

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the HOH Conference room in said district on Tuesday evening, March 10, 2026, and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel.

President Silver-Schack called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

DeShawn Arms
Christine Beeftink
Diana Horwitz
Eve Pfanzelter
Mara Silver-Schack
Adam Weinstock

Absent: Beth Bazer

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official, Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services; Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services; Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning; Samantha Scheinman, Director of Communications; Chrissy Yonaites, Recording Secretary and Jeremy Bartunek, Greenbriar Teacher/Streaming Tech.

Staff Attendees: Rachel Schlesinger, Chris Beese, Maria Eck and Lauren Wittenberg.

Public Attendees: Dr. Eric Apgar along with Kaitlin Atlas and Nicki Bazer from Franczek.

SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE

With the absence of Beth Bazer, Board Secretary, at this Board meeting, there was a motion to appoint a Secretary Pro Tempore for the meeting.

Member Weinstock moved to appoint Member Beeftink as Secretary Pro Tempore and Member Pfanzelter seconded. All members voted Aye. Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

A staff member addressed the Board about the Westmoor renovations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Director of Student Services

Superintendent Dr. Pearson provided details of the hiring search for a Director of Student Services. Dr. Pearson recommended Dr. Eric Apgar for the role based on his impressive background. Dr. Apgar is regarded for building strong, trusting relationships with teachers, administrators and peers. Dr. Pearson noted he also has strong skills for strategic thinking and long range planning.

It was moved by Member Pfanzelter and seconded by Member Beeftink that the Board of Education approve the contract for Eric Apgar for the role of Director of Student Services.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzelter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

North Cook ROE/ISC Intergovernmental Agreement Update

Dr. Pearson informed the Board that the North Cook intergovernmental agreement was back on the consent agenda due to a recommended change. Historically, the District has not utilized the North Cook Student Advocacy Alternative Learning Opportunities Program option within the agreement.

After receiving further information, Dr. Pearson now sees the value in this option, particularly for supporting students with attendance issues and school refusal. If the District opts to use it, the first year's cost would be split with the North Cook Regional Office of Education (ROE), with subsequent years covered by a grant.

To facilitate implementation, Dr. Pearson has scheduled a meeting next week between the Assistant Director at North Cook and some District administrators. The goal is to inform administrators about the available resources they could utilize for students experiencing school refusal.

Construction Updates

Superintendent Dr. Pearson provided the Board with an update on current construction projects. Meadowbrook Gymnasium is on schedule. Work on the New Meadowbrook school has begun with a construction kick off meeting scheduled for this week. Greenbriar and Westmoor go out to bid on Thursday, March 12.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Weinstock that the Board of Education approve the minutes for Regular Meeting on February 24, 2026 and Closed Meeting on February 24, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: Arms. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Horwitz and seconded by Member Weinstock that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

Payroll

The payment of employee salaries for the last half of February 2026, in the amount of \$1,993,835.62 and covered by check numbers 68938 through 68951 and deduction check numbers 68952 through 68970 inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated March 10, 2026.

Bills

Vendor invoices for March 2026 totaling 2,258,617.53 and Warrants listed as Numbers 66148 through 66240 and the following voids: None, confirmed by the signature of the President of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated March 10, 2026.

Personnel Report: Contract Changes, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations and Dismissals

Staff Recommended for Employment				
Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date
Brendan Frank*	Band Director	District-wide	MA+00-17, \$96,387 (until new salary schedule for 2026-2027)	8/17/26

* Certified Candidate details below

Staff Resignations, Retirements and / or Terminations

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Megan Hoyer	YE EC Teacher	WM	Resignation	6/3/26
Holly Vosburgh	YE EC Teacher	WM	Resignation	6/3/26
Matthew Meaney	Math Teacher	NBJH	Resignation	6/3/26
Susan Blue	Special Educ Asst.	NBJH	Retirement	6/3/26
Charity Davis	Spec Educ Teacher	NBJH	Resignation	6/26/26

Staff Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Lauren Mulkerrin	Spec Educ Teacher	NBJH	General Leave	8/17/26
Julie Arutyunov	3rd Gr Teacher	GB	Parent Leave	8/17/26

Background Data on Certified Staff Recommended for Employment

Name	Brendan Frank
License	Music; Kindergarten through Grade 12
Education	Master of Music Education, Eastern Illinois University
Experience	Music Teacher, Antioch School District 34, August 2010 - present

eBook Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment

The District has an intergovernmental agreement with the Northbrook Library which allows our students access to ebooks. The agreement has been amended due to a change in vendors.

