



Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Minutes – June 17, 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	

Others present:

Family members of Tania Gomez

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

Public Comments - none

Celebrations

- **BSD2 E-Newsletter Receives National Recognition:** BSD2's E-Newsletter received the Award of Excellence, the highest honor, from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) for outstanding school communication. Marketing and Communications Officer Tania Gomez was recognized for her work on the award-winning publication.
- **End-of-Year Celebrations Highlighted:** The Board of Education viewed a video showcasing BSD2's end-of-year celebrations, featuring the many events and milestones held across the district to recognize students' achievements.

Presentations

- Branding Guide:** Marketing and Communications Officer Tania Gomez introduced BSD2's official branding guide to the Board of Education, emphasizing the need to maintain a consistent, recognizable identity across all district communications.
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library:** Superintendent Dr. Katie McCluskey presented information on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and shared details about the district's new participation in the program, which will

provide eligible children (birth to age 5) with free books to foster a love of reading. She also thanked the Bensenville Public Library for joining in this collaborative effort to get more books in the hands of our littlest learners.

Board Committee Reports

A. Announcements – none

Administrative Reports

- 1. Announcements** – Dr. McCluskey reported that there will be no Board update this week.
- 2. FOIA** – Mr. Keeley reported that there were 5 FOIA's.
- 3. Reschedule July 15th meeting** – Dr. McCluskey reported that the July 15th meeting rescheduled for Wed. July 22, 2026.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1.** Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 20, 2026
- 2.** Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 20, 2026 - Closed Session

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills May 2026

- a)** Accounts Payable
- b)** Imprest Checks
- c)** Advanced Checks
- d)** Credit Card Payments

2. Financial Statements as of May 31, 2026

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

C: Personnel

I. 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.** Emily Bajzek, 5th Grade Classroom Teacher, W.A. Johnson Elementary School.
- 2.** Meredith Barrett, SEL Teacher, W.A. Johnson Elementary School.

II. Resignation of Classified Staff

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

The following classified staff members have submitted their resignations, effective June 2, 2026 unless otherwise specified:

- 1.** Monserrat Cruz, Special Education Aide - Pre-K, Tioga Elementary School, effective May 27, 2026.
- 2.** Gael Flores, Special Education Aide, W.A. Johnson Elementary School.
- 3.** Natalie Voth, Special Education Aide, Tioga Elementary School.

III. Termination of Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the termination of the following classified staff member for reasons listed above:

1. Angela Baum, Special Education Paraprofessional, Blackhawk Middle School, effective May 22, 2026.
2. Laurie Kraujalis, Special Education Paraprofessional, W.A. Johnson Elementary School, effective May 26, 2026.

IV. Ratification of Employment for 2026-2027 Administrative Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of the following certified staff members:

1. Kylene Wolfe, Assistant Principal, Tioga Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.

V. Ratification of Employment – Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following classified staff:

1. Berta Barrera, 5th Grade Dual Language Teacher, Tioga Elementary School effective August 13, 2026.
2. Entela Dedja-Trebicka, Kindergarten Teacher, Tioga Elementary School effective August 13, 2026.
3. Michelle Tsipianitis, 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher, Tioga Elementary School effective August 13, 2026.

VI. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following classified staff:

1. Edwin Baeza, Technology Summer Intern, District 2, effective June 15, 2026.
2. Melchor Perez, Bus Driver, District 2, effective August 4, 2026.

D. Gift Acceptance

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accept the unrestricted donation from Service Learning, School of Arts, Humanities & Social Services at Elmhurst University of new books in the amount of \$300.00.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Laudadio, Gonzalez, Mercado, Miller, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Dye,

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Items

A. Approval of FY27 Title I 1003a Improvement Plan for BMS – Dr. McCluskey reported that per the requirements of the School Improvement Grant program, schools identified for improvement with a Targeted designation (BMS, EL subgroup) must submit a school improvement plan to ISBE that has been approved by the LEA's Board of Education.

Although BMS was identified as a Targeted school during the 2022–23 school year, School Improvement Grant funding continues beyond the initial designation year, and the school's status is monitored over a four-year period, extending through the 2026–27 school year. As a result, the 2026–27 school year represents the

District's fourth and final year of participation in the School Improvement Grant program. Therefore, the District is still required to develop and submit an [approved school improvement plan](#) to ISBE.

