

Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 9, 2026

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:02 p.m. March 9, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Ken Hommowun, Bobby Lark, Lisa Kaplan, Alina Romero, Andy Johnson, Nyalla Paxton, and Tim Simpson

2. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2026 and Closed Session of February 2, 2026, had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2026 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Member Bermudez made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of February 2, 2026 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

3. The fund balances for February 28, 2026 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$21,659,195.03
Operation Fund	\$ (2,972,783.85)
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ (50,490.95)
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,596,912.54
I.M.R.F.	\$ 187,987.14
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 585,150.63
Tort	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 62,364.51
TOTAL	\$ 21,162,538.53

Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve Vouchers 1977 through 1982 in the total amount of \$1,016,600.54 and authorize the President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:

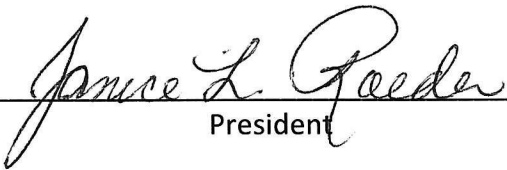
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Danek, DiPaola, Boyte, Bermudez, and Polen.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Student Council rep, Nyalla Paxton, gave a report on upcoming student council events.

6. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve a shared business office services intergovernmental agreement with Union Ridge School District 86. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Boyte, DiPaola, Polen, Bermudez, and Danek.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
7. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve Arthur Chmiel as Treasurer for the District for a two-year term beginning July 2026 through June 2028, subject to the terms and conditions as presented. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members White, Roeder, Danek, DiPaola, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez
Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve a motion to cover the biannual costs related to the band and chorus Gurnee Six Flags Music in the Parks event. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to approve a FMLA leave per the Rhodes procedures for Brittany Fugger. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
10. Member Bermudez made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the reduction of long-term substitute teacher positions. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
11. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Bermudez to approve the Consolidated Grant District Plan for 2026/27. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
12. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to adjourn to closed session at 7:29 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or contractor personnel. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
13. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to adjourn closed session at 7:54 p.m. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
14. The closed session was returned to regular session at 7:55 p.m.
15. Action after closed:
 1. Approve the SY 2026/27 School Year hiring of Jorge Plana as a bus driver (7 ayes)
 2. Approve Andrew Arambula's SY 2026/27 assistant principal contract as presented (7 ayes)
 3. Accept the retirement of Noreen Wasz as of December 31, 2026 (7 ayes)

4. Accept Sheila Urban's Letter of Intent to Retire at the conclusion of the 2029-30 school year and approve the related teacher contract's Article X Retirement eligibility (7 ayes)
 5. Approve the resignation of Jacquelin Rodriguez at the end of the current school term (7 ayes)
16. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



President



Secretary

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:
Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez