May 18, 2026

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met for its Monthly Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Don Renner, President; and Members Katie Courtney, Ken Dawson, Christopher Espinoza, April Finan and Michael Riske. Vice President Kara Casten was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Travis McGuire, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources; Jeree Ethridge, Chief School Business Official; Jill Browning, Chief Communications Officer; Ryan Doherty, Director of Student Experiences; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Arwen Lyp, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors

1. STUDENT RECOGNITION –SOUTH HIGH STUDENTS

Mary Long, *Blueprint* sponsor, introduced Mark Indreika, also a Blueprint sponsor, who received the Illinois Journalism Education Association Advisor of the Year award. She then recognized the members of the South High Journalism Team who placed 9th in State: Lauren Espinoza, Joy Haddleton, Lydia Larsen, Grace Lube, Isaiah MacKenzie, Dylan Mora, Saara Raheja and Yoldi Villa and noted Joy Haddleton also took 3rd in State in Feature Writing. Dr. Thiele presented Yoldi Villa a proclamation from the Village of Downers Grove declaring May 19 Yoldi Villa Day and one from the Village of Woodridge declaring May 18 Yoldi Villa Day in recognition of Ms. Villa's 1st Place State finish in Newspaper Design. Ms. Villa thanked Ms. Long for pushing her to try new things.

Mark Molinari, SkillsUSA sponsor, introduced the following students who placed at State in Architectural Drawing: 2nd Place, Maxwell Polivka; 3rd Place, Michael Gentile; 4th Place, Neda Masiulionis; 5th Place, Ceyda Hoxha; and 6th Place, William Jaeger. Mr. Molinari stated Mr. Gentile also received 2nd Place in Architectural Drawing 3D from the Illinois Drafting Educators Association.

Mr. Molinari recognized the 2nd Place Engineering Technology-Design Team of John Clinton, Will Miller and Andrew Willard; and the 4th Place Engineering Technology-Design Team of Andjela Culafic, Dylan Ligue, Jacques Robles and Zachary Staser. Mr. Robles was in attendance at the meeting.

The Board and those in attendance congratulated the students and staff member on their recognitions and accomplishments.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Dawson moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting; the April 20, 2026 Monthly Business Meeting; the April 20, 2026 Closed Meeting; the April 27, 2026 Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting; the May 4, 2026 Workshop Meeting; and the May 4, 2026 Closed Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Dawson, Espinoza, Finan, Riske, Courtney and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

3. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Principal's DeMent and Lyp introduced the new Student Board members from their respective schools, Olivia Tan from North High and Meghan Walker from South High, and provided information on the students' involvement at school.

The Board welcomed the new Student Board members. The students took their seats at the table.

5. RELATIONSHIP MAPPING

Courtney DeMent shared the results of the Staff Relationship Mapping activity, where staff were asked which student(s) would see them as a trusted adult. Dr. DeMent reported the staff submitted data demonstrate: seniors have more trusted adults than freshmen; 9th graders had the greatest number of students with zero or one trusted relationship; males are more likely than females to have zero or one trusted relationship; EL and IEP students are less likely to have no trusted relationships; and there is no correlation between FRL and the number of trusted relationships. Arwen Lyp presented data on the Student Relationship Mapping activity, where students were asked to select the specific staff member(s) they considered trusted adults. Ms. Lyp reported the student and staff data is similar, with 9th grade having the most students reporting zero or one relationship; more males report zero or one relationship than females; and there is no correlation between the number of trusted adult relationships and FRL status.

The principals shared the CSSS departments are aware of the students with zero or one relationship and are finding ways to connect with those students, especially being more intentional with getting 9th grade students involved sooner. Ms. Lyp stated next year's Relationship Mapping activity may include asking students if they have a trusted peer at school.

6. CO-CURRICULARS

Mr. Doherty reported on student participation in sports and activities. He shared, at the start of the year students were asked to select specific sports and activities they had an interest or goal to participate in; coaches and sponsors were given the lists of students to reach out to. Follow up information was requested from students during second semester on their participation goals from the start of the year, according to Mr. Doherty. He shared 81.5% of students participated in at least one sport or activity in District 99; 91% of students felt a sense of belonging; and he also provided a list of reasons students reported they did not meet their participation goals, with the number reporting each reason.

7. STATEMENT OF WORK - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Thiele stated the Statement was presented at the last Board meeting and since then a survey was sent to staff regarding the Statement. He reported the majority of the staff who responded support or support with reservations the Statement. Dr. Thiele shared a summary of the feedback received from staff.

The Board discussed the Statement of Work and the staff feedback. Dr. Thiele stated teachers would be supported with professional development.

8. FEEDBACK FROM THE PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Scott Wuggazer shared at the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee meeting information on the PATH Program, attendance, cellphones, academic integrity and the Consolidated District Plan was presented and discussed. He stated a feedback from was sent to those who attended and shared some of the comments received. Member Dawson, who attended the meeting, shared he urged those at the meeting to come to the meeting next year and bring a friend. Member Finan, who was also at the meeting, stated the parents in attendance were satisfied with the cell phone policy and that they felt their students were more engaged.

9. 2026-2027 BOARD COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

A list of the Board Committee/Liaison appointments was displayed. President Renner stated there were no changes since last year. He did note that Member Riske would be serving as representative to the Downers Grove Plan Commission, a position District 99 and District 58 alternate annually, and last year District 58 provided the representative.

10. FY27 ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN

Hank Thiele reported there have been no questions raised since Ms. Ziccardi presented the Plan at the last Board meeting. He stated the Administration is asking for Board approval of the Plan this evening.

11. ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES

Jeree Ethridge stated the Administration is recommending a three-year renewal with Athletico for athletic training services. She shared Athletico has been providing services for practices, events and summer camps since 2008 and the Administration has been pleased with their services and feels the rates are reasonable.

Dr. Thiele stated this is an Action Item.

12. TEXTBOOKS

Dr. McGuire presented information on classroom sets of two textbooks being proposed for next year - *AP Business with Personal Finance* and *AP US History*. He stated both textbook purchases provide online access for a minimum of eight years.

Dr. Thiele stated this is an Action Item.

13. ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NOVELS

Travis McGuire stated there were eight bidders on the 16,339 novels and the lowest responsive bidder was Complete Book & Media Supply, LLC, for a total cost of $140,117.02.

14. HONEYWELL INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT

Dr. McGuire reported the 3rd party audit of Honeywell's findings is complete and verified the projected energy and cost savings. He explained the total cost of the planned work is $14.5M; will be paid for with debt certificates; will generate $417,680 in annual savings and $88,026 in annual revenue; and will incur a one-time savings of $1,838,061. The HVAC and Life Safety work; the structural remediation; and the installation of the new security camera hardware and PA systems are all planned for this summer, according to Dr. McGuire. Dr. McGuire stated the Administration as asking the Board to approve the Energy Savings Performance Contract with Honeywell.

15. NORTH HIGH AUDITORIUM MOLD REMEDIATION AND HLS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT NORTH AND SOUTH HIGH

Dr. McGuire reported TEM Environmental developed the bid specifications for the mold remediation in the North High Auditorium and the asbestos abatement at North and South High and that Kinsale Contracting Group was the lowest responsible bidder, at $312,700.00. He noted $70,000 of the cost, which is related to the asbestos abatement, will come out of Life Safety Funds, with the balance coming from the debt certificates.

Dr. Thiele stated this is an Action Item.

16. DEBT CERTIFICATES

Ms. Ethridge shared the District worked closely with bond counsel and its financial advisors to arrive at the intent of the District to issue $14.5M in debt certificates. She reported there is a 20-year repayment structure, with $225,000 - $300,000 coming out of the operating budget each year, and the bulk of the payments being realized through the savings that will be generated from the capital improvements. Ms. Ethridge stated there will be no levy and no impact on the taxpayer.

17. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. Thiele reported the District received and responded to Freedom of Information Act requests and they are posted on the District's website.

18. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Finan moved and Member Riske seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: A. Personnel Report - Appointment-Certified; Leave of Absence-Certified; Appointment-Exempt; Appointment-Classified; Transfer of Position-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Resignation-Certified; Resignation-Classified; C. April Treasurer's Report and Financial Pages; D. 2025-2026 Final School Calendar; E. 2026-2027 Board of Education

Meeting Calendar; F. SASED Board of Directors Alternate and Governing Board Appointment Resolution; G. Resolution of Nomination for Membership on Downers Grove Plan Commission; H. Student Trips; and I. Acceptance of Donation - Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Finan, Riske, Courtney, Dawson, Espinoza and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

19. APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF WORK - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Member Espinoza moved and Member Finan seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Statement of Work - 2026-2027 School Year.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Finan, Riske, Courtney, Dawson and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

20. APPROVAL OF FY27 ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN

Member Dawson moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the FY27 Illinois State Board of Education Consolidated District Plan.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Dawson, Espinoza, Finan, Riske, Courtney and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

21. APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES CONTRACT

Member Dawson moved and Member Courtney seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the three-year athletic training services contract renewal with Athletico Management, LLC, as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Dawson, Courtney, Espinoza, Finan, Riske and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

22. APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS

Member Espinoza moved and Member Courtney seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the textbooks as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Courtney, Dawson, Finan, Riske and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED $14,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT CERTIFICATES (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALTERING, REPAIRING AND EQUIPPING DISTRICT FACILITIES TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY, AUTHORIZING AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF.

President Renner stated the next item for consideration is the issuance of not to exceed $14,500,000 of General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax) to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 17(b) of the Local Government Debt Reform Act. He stated the Board of Education will

consider the adoption of a resolution (i) providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement in order to alter, repair and equip District facilities to improve energy efficiency and safety, (ii) authorizing the issuance of said Certificates evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement and (iii) providing for the sale of said Certificates. The resolution sets forth the parameters for the issuance of said Certificates and sale thereof by designated officials of the District. The Certificates may be paid through installments made at stated intervals for a period of no more than 20 years or another period of time authorized by law, bearing interest at the rates per annum not exceeding 9.00%, and with a purchase price amount not to exceed $14,500,000 for said certificates.

President Renner asked for a motion for the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed $14,500,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2026, of Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping District facilities to improve energy efficiency and safety, authorizing an Installment Purchase Agreement and authorizing the sale of said certificates to the purchaser thereof.

Member Riske moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion.

President Renner asked if there was any discussion. None occurred. He then requested the Secretary call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Riske, Espinoza, Finan, Courtney, Dawson and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried. President Renner stated the motion carried and said resolution adopted. He asked the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois.

24. APPROVAL OF AWARD OF ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT TO HONEYWELL

Member Riske moved and Member Finan seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement with Honeywell International Inc. regarding the $11,069,770 Energy Savings Performance Contract to address solar, roof replacements, led lighting and controls, HVAC controls retro-commissioning, water conservation, building envelope improvements, and boiler replacement at DGN and find further that all requirements of the School Energy Conservation and Savings Measures Act under the Illinois School Code have been met.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Riske, Finan, Courtney, Dawson, Espinoza and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

25. AWARD OF BID - ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NOVELS

Member Espinoza moved and Member Courtney seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the lowest acceptable bid for English Department novels from Complete Book & Media Supply, LLC in the amount of $140,117.02

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Courtney, Dawson, Finan, Riske, and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

26. AWARD OF BID - PA SYSTEM - NORTH AND SOUTH HIGH

Member Finan moved and Member Courtney seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the ITR bid for an IP-based intercom and clock system upgrade, as presented, with a total cost of $298,645.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Finan, Courtney, Dawson, Espinoza, Riske, and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

27. AWARD OF BID - SECURITY CAMERA HARDWARE - NORTH AND SOUTH HIGH

Member Dawson moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Seconds Matter bid for comprehensive security camera system replacement, as presented, with a total cost of $628,446.51.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Dawson, Espinoza, Finan, Riske, Courtney and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

28. AWARD OF BID - NORTH HIGH AUDITORIUM MOLD REMEDIATION AND HLS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT NORTH AND SOUTH HIGH

Member Espinoza moved and Member Courtney seconded the motion for the Board of Education to accept the lowest acceptable bid for North High auditorium mold remediation and HLS asbestos abatement at North and South High from Kinsale Contracting Group, Westmont, IL, in the amount of $312,700.00.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Courtney, Dawson, Finan, Riske and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

29. OLD BUSINESS

None

30. NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Dr. Thiele stated the policies were presented to the Policy Committee and none of the changes are substantial, with most being clerical. He asked that anyone with questions reach out to President Renner or Member Espinoza, the Policy Committee Members, or himself. The policies will be up for approval next month, according to Dr. Thiele.

- 2.200, Types of School Board Meetings
- 2.220, School Board Meeting Procedure
- 2.250, Access to District Public Records
- 4.165, Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- 5.30, Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5.50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- 5.250, Leaves of Absence
- 6.50, School Wellness
- 6.65, Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6.145, Migrant Students

- 6.170, Title I Programs
- 7.20, Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7.50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7.185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7.220, Bus Conduct
- 7.230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- 7.260, Exemption from Physical Education
- 7.300, Extracurricular Clubs and Organizations & Athletics
- 8.90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

31. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

32. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)

Dr. Thiele reported very little of the proposed legislation has moved to the Governor's desk.

33. REPORT ON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY (SASED)

Member Espinoza stated at the next meeting the by-laws and facilities are on the agenda.

34. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report.

35. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)

No report.

36. REPORT ON DOWNERS GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL

No report.

37. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Renner announced the following meeting dates:

June 1, 2026	Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC
June 15, 2026	Monthly Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC

38. CLOSED SESSION

Member Riske moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

A. **OMA Exception (1) Personnel:** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

B. **OMA Exception (2) Collective negotiating matters:** 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Riske, Dawson, Espinoza, Finan, Courtney and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

President Renner stated the only Action the Board will be taking when it comes out of Closed Session is to Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

39. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Don Renner, President; and Members Katie Courtney, Ken Dawson, Christopher Espinoza, April Finan and Michael Riske. Vice President Kara Casten was absent.

Also present were: Hank Thiele, Superintendent, and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

40. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Espinoza moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the six members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Don Renner, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary