

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for May 26, 2026**

Call To Order

Mr. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Room 3000 at Adlai Stevenson High School.

Roll Call

Present: Marc Tepper, Erika Immel, José Rivera, Dina Manka, and Mike Burns
Remote: None
Late: None
Absent: Amy Feygin, Cynthia Zarkowsky
Administrators in Attendance: Katie Sheridan, Jennifer Dunne, Jane Pedersen, and Jason Keenon.

Welcome to Visitors

President Burns welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press to the meeting, and asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one responded.

Administrative Reports - None at this time.

Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action - None at this time.

Action Items

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal – Certified Staff

Resignations

A motion was presented by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Ms. Immel to accept the resignation of the following individuals:

Name	Position	FTE	School	Eff. Date
Seung, Christina	Instructional Coach	1.0	Ivy Hall	06/02/26

All members present voted Aye; the motion carried.

Employment

A motion was presented by Ms. Manka and seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the employment of the following individual(s) for the 2026-27 school year and place appropriately on the salary schedule:

Name	Position	FTE	School	Eff. Date
Rodriguez, Marilyn	Dual Language Teacher	1.0	Country Meadows	08/10/26
Mendoza, Karina	Dual Language Teacher	1.0	Country Meadows	08/10/26

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Manka, Tepper, Immel, Rivera, and Burns

Nay: None

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal

A motion was presented by Mr. Tepper and seconded by Ms. Manka to approve the memo presented by Human Resources for the employment, appointment, and dismissal of certain educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye: Tepper, Immel, Rivera, Manka, and Burns

Nay: None

Consent Agenda

Mr. Burns asked the board whether any items needed to be removed from the consent agenda. No one responded.

A motion was presented by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Ms. Immel to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Presentation of Bills - May 2026 - to approve the May 2026 bills as presented in the following amounts:

Education	\$3,466,099.07
Operations	\$302,004.91
Debt Service	\$4,099.00
Transportation	\$1,061,261.41
IMRF	\$0.00
Social Security	\$0.00
Capital Projects	\$31,022.78
Working Cash	\$0.00
Tort Immunity	\$0.00
<u>Life Safety</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals	\$4,864,487.17

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Rivera, Manka, Tepper, Immel, and Burns

Nay: None

Discussion Items - None at this time.

Information Items

Enrollment/Staffing Update

Dr. Pedersen presented a verbal update regarding current enrollment trends and remaining faculty and staff vacancies for the 2026-27 school year. Total district enrollment stands at 3,024 students, which remains on track and slightly ahead of historical averages for this time of year. Notably, kindergarten registration is tracking approximately fifty students lower than the previous year. Dr. Pedersen also noted that middle school registrations typically arrive later in the summer months. Finally, the district continues its targeted recruitment efforts to fill critical remaining vacancies, specifically noting ongoing hiring challenges for a middle school dual language teacher and a middle school psychologist.

Board/Admin Retreat

On June 11, 2026, we will hold a retreat between board members and the administrative team at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort starting at 1:30pm and concluding with dinner together at 5pm.

FOIA Requests

Since May 12, 2026, the District has received 1 (one) FOIA request, which is being responded to appropriately.

Board Comments

Mr. Tepper requested feedback regarding the implementation of the board-supported school supplies initiative. It was noted that community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with parent teacher organizations expressing strong appreciation for the program. The administration has successfully aggregated the specific school-by-school supply counts, allowing the business office to initiate vendor cost-comparisons and procurement planning. Additionally, the communications department is prepared to issue ongoing reminders to families, ensuring they are aware that purchasing individual school supplies is no longer required.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board of Education, a motion was presented by Mr. Tepper and seconded by Ms. Immel to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Tepper, Immel, Rivera, Manka, and Burns

Nay: None

Mr. Burns adjourned the May 26, 2026, regular meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 7:23 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Date Minutes Approved: _____

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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