

Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes – April 8, 2026

President James Stoltman called the Regular Meeting of the Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Educational Administration Center, 210 S. Church Road, Bensenville, IL.

Roll call verified that there was a quorum of the Board present with the following members present and absent as listed below:

Board of Education	Title	Present	Absent
Jacqueline Dye	Member	X	
Victoria Gonzalez	Secretary	X	
Robert Laudadio	Member		X
Milton Mercado, Jr.	Member		X
Anita Miller	Vice-President	X	
Maria Cristina Reyes	Member	X	
James Stoltman	President	X	
Administration			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent	X	
Mr. Tim Keeley	C.S.B.O	X	
Ms. Lydia Ryan	Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning	X	
Mr. Dustin Berman	Assistant Superintendent for Student Services	X	
Other Staff			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	
Tania Gomez	Community Relations Coordinator	X	

Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Stoltman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments - none

Celebrations

- Blackhawk successfully hosted its Shrek Musical, which was very well received.
- Celebrated Assistant Principal Week. Thank you to all our APs for their leadership and dedication.
- Sodexo Chef Competition saw strong participation across schools - winning dish: Super Yummy Gluten-Free Dutch Babies, prepared by Rosemary Kaiser (Tioga Elementary School).

Presentations

A. School Safety Update - Dr. Katie McCluskey, Superintendent and Mr. Dustin Berman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, presented a School Safety Update. The Parent Safety Advisory Committee reviewed districtwide safety efforts, including ongoing collaboration with local agencies, enhanced emergency response systems, and established threat assessment practices to support student well-being. The committee also reviewed updates and provided feedback to the dress code and cell phone policies. The dress code policy emphasizes equity and inclusion, while promoting a positive learning environment. The cell phone policy clarifies expectations to reduce instructional disruptions and maintain student focus. Overall, these efforts reflect the district's continued commitment to safe and supportive learning environments.

Board Committee Reports

A. Announcements –none

Administrative Reports

- A. Announcements** – Dr. McCluskey reminded board members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest statements.
- B. FOIA** – Mr. Keeley reported that there were 2 FOIA's:
1. Public Info Access – requesting Records identifying the employee(s) assigned responsibility for leadership, oversight, coordination, or supervisory authority for the following functional areas at the district or central office level.
 2. dcaffeylt@pm.me - requesting documents containing Dr. James Robinette during his employment in Bensenville School District 2 including: - Email Communications from August 1 2025 until March 11 2025 including the following names - Michael Henry - George Simpson - Disciplinary records subject to FOIA - Letters of reference prior to his employment
- C. 3rd Quarter Financial Update** - Tim Keeley, Chief School Business Official, presented the 3rd Quarter Financial Update, noting the district currently shows a mid-year deficit due to timing, but finances remain on track. Most revenue comes from local property taxes, spending is mainly on salaries and benefits, and overall expenses are controlled. The district is expected to end the year with a small surplus and a continued stable fund balance of about \$40 million.
- D. Health Insurance Rates 2026-27 for Classified Staff** – Mr. Keeley reported that the proposed 2026–27 health insurance rates for classified staff maintain the same contribution structure used over the past seven years, with the District continuing to base contributions on the HMO Blue Advantage plan and providing higher contributions for family coverage and longer-tenured employees. Due to significant premium increases, the District's contributions are proposed to increase accordingly, with employee costs varying depending on plan selection. The District is also exploring future plan consolidation to increase flexibility and better manage rising costs. Board feedback is requested, with no action required.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 18, 2026
2. Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 18, 2026 - Closed Session

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the above listed minutes as presented and attached.

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills March 2026
 - a) Accounts Payable
 - b) Imprest Checks
 - c) Advanced Checks
 - d) Credit Card Payments
2. Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the above listed financial reports as presented and attached.

C: Personnel

I. Resignation of Administrative Staff

Recommendation: No action by the Board of Education is necessary for this resignation. Monica Loveshe, Assistant Principal, Tioga Elementary School has submitted her resignation effective June 30, 2026.

II. Resignation of Certified Staff

Recommendation: No action by the Board of Education is necessary for these resignations.

The following certified staff members have submitted their resignations effective June 2, 2026.

