened at a later date.

Behavior is the number one concern, physical aggression and 3rd is disrespectful speech. The Asst Principal has reached out to Dr. Alexander Escobar for expertise on how to handle the above concerns.

**9. Personnel Report**

**Presenter:** Dr. Kim Nalls

**Discussion:** Two candidates are recommended for the \$20.00 per hour 7:30-90:30 due to the work that is needed for maintenance.

Erika Ashmond \$35,000 yearly – \$40,000 next year there will be an increase recommended.

Sheila Stokes works with Erica 2 days a week.

Question: Does this include benefits? No. Because this is a temporary position.

The secretary's son is a temporary position - and there is not a nepotism policy with SD 172. It was challenging to hire for a part-time position.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Action(s):**

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. This motion, made by Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown and seconded by Mrs Kim Newton, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Board Secretary