

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 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. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Matt Merboth and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Principal, Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mrs. Jayme Salazar, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Recognitions

The Board recognized the following students and coaches:

ILMEA Conference Honorees: Collin Kalsto – All State Chorus, Nathan Leffers – Honors Chorus, Christian Limberg – Future Music Educators Seminar, Zayden O'Dell – All State Band, along with Mrs. Natalie Verucchi, Choir Director, and Mr. Jeremy Stevens, Band Director.

Girls' Bowling: Kamryn Oscepiniski, who placed 40th in the State overall, along with Assistant Coach Krisina Leix, Assistant Coach Jeff Miller, and Head Coach Aaron Guenther.

Girls' Wrestling: Kiley Domyancich – State Qualifier, was recognized along with Assistant Coach Rocky McKnight, and Head Coach Nolan Keeney.

Division Spotlight

Mrs. Kristen Adams, Social Science Teacher, along with students Manuel Tejada, Michael Niemiec, and Leo Maier, represented the Social Science Division providing an overview of AP European History highlighting the course structure, progression of units, and instructional approach, which emphasizes developing historical thinking skills. Mrs. Adams discussed strategies used to prepare for the AP exam and highlighted the course's focus on writing, analysis, and critical thinking. Students shared that they enrolled in the course due to their interest in history and the academic challenge it provides, and they expressed appreciation for Mrs. Adams' teaching. Students also noted the opportunity to strengthen skills and explore their heritage through the course content.

Public Comment

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

FINANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the L-P Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, 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, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from Mr. Walter Zukowski Family for the flowers and support in memory of Mrs. Lois Zukowski (Mother of Mr. Walter Zukowski and Grandmother of Mr. Will Zukowski and Mrs. Emily (Patrick) Carney)

Thank you letter from Mrs. Cherly DePaepe for the Board's donation to the LPHS Foundation for Enrichment in Memory of Mrs. Lois Zukowski (Mother of Mr. Walt Zukowski and Grandmother of Mr. Will Zukowski and Mrs. Emily (Patrick) Carney)

Notification of surplus TIF Real Estate Tax Increments funds totaling \$129,852.85.

TIF Reimbursements:

City of Peru	2024 Tax Yr Reimb TIFI	\$66,711.94
	2024 Tax Yr Reimb TIFII	\$11,087.69
	2024 Tax Yr Reimb TIFIV	\$25,000.00
Village of Tonica	TIFII 2026	<u>\$ 353.93</u>

TOTAL TIF REIMBURSEMENTS \$103,153.56

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, presented his report from the meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The report included the following items: approval of the February 17, 2026, minutes; Ag Building update and recommendation of change orders CO#8 and CO#11; other current project updates, including the Main Building Lighting Project, completion of the Roofing Repair/Replacement and Health Occupations projects, the Dolan Building elevator, Sip-N-Savor, and Dance Studio; kitchen elevator update; recommendation to award the Sellett Gym west stair and Commons doors, frames, and hardware contract to Vissering Construction; and the bid opening for the Dolan Building Interior Renovations Project, to be held on Wednesday, March 11. Lastly, RPZ repair.

Finance Committee: Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, presented the Finance Report from the meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The report covered the following items: approval of the February 17, 2026, minutes; monthly financial statements; 2025 audit update; Series 2025/2026 Debt Certificates – General Obligation Bonds update; Solar on Earth update; Ag Building donations; recommendation to award Sellett Gym West Stair and Commons doors, frames, and hardware contract to Vissering Construction; 2026–2027

school fee recommendation; recommendation to let bids for bread, milk, and pizza contracts; forensic audits update; and the recommendation to create a new administrative position – Head Dean.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTEDENT

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing reported on the following topics:

