LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS
Lake County Area Vocational System
Board of Control Meeting
April 16, 2026
Tech Campus Boardroom
Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

Call to Order: Agenda Item 1.1

Dr. Gallt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am and the following roll call was taken:

Members Present:

Dr. Kelley Gallt, District 95
Dr. Jason Nault, District 12
Dr. Jeff Feucht, District 117
Dr. Mikkel Storaasli, District 127
Dr. Donn Mendoza, District 116*
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115* *arrived at 10:12 am/Left at 11:10 am*
Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, District 126
Dr. Chala Holland, District 113* *arrived at 10:09 am*
Dr. Brian Wegley, District 118
Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt.
Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128 *left at 11:10 am*
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124
Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121
Dr. John Price, District 187*
Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

*** Alternates Present:**

Mr. Matthew Glanzman, District 187
Dr. Eric Apgar, District 116
Dr. Erin Lenart, District 115
Dr. Karen Ritter, District 113

Members Absent:

Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19
Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60
Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120
Dr. Eric Twadell, District 125
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157

Also Present:

Mr. Derrick Burress, Principal
Ms. Joanne Hughes, Business Manager/CSBO
Mr. Alex Escareno, Assistant Principal of Curriculum
Mr. Ken Ellefson, Technology Director
Ms. Laura Emmerling, Assistant Principal of Student Services
Ms. Danielle Friedlieb, Assistant Principal
Ms. Francesca Hanson, Executive Assistant
Mr. Stu Mendelsohn, Union President

Comments from Citizens:
Agenda Item 1.2

Dr. Gallt asked if there were any comments from citizens, there were none.

Closed Session
Agenda Item 2

Enter Closed Session
Agenda Item 2.1

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to enter Closed Session at 10:06 am for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. No action will be taken in Closed Session.

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D124, D127, D12, D95, D128, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Return to Regular Session

A motion was made by Dr. Nault and seconded by Dr. Woestman to return to Regular Session at 11:10 am. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Voice vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent
Nay: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Agenda Item 3

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. March 12, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. March 12, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Request to Accept Donation(s)
4. Personnel

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Information Items
Agenda Item 4

Financial Highlights
Agenda Item 4.1

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes summarized cash balances and expenditures in our Education, Building Projects and Capital Projects funds. Ms. Hughes stated our current fund balance is at 7.6 million.

2026-2027 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule
Agenda Item 4.2

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala, proposed the board meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

FOIA Request
Agenda Item 4.3

A FOIA request was received on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from Richard Jensen of Glen Ellyn, IL requesting all correspondence, invoices, contracts and payments to JMS Environmental Associates from June 2025-December 2025. This request was fulfilled on March 9, 2026. A second FOIA request was received on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC, requesting the contact information of employees responsible for certain areas within the district. This request was fulfilled on March 19, 2026. A third FOIA request was received on Monday, March 23, 2026, from Michael Remolona, requesting bid tabulation for the Tech Campus 2026 Classroom Renovations project. This request was fulfilled on March 26, 2026

Policy Updates – First Reading
Agenda Item 4.4

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala reported in the first reading for policies. These policy revisions are from the October (issue #118) and from the Legal audit.

Foundations and Stakeholder Relations Office Job Description
Agenda Item 4.5

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala, discussed the Foundation and Stakeholder Relations Officer. This job description will be up for approval at the May Board meeting. The position has an anticipated start date of June 2026.

Recommendations

Tech Campus Bills for Payment, Payroll & Liabilities, and Financial Statements
Agenda Item 5.1

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the Tech Campus Bills for Payment, Payroll & Liabilities, and Financial Statements recommendation as presented.

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements
Agenda Item 5.2

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements as presented.

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Final Tuition Billing/Assessment – FY26
Agenda Item 5.3

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the Final Tuition Billing and Assessment for FY26 as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule
Agenda Item 5.4

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Election of Officers – Board President
Agenda Item 5.5

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to elect Dr. Jesse Rodriguez as Board President for the Lake County Area Vocational System Board of Control, for the term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Election of Officers – Board Vice President
Agenda Item 5.6

A motion was made by Dr. Karner and seconded by Dr. Woestman to elect Dr. Mikkel Storaasli as Board Vice President for the Lake County Area Vocational System Board of Control, for the term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028.
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Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D95, D187, D116, D121, D118, D126 and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Administrative Reports
Agenda Item 6

Principal's Report
Agenda Item 6.1

Recognition Night
This May, the Tech Campus will again host a student recognition ceremony. We will continue to utilize Grayslake North and we are thankful for D127's generosity. The goal of this night is to recognize students that have achieved much throughout the school year. The principal team and our Marketing Coordinator are working with staff to celebrate students that have been nominated in the National Technical Honor Society, received scholarships and have been selected as Program Student of the Year. We would again like to thank Grayslake North and District 127 for allowing us to host our event at their school.

SkillsUSA
The State Leadership & Skills Conference is the pinnacle conference for the students in SkillsUSA Illinois. On Thursday, April 23rd students will be heading to Peoria, Il for this showcase of career and technical education and skill. 133 Tech Campus students are registered to participate in various events. These students encompass 21 different member schools and 6 different career clusters. These students will be part of the 5,000+ attendees- students, teachers and business partners- that will be participating

in the multi-day event. Students will return on Saturday April 25th after the Champions Ceremony.

Associate Principal Report
Agenda Item 6.2

Reports and Fiscal Information
91% of FY26 CTEI funds have been received from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
64% of Perkins funds have been allocated through April 1, 2026. Please remind your grant managers that we wanted to be at 75% expended at this time per ISBE.

E-Grant/IWAS Reporting
The FY27 grant allotments and application are currently being delayed. We will let everyone know allotments and due dates as soon as we get that information.

Illinois State Course System
The Lake County Area Vocational System will make all additions, changes and deletions to courses in the ISCS system so accurate data can be collected in SIS. The enrollments will be calculated towards FY26 grant allocations. The final deadline for all data is June 30, 2026.

Career Expos
The annual career expo was held on March 19, 2026. It included approximately 150 business partners from all the career clusters.

Students of the Program/Year/Student Recognition Night
Student recognition night will be on Thursday May 7, 2026 at the Grayslake North Fieldhouse. We are excited to celebrate the students in person.

National Technical Honor Society
454 Tech Campus students will be inducted into NTHS for the 2025-2026 school year. NTHS recognizes outstanding students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs. Students must have maintained an A or B in the first semester, been nominated as a Program Student of the Semester, and consistently demonstrate leadership qualities including pride in skilled craftsmanship. Schools will be notified of their students in NTHS. Students will be given a special treat and congratulated later this month.

Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment
The two-year update for the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment is currently inaccessible in IWAS. As soon as maintenance has been completed we will let the schools know. Schools should complete the CTE Program Data Review by April 30, 2026 before the CLNA will open for completion.

Adjournment
Agenda Item 7

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Dr. Feucht to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The minutes approved on May 14, 2026.

President

Secretary