1. Katie Colon, Instructional Coach ELA teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
2. Monika Lupa, 6th Grade Math teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
3. James Robinette, 8th Grade ELA teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
4. Caitlin Mendoza, 4th Grade Teacher, W.A. Johnson School. (added 4-7-2026)

III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Sandra Monroy, Administrative Assistant for Student Services, Educational Administrative May 4, 2026.

IV. Teacher Tenure

Recommendation: No Board action is necessary.

The following teachers have achieved either Proficient or Excellent ratings since beginning at District. Under Illinois law, they will enter continued contractual service (tenure) at the end of this school year subject to having worked at least 120 days this year.

Blackhawk Middle School

Emma Alberico
Angela Campanile
Lauren Cunniff
Giovanna Foss
Sara LaPrall
~~Jacqueline Ponce~~
Jessica Seiglie-Quinones

W.A. Johnson

Emily Bajzek
Katty Esparza
Nisa Fayyaz
Sigal Orgad
Mayra Rojas
Nicole Simmons
Carolina Trujillo-Cervantes

Tioga School

Elizabeth Callahan
Jennifer Gutierrez
Allison Morley
Alicia Palacios
Alejandra Santos
Samantha Patterson
Francis Segura
Miranda Spal

V. Re-employment – Certified Staff

Recommendation: No Board action is necessary.

The following teachers, not yet tenured, are renewed for 2026-2027.

Blackhawk Middle School

Jordan Ailes
Daniela Assento
Amanda Baker
Dalila Georgiou
Amal Ghanimah
Zuzanna Godawski
Monica Kalinowski
Barbara Mellody-Pizzato
Hannah Minucci
Katherine Norman
John O'Brien
Angelica Perez
Matthew Ramel
Amy Rezulak
Jeffrey Sheehan
Dustin Sublett
Jack Sullivan
Stacy Villalobos

W.A. Johnson

Colleen Flannery
Eileen Gutrich Walsh
Barbara Jandura
Crystal Lopez
Catherine McGovern
Natalia Santana
Dayana Ocegueda
Sara Robles
Marieli Urquiza-Trujillo
Atur Orah **W.A.J & Tioga*

Tioga School

Erika Arroyo
Mariana Arruabarrena
Paula Berger
Jose Carrera
Evelyn Gallardo
Kelly Gutierrez
Gina Guyer
Kelly Lukanich
Autumn Palacios
Monzerraht Rios Carreon
Emely Rovira
Katherine Smith
Lorraine Winter

VI. Summer Special Education Evaluation

Recommendations: That the Board of Education allocate 6-8 days during the summer to complete the required evaluations.

VII. Compensation for Administrators and Principals

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratify the proposed pay amounts for administrators and other members of the leadership team and approve one-year contracts as described below.

- New salaries are proposed on the attachment for principals, administrators, and other members of the leadership team. They would take effect July 1, 2026. Salary adjustments for returning administrators vary based on individual performance and on competitiveness. The most common adjustment is 3.5%.
- Twelve administrators are returning for the 2026-2027 school year and will have one-year contracts: Dustin Berman, Mary Hamilton, Tim Keeley, Jeff Kersten, Shyla Kinhal, Jacquelyn Le-Mon-Williamson, Saul Melendez, Carlos Patino, Christy Poli, Lydia Ryan, Shannon Steen, and Diana Vergara .

VIII. Summer School Teaching Assignments

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following listed teachers for the 2026 Summer School programs.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Carol Fernandez	Enrichment	Allison Morley	Grade 4 Math & ELA
Amal Ghanimah	Enrichment	Ruby Moya	Grade 4-5 Enrichment
Sana Mobeen	Enrichment	Blanca Delgado	Grade 5 Dual Language
Sigal Orgad	Enrichment	Mary Larsen	Grade 2 ELA
Tereon Teague	Enrichment	Carissa Cornier Umana	Enrichment
Laura Wojcieszek	Enrichment	Barbara Jandura	Grade 5 Math
Alejandra Yanun	Enrichment	Deanna Berardi	Grade 6 ELA
Alicia Palacios	Grade 1 Dual Language	Monika Kalinowski	Grade 6 Math
Heather Glore	Grade 1 ELA	Jeff Sheehan	Grade 7 ELA
Mary Yetter	Enrichment	William Zeitler	Grade 7 Enrichment
Erin Grunwald	Grade 1 Math	Jaime Cazares	Kindergarten Dual Language
Dayana Ocegueda	Grade 2 Dual Language	Bridget Tello	Kindergarten Enrichment
Jose Galvan	Grade 3-4 Enrichment	Carola Llanes	Kindergarten Math & ELA
Gloria Bek	Grade 2 Math	Catherine McGovern	Kindergarten Monolingual Co-Teacher
Kattya Esparza	Grade 3 Dual Language	Mercedes Childress	Resource
Katie Perry	Grade 3 ELA	Lillian Grogan	Resource
Kristi Mullen	Enrichment	Meredith Barrett	SEL
Jennifer Gutierrez	Grade 4 Dual Language	Jacqueline Ponce	Social Worker
Autumn Palacios	Grade 5 ELA Dual Language Co-Teacher		

IX. Approval of Summer School Secretary

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Consuelo Gonzalez, Traditional Summer School and Enrichment Program Secretary.

- D. Authorize spending for 2026-27 that occurs before budget adoption** – Mr. Keeley reported that the District’s new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2026. The Board is scheduled to review a tentative budget in July and to adopt a final budget in September.

Authority is requested here for typical spending from July to September until the budget is approved. During those months, the Board will be asked to approve payments to vendors in the same manner as usual.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education authorize Administration to acquire products and services for 2026-27 in the usual manner, to be ratified in September by the adoption of the budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Reyes that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Reyes, Gonzalez, Miller, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio, Mercado,

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Items

- A. Establish 2026-27 School Board Meeting Dates** – Dr. McCluskey reported that the attached list of 2026-2027 School Board meeting dates has been reviewed. Regular Board of Education meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month except for April. (*2nd Wednesday*). Two Regular Workshop meetings have been scheduled throughout the year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Miller that the Board of Education adopt the attached list of 2026-2027 Board meeting dates as presented and publish them on the website. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Approval of Technology Equipment Purchases** – Mr. Keeley reported that chromebooks are assigned to students in all grades. Replacement devices will be purchased this spring as we retire devices that are 5-6 years old. These new devices will be deployed to next year’s Kindergarten and 5th grade students.

For Kindergarten, the features include touchscreens and QR code logins, both especially helpful for younger learners. For 5th grade, standard clamshell Chromebooks will offer improved speed, battery life, and support for educational apps and assessments.

Mr. Keely also reported that bids were solicited via an RFP that was sent to 16 vendors. Two vendors responded, the results are summarized below:

Vendor	Total Cost
Xerox IT Solutions	\$221,290.00
Dell Technologies*	\$252,726.40

* Unable to confirm available quantities and firm delivery date.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez that the Board of Education approve the technology equipment purchases from Xerox IT Solutions as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Gonzalez, Miller, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio, Mercado,

Motion Carried.

- C. Authorization of Vehicle Disposal** – Mr. Keeley reported that the District maintains a fleet of 6 maintenance vehicles as well as 17 buses and one suburban for student transportation.

Mr. Keeley also reported that the 2004 Chevrolet Suburban with plow blade has not been in service for nearly 2 years and is not in serviceable condition. The 2014 IC-CE bus with MaxForce engine was purchased in 2018 and is no longer in sound working condition. The cost to repair either vehicle exceeds the fair value and therefore it would be sensible to dispose of the assets rather than repair them. In addition, we do not have a specific need for either based on our current and planned future operational needs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Dye that, in accordance with Policy 4:80, the Board of Education authorize the administration to dispose of the 2014 bus (VIN ending in 7613) as well as the 2004 Chevrolet Suburban (VIN ending in 4507) with plow blade via a local vehicle scrap provider.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Miller, Dye, Gonzalez, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio, Mercado,

Motion Carried.

New Business - none

Closed Session

At 7:13 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of: Probable Litigation, *when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).*

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Miller, Dye, Gonzalez, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio, Mercado,

Motion Carried.

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Reyes that the Board of Education adjourn from Closed Session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

With no further business appearing, Mr. Stoltman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

President

Secretary