- **Staffing Update for FY2027:** Ms. Lance and I met to allocate staffing sections. I do not have any requests to add additional teachers based upon the staffing numbers. Full-time teaching positions open for 2026-2027 are in the divisions of Math
- **SEssentials Survey:** Our annual survey window has opened. This survey is completed by students, faculty, and parents. Faculty has been given the log in information and as the date of the report 78% have completed it. It is also open to parents and 18% of our parents have completed it. Our students completed the survey on March 10 and have 82% after the all-school administration. Students who were absent were able to make it up during the rest of the week. 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.
- **FY2027 Budget:** Budget work preparations have started since the last meeting. Mrs. Lori Whalen has been meeting with our division chairs. During that time, discussions include collecting information about what needs the division members will have for the upcoming school year as well as forecasting needs for the upcoming five years. We have also been keeping lists of the numerous projects or items that have presented as needs for the upcoming school year.

INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kate Lance reported on the following topics:

- The mandated assessments are scheduled for this school year. Our ACT testing days will be conducted on April 8th and April 14th. We have made several changes this year to increase our students' learning and likelihood of success on the ACT testing suite. We have been holding students more accountable with missing work by creating folders of missing work and using the Academic Success Program to complete essential work. This practice has been helping students turn in more work. We also have provided students with a practice ACT through Academic Approach. We received the data and have identified three topics that, if practiced, will greatly improve student success. Having this data has allowed us to create a system to intensely practice for the remaining time before the ACT. The divisions that have their direct content tested are required to create an activity for each day up until the ACT testing day. All other divisions are required to create a bellringer of a practice question each day. With all teachers actively using the ACT in classes, students will better understand the content as well as the idea that all faculty are supporting their success.
- We hosted our High Scholarship Legion Honor Program on Thursday, February 26th in Matthiessen Auditorium. We honored 346 students for earning 3.5 GPA or higher for either three, five, or seven semesters. Mr. Troy Woods served as our guest speaker, who provided an inspirational speech as an alumnus.
- We will also honor students this month with the induction ceremony for the LPHS Honor Society. This ceremony will be held during the morning of Thursday, March 26th. The honorees' families are invited as well as our student body. The seniors will be honored for their high grades as well as overall character and commitments to the school and community.
- During this upcoming month, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Mrs. Diane Bergagna, and I will be meeting individually with each division chair to discuss next year's division budgets. Aligning resources with curricular needs while thinking about future needs is a helpful process.
- Summer School planning has begun at the ILT meeting. Determining course offerings, the logistical aspects, and the selection of teaching staff have been the areas of focus. We will be able to offer the courses that we have offered in the past.

- The career fair was held on Monday, March 16th for our sophomore students. We had an excellent response from local businesses and appreciate their willingness to work with our students. This event is a culminating activity with our English curriculum and connects to the current College and Career Readiness Indicators for ISBE.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Steve Hanson reported on the following topics:

1. Item 1: Athletics Update

a. Winter Sports

- i. The Winter Sports Season has been completed. We had 2 Regional Champions, an individual 8th place finish at State and an individual 40th place finish.
 1. Girls Bowling—Regional Champions and an individual 40th place.
 2. Kamryn Oscepiniski, Girls Bowling, 40th place overall finisher at the IHSA State Tournament.
 3. Kiely Domyancich 8th place overall at the IHSA Girls Wrestling Tournament.
 4. Boys Basketball won their 3rd consecutive Regional Championship.

b. Spring Sports

- i. Girls Softball season opened their season on 3/10 at Geneseo. Their first home game is Friday 3/20 vs. Morton.
- ii. The Boys' Baseball team opens their season at Edwardsville on 3/20 (due to weather cancelling 2 games).
- iii. The Boys and Girls Track teams have been busy competing at indoor competitions in Sterling, Byron and Sycamore. The team is off to a good start and looking forward to a great season.
- iv. The Girls' Soccer team opens up 3/18 at Rock Island.
- v. The Boys' Tennis team will open their season on 3/30 at the Sports Complex.