Dr. McCluskey also reported that each school's plan must address all components included in the Illinois School Improvement Process. The school improvement plan is a part of the grant agreement and must be approved by the LEA Board of Education prior to the release of FY 2027 funding.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez that the Board of Education approve the Title 1 1003a Improvement Plan for BMS as presented. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye.

- B. Designate Interest Income** – Mr. Keeley reported that the school code was amended in the 2008 - 09 school year to declare that, absent board resolution to the contrary, interest earnings in any fund will be considered part of the principal for that fund as of June 30th of each fiscal year. This change essentially places limits on a school district's ability to transfer interest earnings from one fund to another.

Mr. Keeley also reported that no transfer among funds is recommended at this time. However, it is useful to retain the option to make such a transfer at a future time. To preserve this option, the Board must adopt a resolution to carryover the interest designation to the next fiscal year. Without such a resolution, the funds could not be transferred at a future date.

Mr. Keeley also reported that this action is in line with best practice and affords the Board of Education the appropriate authority to meet district resource needs with this revenue.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Laudadio that the Board adopt the attached resolution designating all interest earned in the current fiscal year as interest, thus preserving the Board's option to transfer said funds to other funds as needed.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Miller, Laudadio, Gonzalez, Mercado, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Dye,

Motion Carried.

- C. Award Copier RFP Contracts – Final** – Mr. Keeley reported that the Bensenville School District 2 currently owns an aging fleet of 22 copiers and 43 printers that have surpassed their useful life. The previous strategy was to purchase the equipment and then utilize it to failure. We have discovered that overall fleet performance has been poor across the district, regardless of manufacturer. While we endeavor to decrease our reliance on paper materials, there is still a significant need for these resources as we implement the daily needs of the curriculum and greater organization.

There is an option to keep the existing equipment for another year, however our IT team is not confident that the fleet will provide consistent service, especially at the beginning of the school year, when we rely the most on the fleet. The IT team reviewed our current needs and have proposed to increase the multifunction copier fleet by 2 units, while reducing the desktop printer fleet by 16 units. The District published an RFP requesting pricing for the lease and maintenance of the new fleet and associated print management software. In addition, vendors were asked to provide a cash purchase price to allow the district to seek third-party financing options.

Equipment, financing and maintenance proposals were received from three vendors, Canon, COTG-Xerox and Konica Minolta Business Solutions (KMBS). Financing proposals were received from American Capital Leasing, a firm that specializes in K-12 school equipment leasing.

Mr. Keely reported the following summary of findings:

The KMBS proposal calls for a guaranteed monthly maintenance cost, while all other proposals are based on actual usage. To ensure an accurate measurement of the proposals, our analysis was based on the total copies per year across the fleet, based on the current rolling 12-month total as of the last full month of billing.

Equipment & Maintenance Options		
Vendor	Annual Maintenance Cost	Equipment Purchase Price*
KMBS	\$31,644.00 ^	\$188,760.84
COTG	\$34,517.78	\$190,406.25
Canon	\$44,065.05	\$272,971.01
COTG (estimated)	\$47,037.57	\$294,247.36
<i>*Inclusive of any trade in credits for existing units</i>		
<i>^ Unlimited Copies</i>		

For financing, it was determined that a 60-month lease provides the most competitive rate and allows the district to spread the cost throughout the useful life of the equipment, supporting a steady cashflow strategy.

Financing Options (60 months)		
Financing Type	Monthly Lease	Annual Lease
\$1 Buyout	\$3,659.72	\$43,033.89
FMV Lease	\$3,745.59	\$43,633.39
<i>\$1 Buyout = District owns equipment at conclusion of lease term</i>		
<i>FMV Lease = District has right to purchase equipment at "Fair Market Value" at conclusion of the lease</i>		

A motion was made by Mrs. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Mercado that the Board of Education approve a 60-month, \$1 buyout lease with American Capital Finance for Konica Minolta Business Systems copiers and printers at an annual cost of \$43,033.89 as well as a 60-month maintenance contract with Konica Minolta Business Systems for \$2,637.00/month.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Gonzalez, Mercado, Laudadio, Miller, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Dye,

Motion Carried.

D. 1st Reading and Adoption of Policy Revisions Waiving 2nd Reading – Mr. Keeley reported that these policy revisions are in PRESS 121 (Policy Reference Education Subscription Service) and are being recommended for 1st reading and adoption waiving 2nd reading. NO CHANGES to policy - the Legal References and footnotes were updated.

- [2:200, Types of School Board Meetings](#)
- [2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure](#)
- [2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure](#)

- [2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure](#)
- [6:100, Using Animals in the Educational Program](#)
- [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](#)
- [7:230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities](#)
- [7:280, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases](#)
- [7:300, Extracurricular Athletics](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mrs. Reyes that the Board of Education adopt the above revised policies as presented and waive 2nd reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Laudadio, Reyes, Gonzalez, Mercado, Miller, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Dye,

Motion Carried.

E. 1st Reading of Policy Revisions: Mr. Keeley reported that these policies are being recommended for revisions with reasons stated below:

Number and Title	Revision Descriptions
2:250, Access to District Public Records	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated. The policy and footnotes are updated in response to: 1. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/3, amended by P.A. 104-438, requiring requests for public records be made in the body of an e-mail, and permitting public bodies to ask a requester to verify that they are a person; 2. FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2, amended by P.A. 104-438, revising the definition of <i>public record</i> to exclude <i>junk mail</i> ; and 3. Continuous improvement. The Legal References are updated for continuous improvement.
4:40, Incurring Debt	The policy is unchanged, but Bond Issue Obligations has been added. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/19-1(p-235), renumbered by P.A. 104-417, and 105 ILCS 5/20-2, amended by P.A. 103-591, authorizing an increase of up to 3% of a bond issue to cover certain bond-related expenses.
4:165, Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to the repeal of 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2, by P.A. 104-391, which formerly required districts to give parents/guardians of students in grades K-8 prior written notice of sexual abuse prevention instruction. The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-215 and 5/27-1015, both renumbered by P.A. 104-391. The policy and footnotes are also updated for continuous improvement.
5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria	The policy and footnotes are updated for continuous improvement. The footnotes are also updated in response to 820 ILCS 55/13-25, added by P.A. 104-455, prohibiting employers from taking adverse action against an employee based only on the receipt of a notice of discrepancy (a <i>no-match</i> letter).
5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition	The policy and footnotes are updated for continuous improvement. The footnotes are also updated in response to: 1. P.A. 104-391, renumbering and repealing citations in 105 ILCS 5/27; and 2. 105 ILCS 5/22-81 (a/k/a <i>Louie's Law</i>), added by P.A. 103-399, requiring ISBE and the Ill. Dept. of Human Services to develop and regularly update a comprehensive <i>Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide</i> for public elementary and secondary schools across the State of Illinois.
6:145, Migrant Students	The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. The footnotes are also updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/22-105 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 104-288, requiring schools to protect the integrity of school learning environments for all children so that no parent is discouraged from sending and no child is discouraged from attending school, including from the threat of immigration enforcement on a school campus.
6:170, Title I Programs	The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated. The policy and footnotes are updated to more closely align with federal statutes and guidance and terminology used by ISBE, and to ensure compatibility with the U.S. Dept. of Education's revised non-regulatory guidance. The Legal References and Cross References are updated for continuous improvement.

6:180, Extended Instructional Programs	The policy, Legal References and footnotes are updated. The policy is updated with minor style changes. The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to: 1. 105 ILCS 5/27-255, added by P.A. 104-391, replacing, in part, 105 ILCS 110/3; 2. P.A. 104-391, renumbering and reorganizing various provisions throughout 105 ILCS 5/27. The footnotes are also updated for continuous improvement.
7:220, Bus Conduct	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. The Legal References are updated with minor style changes.
7:240, Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities	Some CHANGES to policy - The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-255(d), renumbered by P.A. 104-391, and for continuous improvement.
7:260, Exemption from Physical Education	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. The policy is updated with minor style changes. The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-710, renumbered by P.A. 104-391. The footnotes are also updated for continuous improvement.
8:90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education consider for First Reading the policies above, in anticipation of adoption at a future board meeting.

New Business - none

Closed Session

At 7:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of: The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6). AND 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, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Mercado, Reyes, Stoltman

Nay: None

Absent: Dye

Motion Carried.

At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Mercado that the Board of Education adjourn from Closed Session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Reyes 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 7:22 p.m.

President

Secretary