North Cook ROE/ISC Intergovernmental Agreement

Dr. Pearson previously stated that the District has typically opted not to include the North Cook Student Advocacy Alternative Learning Opportunities Program option in the Intergovernmental Agreement. However, following internal discussions, it was recommended that this option be included.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Report

Ms. Donato, Chief School Business Official, provided the finance report for the month ending February 28, 2026. After eight months of the fiscal year, the monthly variance report shows 59.8% of the 2025-26 budget expended and 62.7% of budgeted revenues collected.

Local, State & Federal Requirements

Since the February Board of Education Meeting, District 28 submitted the following:

- Filed monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics Report on Current Employment
- Submitted Teacher Retirement System Gemini payroll reports
- Submitted monthly Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Wage Report
- Submitted "Excess Cost Worksheet" to ISBE (required as part of IDEA grant reporting)

It was moved by Member Pfanzerter and seconded by Member Horwitz that the Board of Education approve the Finance Report for February 2026.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Part-Time Teacher

Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources, presented a resolution to the Board that due to a reduction in force the part time orchestra teacher will be honorably dismissed at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. The District is required to notify the certified personnel that they will be honorably dismissed due to a reduction in force.

It was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Weinstock that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of a part time teacher.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal

Mr. Brophy presented a resolution to the Board that the Permanent Substitute Teacher position be discontinued at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. The District is required to notify the certified personnel assigned to this position that they will be honorably dismissed.

It was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Pfanzerter that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Sculles, Director of Student Services, informed the Board the summer programming course offerings are on the website. Registration opens after spring break.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Happ Builders Pay App #7

Ms. Donato introduced Pay Application #7 for the Meadowbrook project, outlining the \$1,123,200.00 payment schedule with Happ Builders based on work completed through February 28, 2026.

It was moved by Member Pfanzerter and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education approve the payment to Happ Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$1,123,200.00.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

Westmoor Rooftop Unit

Ms. Donato explained the District proposed replacing two existing roof top units at Westmoor. The cost of the project is \$118,760. The District would apply the \$50,000 school maintenance matching grant making the cost to the District \$68,760.

It was moved by Member Weinstock and seconded by Member Pfanzerter that the Board of Education approve the Westmoor rooftop unit replacement project.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY

AI Presentation

Maria Stavropoulos, Director of Technology, facilitated an AI presentation to the Board. The Board asked follow up questions. Dr. Pearson and Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning added some additional details. A policy will be adopted in the summer once IASB provides guidance.

LEGISLATION

Member Beeftink updated the Board on a few bills that could potentially pass. These include eligibility for unemployment for part-time support staff, a potential cell phone ban in schools, modifications to the notice to remedy process, and changes impacting 504 plans.

POLICY

Mr. Brophy mentioned PRESS 121 should be released soon.

COMMUNICATION

Samantha Scheinman, Director of Communications, informed the Board that the District is transitioning the mass communication platform to Parent Square starting August 2026.

There were two FOIA's this month.

TRUENORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

Dr. Pearson informed the Board that the next Executive Committee Meeting is the next day. TrueNorth is also hosting a job fair on March 11 in support of the TrueNorth staff.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

In

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Member Weinstock and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education go into a Closed Session to discuss the following:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity as authorized by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Horwitz, Pfanzelter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

Out

At 10:05 p.m, President Silver-Schack requested that the meeting return to Regular Session. All members present voted Aye. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:06 p.m., it was moved by Member Pfanzelter and seconded by Member Horwitz to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye. Absent: Bazer. Motion carried.

Christine Beeftink, Secretary Pro Tem

Mara Silver-Schack, President