2. Item 2: Activities Update

- i. FFA planned a fun and exciting National FFA Week for students, staff, and faculty. They partnered with the Environmental Committee to organize student and faculty dress-up days and participated in a dodgeball tournament at Ottawa, with one team winning Best Dressed.
- ii. Interact Club hosted a collaborative conference with neighboring schools to share ideas. Members left inspired by the new ideas they learned and are excited to implement them at LP.
- iii. Mock Trial is competing at the Illinois State Bar Association Invitational March 13 – 14.
- iv. The Musical cast and crew have been putting in countless hours preparing their rendition of *Mamma Mia!*. The production will be performed live March 20–22.
- v. Cavs Day was a huge success, with approximately 280 sophomores participating in activities hosted by junior and senior leaders. The event encouraged students to get to know one another, have fun, and strengthen their sense of belonging within the school community.

ACC DIRECTOR

Dr. Shane Lange reported on the following topics:

Future Story: The Next Step Signing Day!

Celebrate the Class of 2026! Join us as our seniors formally commit to their futures. Whether they are entering a high-demand trade, joining the military, or continuing their education, this is the moment their hard work meets opportunity. • When: Monday, May 4th • Where: LP Auditorium • Times: 1st Period & 3rd Period • Parents: You are cordially invited to witness this milestone!

"This isn't just a signature; it's a launchpad. We are incredibly proud of the diverse paths our students are carving out in the Illinois Valley and beyond."



State Budget Proposal Targets Career Center Growth

The future of technical education in Illinois is looking brighter—and bigger. A tentative \$50 million investment has been proposed in the state budget to support Area Career Centers (ACCs).

What this means for LPACC: If approved, these funds are earmarked for two critical areas that directly impact our students' daily learning environment:

1. Facility Maintenance: Modernizing the "bones" of our building to keep pace with industrial standards.
2. Strategic Expansion: Creating more space to get more students into high-demand programs.

Status Watch: The budget is currently in the legislative phase. We will keep our community updated as these funds move toward final approval.

The Voice of the Student

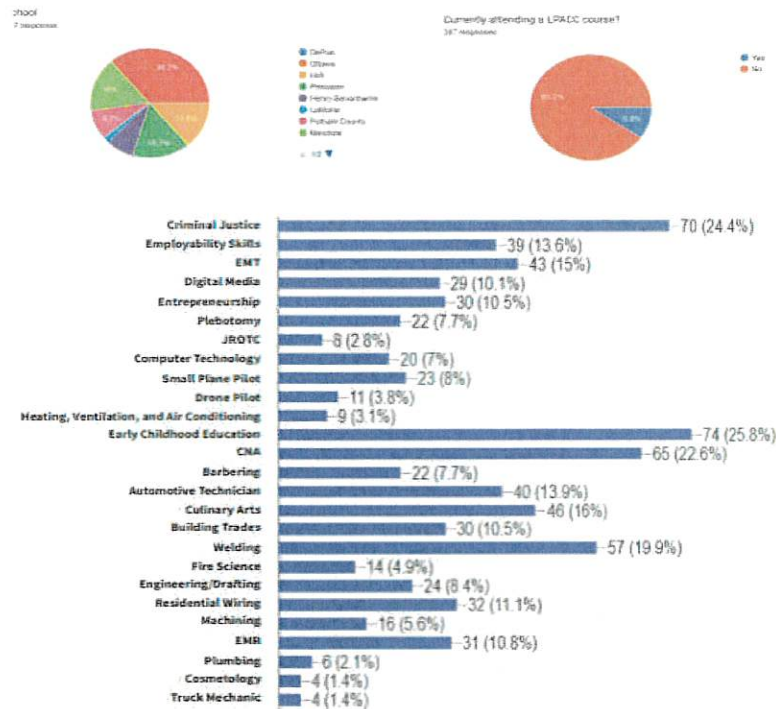
Headline: Designing the Future: 2026 Student Interest Survey Results

We asked, and our future professionals answered! To ensure LACC and SRAVTE programs align with student goals, we recently conducted a comprehensive interest survey. The results show a high demand for service-oriented careers and essential life skills.

The Top 4 • Early Childhood Education 74 • Criminal Justice 70 • Nursing Assistant (CNA) 65

• Welding 57 Honorable Mentions • Employability Skills 39 • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

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The school allotments have been calculated, and the registration link is open for next year's registration. We will reevaluate the available seats in April for redistribution.

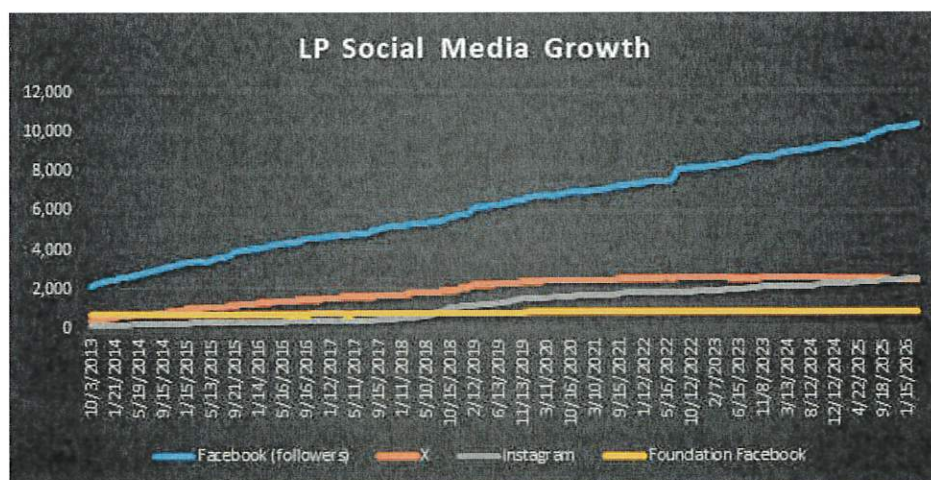
Student Registration Link

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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.
- We've been overseeing musical ticket sales, preparing for the March 20 weekend performances. Nearly 1,000 tickets have been purchased or comped for staff as of March 11.
- 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 IHSA Renewal for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the IHSA Renewal for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the updated Title I Schoolwide Plan

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the updated Title I Schoolwide Plan, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2026-2027 Consolidated District Plan

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the 2026-2027 Consolidated District Plan, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Blood-Borne Pathogen Exposure Plan for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Blood-Borne Pathogen Exposure Plan for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following Ag Building change orders:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the following Ag Building change orders as presented:

Vissering Construction

- a. CO#8: Revise walk-in cooler condenser breaker size. Update Workroom 209 countertop receptacles. Remove fiber and conduit pole (connected to east building). Remove power for vanities; manual facets selected. Totaling \$401.00
- b. CO#9: Additional beam and plate lintels for duct openings. Totaling \$11,469.00
- c. CO#11: Revise Steel Casework to Eliminate Toe Kick and Add a 4# Concrete base. Totaling \$2,845.00

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2026-2027 School Fees

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the 2026-2027 School Fees, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to award the Main Building Sellett Gymnasium Frame/Door/Hardware contract to Vissering Construction for \$83,379.00

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to award the Main Building Sellett Gymnasium Frame/Door/Hardware contract to Vissering Construction for \$83,379.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to award the Dolan Building Interior Renovation contract to Vissering Construction for \$148,245.00

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to award the Dolan Building Interior Renovation contract to Vissering Construction for \$148,245.00, as presented:

- a. Restroom Renovation (Base Bid): \$92,215.00
- b. Flooring Replacement (Alternate Bid 1): \$9,628.00
- c. New Children's Restroom (Alternate Bid 2); \$46,402.00

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the contract with Abel Plus Service Inc., for the Dolan Building, 2nd Floor tile, Asbestos Abatement for \$8,325.00

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the contract with Abel Plus Service Inc., for the Dolan Building, 2nd Floor tile, Asbestos Abatement for \$8,325.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to hire CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) to conduct a Forensic Audit for \$21,000.00

MOTION by Mr. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve hiring CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) to conduct a Forensic Audit for \$21,000.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to let bids for:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve to let bids, as presented.

