



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 22, 2026, 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. Call to Order and Roll call

The Regular Meeting of the Keeneyville School District 20 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm, by President Farwa Ahmed.

Roll Call:

Farwa Ahmed	-present
Sarah Dellaria	-present
Brent Seehafer	-present
Amanda Coppola	-present
Lynne Steiner	-present
Natalie Kucharski	-present
Terre Taylor	-absent (present at 7:25pm)

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; 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; Tech Assistants: Manny Figueroa, Benny Cieslewicz, and Gio Noyola; Staff and Community Members also participated in person and via Zoom.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Farwa Ahmed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

Brent Seehafer moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented; Natalie Kucharski seconded.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

IV. 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 - December 18, 2025

b. Financial Reports

1. District 20 Financial Reports and Accounts Payable - December 2025 & January 2026

2. December 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. Second Read & Approval of FY 26-27 School Calendar

e. Approval of Resolution to appoint Brian Marroquin to prepare a tentative budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Sarah Dellaria moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented; Brent Seehafer seconded.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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

V. 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 to 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.

There was no public comment.

VI. School Board's President Report

a. Board Self-Monitoring Report

There were no board self-monitoring reports.

b. District Finance & Facilities

Sarah Dellaria, committee chair, reported that the next meeting will be on February 10, 2026.

c. Policy Committee

Brent Seehafer, committee chair, reported that the Board of Education Policy Committee met on Thursday, January 15, at 12:00 PM via Zoom. During the meeting, the Committee reviewed policies from Press Issues 120 for first read. The Committee plans to recommend approval for second read and adoption of these policies at the February 19 Board meeting.

d. SASED Report

Dr. Castillo presented the SASED report.

Sased Board of Directors met on January 21 and reviewed for approval an Intergovernmental Agreement and the approval of independent contractors for the school opening session in the fall. There was also a closed session that included discussion of Southeast school property and personnel matters.

e. Dashboards

1. Financial Dashboard

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

Education Fund – Received 85% of budgeted revenues or \$17.8 million. The Ed Fund expended 45% of budgeted dollars or \$10 million. Operations & Maintenance Fund – Received 95 of budgeted revenues or \$2.9 million and expended 61% or \$1.9 million of budgeted dollars. Transportation Fund Received 74% of budgeted revenues or \$1.2 million and expended 41% of budgeted dollars. Combined and All Funds- Received 86% of budgeted revenues or \$25 million and expended 52% or \$1 million.

2. Staff & Student Attendance Dashboard

Dr. Castillo presented the Staff and Student Attendance Dashboard.

VII. Superintendent's Report

a. Dr. Omar Castillo's Board Report

Dr. Castillo submitted his board information report.

Building administrators implemented the new School Improvement Framework to analyze benchmark data, set measurable goals, guide PLCs, and align instructional strategies to student needs. Ongoing monitoring supports improved instruction and school climate. The District will begin development of its next three-year Strategic Plan with stakeholder engagement. Previous plans have guided district decision-making, resource allocation, and instructional and operational priorities. Branding updates continued, including a district fact sheet and Board meeting banner. Winter Sing-Along Facebook Live events generated strong engagement. ECC screenings and 2026–27 registration were promoted, and materials for Kindergarten Round-Up and general registration are in development. The ARTSiE Winter 2026 program was promoted through district communication channels.

b. Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Survey feedback from students and staff indicated a strong preference for Amplify ELA over HMH Into Literature. Amplify ELA will be adopted for the remainder of the school year. Ongoing teacher training will continue, with extended planning sessions scheduled in May for the 2026–2027 rollout. Annual ACCESS testing for English Learners is underway. Results, expected in May, will be used to determine student progress and placement.

The required four-year IARSS compliance audit is nearing completion, including verification of Illinois Mandated Units of Instruction. Curriculum documentation is substantially complete. The District successfully completed its required Professional Development Audit and remains in compliance, with minor procedural adjustments identified.

The Technology Department focused on expanding digital resources, integrating AI tools to improve teacher efficiency, and enhancing student safety.

- **Digital Resources:** Added magazines to the Sora platform and continued partnership with the Roselle Public Library.
- **Professional Development:** Provided AI training through Magic School tools, with additional staff resources forthcoming.
- **Operations & Safety:** Smart Pass is fully implemented at the Middle School, providing data insights and enhanced security through photo integration.
- **Classroom Innovation:** Increased student digital projects, including podcasts and book trailers using WeVideo.

c. Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

The consent agenda included the approval of the resolution to appoint Brian Marroquin to prepare the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–27. This allows the Business Office to begin budget planning, including collaboration with departments to analyze YTD actuals and district/student needs. A tentative budget will be presented in June. General Budget Overview included:

Monthly P&L statements are reported through the Financial Dashboard to summarize recent financial activity, supporting Strategic Plan Goal 3 on effective resource management. **All Funds Year-to-Date:** Total fund balance \$27,840,766

(89%, 326 Days on Hand). Revenues \$23,534,421 (85% of budget), with nearly all property tax received; state revenues below budget. Expenditures \$15,526,984 (50% of budget), with higher spending on curriculum, technology, and Greenbrook Main Office Expansion (fully paid). Transfers out: \$450,000 each from Working Cash and O&M Funds. **Operating Funds Year-to-Date:** Fund balance \$27,315,288 (97%). Revenues \$22,406,836; expenditures \$12,687,678.

d. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

The District finalized and reviewed its Cardiac Emergency Response Plan with all buildings. The plan outlines CPR/AED training, defined emergency roles, and AED accessibility. Additional AEDs have been requested through a partnership with EKGs for EKG; ECC has received one unit, and other buildings have applied. Staff and CERT team training are the next steps. District administration attended the SASSED Monthly Directors Meeting, where enrollment, facilities, program updates, ESY (June 10–25), and 2026–2027 planning were discussed. Planning for 2026–2027 continues, including articulation meetings to support student transitions and review enrollment, staffing, and program needs. The District is exploring the potential creation of two district-run special education program sections at Waterbury to potentially replace certain SASSED programs, pending further review of models and costs. Implementation, if approved, would target 2027–2028. The SAEBRS social-emotional screener will be administered in January for all students, with MySAEBRS completed by grades 2–8 to inform intervention planning and monitor progress.

Family Liaison Update:

Participated in McKinney-Vento meetings and supported transportation coordination, including 41 identified McKinney-Vento students. Continued support included IEP translation coursework, parent assistance with transportation and special education needs, medical referrals, registration support, updated health records coordination, and scheduling student vision exams across buildings.

e. Principal Reports

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

f. Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled

The Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled was submitted to the school board.

g. FOIA's

1. Owen Wang - DuPage Policy Journal - December 31, 2025
 2. Owen Wang - DuPage Policy Journal - January 1, 2026
- FOIA's received were responded to in a timely manner.

VIII.Closed Session

[The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057

At 7:25 pm, Brent Seehafer moved that the Board of Education enter Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity; Terre Taylor seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carried.

IX.Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, January 24 - Strategic Planning Session @ SW Innovation Center - 8:00 AM - 3 PM
- Monday, January 26 - Boys BB & Cheer @ Peacock - 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 27 - Boys BB & Cheer Medinah @ SW - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, January 29 - Boys BB & Cheer Wood Dale @ SW - 4:00 PM
- Friday, January 30 - ECC Preschool Screening - No School
- Tuesday, February 3 - Boys BB & Cheer Roselle @ SW - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, February 5 - Boys BB & Cheer SW @ Westfield - 4:00 PM
- Friday, February 6 - ECC Field Trip No School
- Wednesday, February 11 - Family Bingo Night @ 6:00 PM
- Friday, February 13 - AM Half Day Student Attendance - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monday, February 16 - Presidents' Day - Schools Closed
- Thursday, February 19 - Regular Board of Education Meeting @ SW Innovation Center - 7:00 PM

X.Adjournment

At 8:50 pm, Brent Seehafer moved to adjourn the meeting; Natalie Kucharski seconded.

Ayes: 7

Abstain: 0

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Farwa Ahmed, Board President Date _____

Brent Seehafer, Board Secretary Date _____