

Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 11, 2026

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:02 p.m. May 11, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, DiPaola, Danek, Polen, and Bermudez

Absent: Members White and Boyte

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, Emily Lahti, Andy Arambula, Natalie Shamie, Ally Sheehy, Bryanna McCarthy, Andy Johnson, Tim Simpson, Pace Family, Sison Family, and Articon Family

2. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2026 had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member Bermudez made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2026 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
3. The fund balances for April 30, 2026 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$26,596,551.87
Operation Fund	\$(2,391,560.20)
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ 171,738.93
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,604,908.70
I.M.R.F.	\$ 305,989.77
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 602,649.91
Tort	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Prevention	<u>\$ 62,364.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ 27,046,846.97

Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, DiPaola, Bermudez, Danek, and Polen.

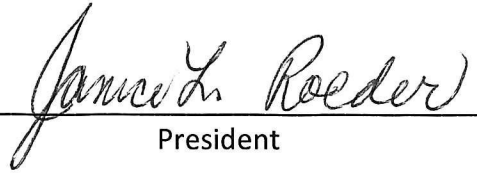
Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Bermudez to approve Vouchers 1989 through 1996 in the total amount of \$1,328,178.24 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, DiPaola, Danek, Bermudez, and Polen.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
5. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the setting of a Public Hearing on June 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm for the transferring of funds from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and direct the Superintendent to publish legal notice of the public hearing. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

6. Students gave presentations on our Computer and Technology Programs.
7. Our three social workers gave a presentation on how they support our students and families at Rhodes.
8. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Bermudez to approve the updated school board policies as presented. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
9. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the sale of the 1995 New Holland tractor. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
10. Member Bermudez made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to approve a 3.9% increase for classified staff employees for the 2026-27 school year followed by a 3.7% increase for the 2027-28 school year; provided however, the Superintendent is authorized to provide no increase, a lesser increase and/or a conditional increase not to exceed the before-mentioned related percentages for individual classified staff employees based on their performance. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Danek, Roeder, DiPaola, Polen, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
11. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the 2026/27 School Year hirings of Diana Alanis as a Teacher at the BS/YR 4 and Daisy Castillo as a Librarian/Media Specialist at MS+15/YR 1. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Danek, Roeder, DiPaola, Polen, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Bermudez to approve the 2026/27 School Year hiring of Alexandra Sanchez at the appropriate starting rate for the Permanent Substitute Teacher position. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, Danek, DiPaola, Polen, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
13. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the hirings of Victor Barcenias as a 2nd shift custodian at \$19.00 per hour and Sean Urban as a seasonal custodian at \$15.00 per hour. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Danek, Roeder, Polen, Bermudez, and DiPaola.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
14. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to adjourn. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried. There being no further business, and no need for closed session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Secretary



President

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:
Members Roeder, DiPaola, Danek, Polen, and Bermudez