- a. Bread Vendor for the 2026-2027 school year
- b. Milk Vendor for the 2026-2027 school year
- c. Pizza Vendor for the 2026-2027 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following resignations:

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

- a. Mr. Aaron Beale, Math Teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year
- b. Mr. Collyn Lazzarotto, Assistant Football Coach, effective February 26, 2026
- c. Mr. Robert McNally, Head Boys' and Girls' Co-op Swim Coach, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year
- d. Mrs. Beth Milby, Food Service Production Staff/Cashier, effective March 16, 2026

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

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

- a. Ms. Sabrina Poole, Volunteer Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
- b. Mrs. Haley Farringer, Writing Club Volunteer, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mrs. Shelly Phillips)
- c. Ms. Salma Gonzalez, Spanish Teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. Zach Horton)

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to create the administrative position of Head Dean

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve to create the administrative position of Head Dean, as presented.

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to reassign the following administrative positions for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to reassign the following administrative positions for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented:

- a. Ms. Kate Lance, Principal
- b. Mr. Jason Miller, Head Dean

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to rehire the following administrative positions for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to rehire the following administrative positions for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented:

- a. Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Assistant Superintendent
- b. Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director
- c. Mr. Chawn Huffaker, Dean of Students
- d. Mrs. Jayme Salazar, Associate Principal for Student Support Services

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following probationary certified staff reappointments for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the following probationary certified staff reappointments for the 2026-2027 school year as presented:

Part-time status:

- a. Mrs. Robbyn Partain, ACC Fire Science Teacher
- b. Mr. Brian Layhew, ACC Aviation Flight Teacher
- c. Mrs. Gina Martin, Sports Medicine Teacher

First-year probationary teachers to be rehired as second-year probationary certified staff:

- a. Mr. Glenn Hall, Science Teacher
- b. Mrs. Amanda Harty, English Teacher
- c. Mr. Riley Hintzsche, Agriculture Teacher
- d. Mrs. Jamie O'Flanagan ACC CNA Teacher

Second-year probationary teachers to be rehired as third-year probationary certified staff:

- a. Mrs. Courtney Curley, Special Education Teacher
- b. Mr. Matthew Lambert, Special Education Teacher (3.5 years)
- c. Ms. Danielle McCoin, Science Teacher

Approval to grant tenure to the following probationary certified staff:

- a. Mrs. Haley Farringer, English Teacher
- b. Mrs. Cortny Hannon, English Teacher
- c. Mrs. Kaylee Haun, Counselor/Work-based Learning Coordinator
- d. Mrs. Ashley Swanson, School Counselor
- e. Ms. Emma Walke, English Teacher

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following staff reductions-in-force for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve the following staff reductions-in-force for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented:

- a. Mrs. Katherine Baker, STEP Job Coach, due to financial considerations
- b. Mrs. Kristen Derix, Title I Reading Para-Professional, due to financial considerations
- c. Mrs. Hope Picco, Title I Math Para-Professional, due to financial considerations

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, 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) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, and c) Imminent/Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0 Time 6:51p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 7:17p.m.**

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Mrs. Carol Alcorn abstained from the vote. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to destruct verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to September 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to September 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, as presented.

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2024

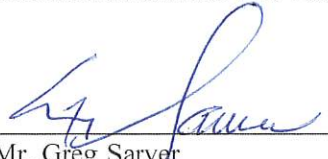
Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

OTHER

The Board reviewed a draft sponsorship agreement for the Ag Building and determined that additional review and discussion are needed.

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

The motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:27p.m.


Mr. Greg Sarver
President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary