

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
MAY 20, 2026, 6:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Matt Merboth and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mr. Scott Pescetto

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kale Lance, Interim Principal, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the minutes from April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Recognitions

The Board recognized and congratulated the following students and teacher for their outstanding achievements, leadership, and dedication to agricultural education and the FFA program:

Ella Crane – qualifying for the State Creed Speaking Career Development Event following a 1st Place Finish at District and a 2nd Place Finish at Sectionals. Mollie Thomson – FFA Leadership as Section 7 FFA Reporter representing the 15 FFA Chapters within Section 7 FFA, and Mr. Riley Hintzsche Agricultural teacher and FFA Advisor.

Division Spotlight

Mr. Cameron Mignone, Physical Education Teacher, presented an overview of the Personal Fitness program, which was developed two years ago to promote lifelong health and wellness through structured fitness education.

Public Comment

Mr. Sarver asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No questions or comments were presented.

FINANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the L-P Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve Financial Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

Auditor's Report for FY 2025, Mr. Bill Newkirk, CPA, Newkirk & Associates

Mr. Newkirk presented the results of the FY2025 audit. He reviewed the audit and provided a detailed explanation of the three noted findings. Mr. Newkirk also outlined procedures and corrective actions to address each item.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sarver expressed appreciation to the administration, staff, and faculty at LP for their dedication and hard work throughout the school year. He recognized Mrs. Nancy Kochis, Science Teacher, for advancing to six rounds of the America's Favorite Teacher contest. Mr. Sarver also thanked Mrs. Cushing, Ms. Lance, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Tomminello, and the custodial/maintenance staff for their efforts in ensuring a successful graduation ceremony, noting that the event received numerous positive comments. He further stated that the Board of Education will add a meeting on July 22, 2026, which will serve as Dr. Theisinger's first Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from Mrs. Rachel Balestri and family, expressing appreciation for the donation to the L-P Foundation in honor of her grandmother, Mrs. Joyce Shreve. Thank you letter from Mrs. Jennifer Radke for the Board's donation to the LPHS Foundation for Enrichment in Memory of Mr. Raul Torres (Brother of Mrs. Mollie Taylor).

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, presented his report from the meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The report included the following items: approval of the April 14, 2026, minutes. Ag building update, recommendation of change orders and RFP to obtain pricing for utility infrastructure associated with the future Veterinary Science Building. Current projects updates: Health Occupations Renovation: Exterior Lighting, Sports Complex pavement, Dolan Interior Renovation, Auto Shop Fire Alarm Replacement Auto Shop Fire Alarm Replacement, Dolan Building Renovation, Sip-N-Savor, Howard Fellows Stadium and Exterior Lighting. Update on the East Gym Pool Resurfacing and Main Drain Repair project bid recommendation. Recommendation to name the East Building Pool in honor of Coach Rob McNally. Recommendation of permit applications for several Summer 2026 projects.

Finance Committee: Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, presented the Finance Report from the meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The report covered the following items: approval of the April 14, 2026, minutes, recommendation of the tentative amended FY26 budget, Ag building donations, bid recommendations update of the East Gym Pool Resurfacing and Main Drain Repair project, recommendations to approve the athletic trainer and SRO contracts, and to name the pool in honor of Coach Rob McNally. Also, the Forensic audit update, establishing a new activity account for girls' bowling, and to authorize the Business Office to make mid-month payments on the Walmart credit card.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing reported on the following topics:

- **Graduation:** Thank you to Ms. Kate Lance and her team for planning a successful graduation ceremony. The ceremony requires coordination of numerous tasks, and they were executed effectively and efficiently in order to honor our traditions.
- **SMART Goals Update:** Our SMART goals are centered on improving the graduation rate, decreasing the chronic absenteeism rate, and increasing each subcategory score on the ACT. While we do not have final data for any of these items until later in the summer, we have continued to track various metrics throughout the school year. On significant data point we track is our students' grades and the rate of passing and failing courses. Currently we have 95.014% passing rate of all courses. Our attendance goal was rather aggressive at 15%. We have made progress from last year but will not hit that target. At this time, we received preliminary ACT scores, but then they were retracted. This issue applied to a nationwide issue with scoring. ISBE and ACT both confirmed that they will have the scores recalibrated by early June and that students scores will remain the same or increase. Despite this issue, using the initial data, we are likely to see gains on our ACT performance.
- **LaSalle and Bureau County Tax Extensions:** We received our final tax extension notifications on property tax revenue from LaSalle and Bureau Counties. I am pleased to report that our total EAV number is \$776,626,262 for this year. This is an increase from last year's EAV, which was \$732,900,808. The tax extension will total \$19,713,637.24, which is an increase of \$910,480.94.
- **FY2026 Amended Budget:** Using data from our expenditures and conversations with various staff members who have budget oversight, we have arrived at what we feel reflects the revenue and expenditures for the FY26. The amended budget has been prepared for this meeting and will be on public display for the required 30 days prior to the next Board meeting.
- **FOIA Requests:** This past month, we received the following FOIA requests.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
Jessica Dergane	April 24, 2026	"I would like to request all of the communication, email, phone between my son, Austin Dergance and Mr. Kent Graff. I would like to add any communication between my son Austin Dergance and his counselor, Ashley Swanson with the mention of Mr. Kent Graff. If there's a syllabus for Mr. Kent Graff class, I would like that included."	We requested additional time to complete this request. Following legal counsel advice, we approved the request. We responded within the legal timeframe.
Justin Wenig @starbridgefoiads	May 4, 2026	"... All executed contracts, purchase agreements, and purchase orders with Professional Learning/Development services including any exhibits, addenda, or amendments that are in effect or have been in effect in the last 3 years. For purposes of this request, professional learning or professional development services include agreements with	We requested additional time to complete this request

		providers, publishers, vendors, or government entities that supply: * Professional development, training, or coaching provided by a curriculum publisher as part of, or in connection with, a curriculum or instructional materials contract. * Professional development, training, or coaching provided by a third-party vendor or service provider supporting curriculum implementation. * Professional development, training, or coaching related to teaching content or instructional practice that supports classroom instruction. * Professional learning, professional development, training, or instructional services provided by state agencies, state-affiliated organizations, regional education service agencies, regional education offices, or similar regional or state entities..”	
Justin Wenig @starbridgefoiadocs	May 11, 2026	“All purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors from January 1, 2025 to current date. Records should include, at minimum: • Purchase date • Vendor name • Line item description • Line item quantity • Line item Amount If vendor names are coded in the file, please provide a vendor list with corresponding codes. Examples of relevant reports/records may include: check registers, procurement reports, standard PO detail reports, warrant/claims reports, and purchase order history reports, among others. This request excludes any purchase orders or payments issued to staff, employees, or	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe.

		individuals for payroll, reimbursements, stipends, or other personnel-related expenses. I am requesting existing, already maintained electronic records (without copying, scanning, or printing)."	
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INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kate Lance provided a report on the following topics:

- Since our last meeting, we conducted our Senior Awards Ceremony. We were able to give out \$100,000 in scholarships. The event was well attended by our students, their families, and our donors. Our donors are extremely generous each year and we are very appreciative.
- Graduation has been the focus of the month. Between graduation meetings, practices and the ceremony, we have worked as a team to ensure that our 258 have been appropriately honored for their accomplishments.
- We are also planning our End of the Year Celebration with our staff on Thursday, May 22nd. We will begin with a staff breakfast and then have a celebration to honor staff with awards, such as years of service to the district, perfect attendance, and the Sir Rainer Award. We will also honor all of our retirees publicly. The rest of the day will be spent for teachers to complete grading and organize their rooms for the summer.
- Our three SMART goals have been focused on all year. Our attendance rate is at 23%, which is over our establish percent but we hope it holds steady. We are seeing an improvement in the number of courses that students are passing as compared to previous years. At the time of this report, just over 94% of all courses being graded are earning passing grades.
- AP Exams were administered during the first two weeks of May. We had a very good attendance rate at each of the exams. This year we were able to administer approximately 302 exams. We will have results back in early July.
- We have completed all our required safety drills and submitted our paperwork to the Regional Office of Education.
- The May Staff Meeting consisted of a presentation from the EBC representatives. The staff also received an electronic PowerPoint that provided important May dates and data from the Safety Office.
- Summer School scheduling has begun. The numbers will hopefully be consistent or higher than last year. My hiring recommendations for teachers and paraprofessionals are included this month.
- Even though this year has not completely wrapped up yet, Mr. Miller and I have already started to work on the registration process for next school year. To better meet the needs of families, we are working on providing families with more opportunities to complete additional items through the online registration portal. This will help to reduce the amount of time that they will need to spend during the in-person registration. We have set the dates for registration to be July 28th – 31st.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Steve Hanson proved a report on the following topics:

1. **Item 1: Spring Sports**
 - a. **Baseball**—The baseball team wrapped up Interstate Baseball play last week and finished 5th in the conference. The team will travel to Metamora next week for Regional competition where they will take on Ottawa.
 - b. **Softball**— The softball team wrapped up the Interstate 8 conference play with a 4-6 record. They travel to Sterling for their Regional semifinal on 5/19. We will be hosting the IHSA Sectional on 5/26 & 5/29 at the LP Sports Complex.

- c. **Girls Soccer-** The girls soccer team is the #4 seed in the Orion sub-sectional and plays Rock Island on 5/20 in the Sycamore Regional.
 - d. **Girls Track**—The girls participated in the IHSA Sectional at Mendota. Aubrey Duttlinger and Aubrey Urbanski both qualified for the State meet in Charleston. Duttlinger qualified in the Long Jump and Triple Jump while Urbanski qualified in the 800M run.
 - e. **Boys Track-** The boys competed in the Interstate 8 Conference meet in Ottawa on 5/15, the results were not available at the time of this report. They will compete in the Sectional track meet on 5/21 at Galesburg.
 - f. **Tennis**—The tennis squad is hosting the IHSA Sectional on 5/22 and 5/23 at the LP Sports Complex. The team competed in the Interstate 8 Conference tournament in Ottawa on 5/16 and results were not available at the time of this report.
2. **Item 2: Activities Report**
- a. **Band:** Mr. Stevens and his band put on a beautiful performance at their Spring Concert on April 22nd in Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium.
 - b. **Yearbook:** Lilly Woods competed in the IHSA State Journalism competition in Bloomington on April 24th.
 - c. **Choir:** Choir performed their Spring Choral Pop concert on April 30th in Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium. Mrs. Verucchi and her choir did an outstanding job!
 - d. **Renaissance** awarded their Tireless Staff Awards and conducted their recognition rally at the huddle on April 24th. Mrs. Derix was the recipient of the Staff Award and Mr. Carney received the faculty award.
 - e. **Senior Board:** Prom was a huge success at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club. Marissa Windsor was crowned Queen and Joseph Gallicchio was crowned King at the promenade in Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium. Senior Board also sponsored a senior picnic on May 1.
 - f. **Special Olympics** recently competed at the Spring Games. Justyn Griglione placed first in the pentathlon and Audrey Olson placed first in the 400 m girls run. Both athletes will compete in the state tournament in June.
 - g. **FFA:** The LaSalle-Peru Ag Program has ranked one of Illinois's Top 40 Ag Programs out of 404. They will be awarded their official rank at the 2026 State FFA Convention in June. They will also be eligible to advance to the National level. In addition, they are also in the running for the following: Illinois Association FFA Premier Chapter over Illinois, State Champion of Growing Leaders, State Champion of Strengthening Agriculture, and State Champion of Building Communities. Finally, **Ella Crane** placed first in the District Creed Speaking Career Development event. She will also advance to State in June. Congratulations to Mr. Hintzsche and our FFA program.

ACC DIRECTOR

Dr. Shane Lange reported on the following topics:

Signing Day

Total Commitments: 125 Students

- **Higher Education (School):** 89 Students (71%) The largest group of students are pursuing degrees at institutions such as Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC), Illinois State University (ISU), University of Illinois, Bradley University, and Iowa State University.
- **Union Apprenticeships:** 16 Students (13%). Students have secured competitive spots with trade unions including NECA IBEW Local 176, Operating Engineers Local 150 (My150), Chicago Pipefitters Local 597, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- **Military Service:** 10 Students (8%) A committed group of students has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and the National Guard.

- Direct Workforce (Company): 10 Students (8%). These students are entering the workforce immediately with regional employers such as John Deere/Martin Equipment, Force Electric Tech, Valley Fabrication Inc., and Vactor.

Program Performance Highlights The signing class represents a wide array of technical disciplines:

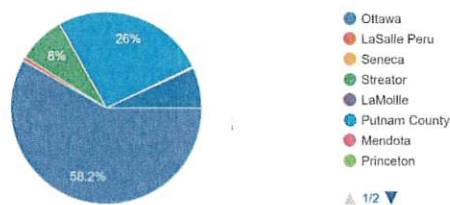
- Trades & Industry: Residential Wiring, Machining, Automotive, Building Trades, and Welding.
- Public Service & Health: EMS/Fire Science and Health Occupations.
- Service & Specialized Arts: Culinary, Aviation, Early Childhood Education, and Hair Academy.
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Summary The 2026 data confirms the Area Career Center's mission to prepare students for a variety of high-demand paths, ensuring that every graduate has a confirmed "Letter of Intent" for their future.

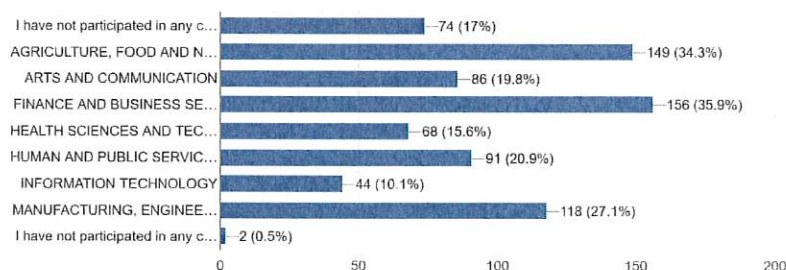
Continuous Improvement and Planning

We conducted a survey to assess the experience of Career and Technical Education students for the region. The information helps us better plan for current and future courses. Our first survey was specifically about what courses students are interested in, and this survey was about how the courses available helped them reach their goals. The following is a sample of the data provided:

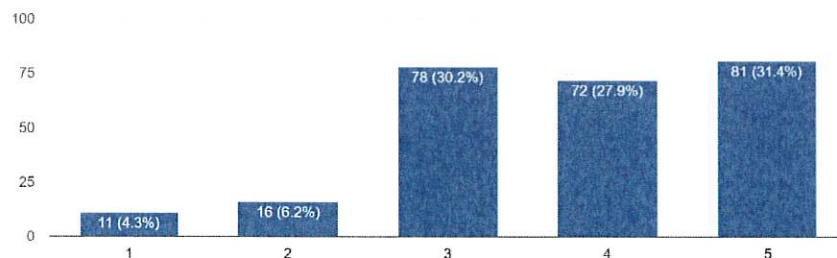
What school do you attend?
435 responses

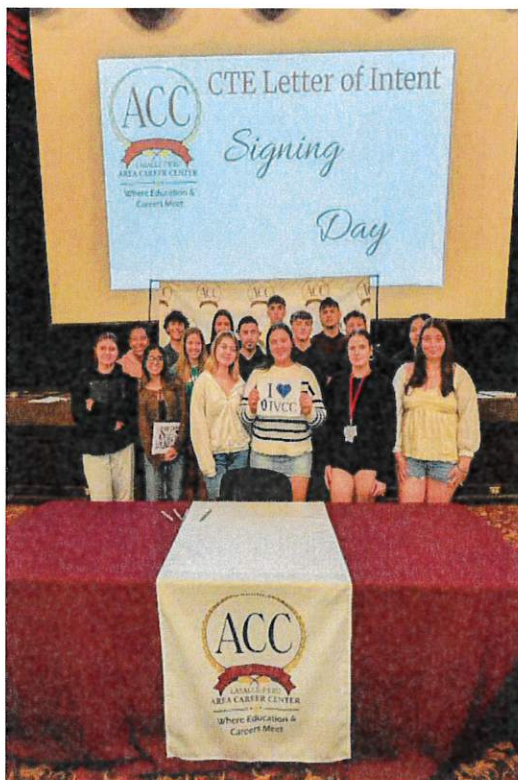


In which Career Programs or Career Pathways courses have you enrolled? (check all that apply)
435 responses



My overall experience with the career related courses I participated in.
258 responses

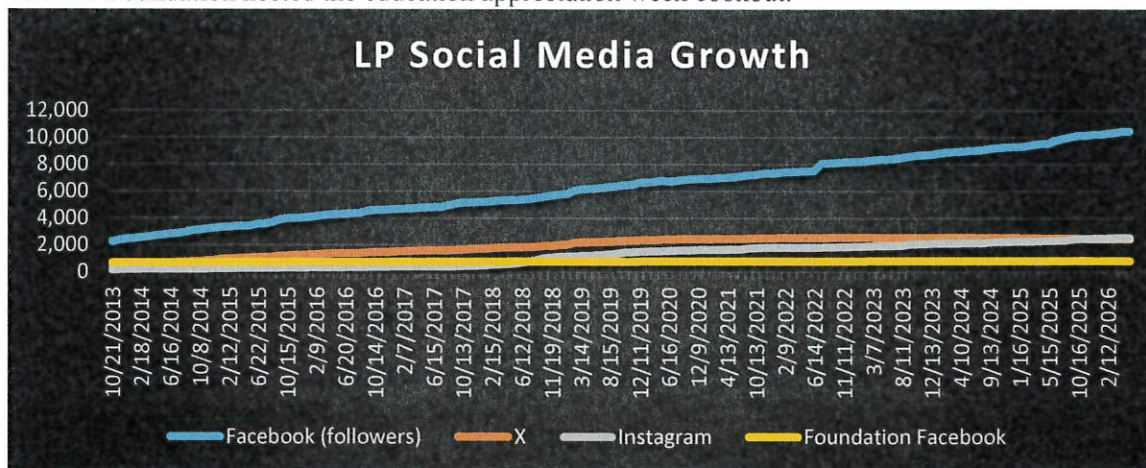




DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

Mr. Matt Baker, provided a report on the following topics:

- We're still busy creating game day and huddle graphics for sports programs, along with internal hallway graphics for numerous activities thanks in large part to the efforts of our Student Assistants.
- We are working on promoting end-of-year celebrations and ceremonies.
- Our fundraising rejuvenation committee has developed a plan we hope will improve the fundraising experience for our donors while allowing us to maintain our fundraising/sponsorship revenue. We have been meeting with the club/activity sponsors that will be impacted by the changes so we can work cooperatively to improve the fundraising process.
- Mr. Hintzsche, his FFA students and I have been meeting with businesses and individuals to set up meetings to present fundraising opportunities to support the Ag Center project.
- The L-P Foundation hosted the education appreciation week cookout.



NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution 2026-9 approving the tentative amended L-P FY26 Budget and place it on public display

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to adopt Resolution 2026-9 approving the tentative amended L-P FY26 Budget and place it on public display, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adopt Resolution 2026-10 naming the swimming pool in the East Building - Rob McNally Pool

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to adopt Resolution 2026-10 naming the swimming pool in the East Building - Rob McNally Pool, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following Ag Building change orders:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the following Ag Building change orders as presented:

Vissering Construction

- a. CO#16: Change to Tornado Rate Louvers. Totaling \$4,379.00
- b. CO#17: Add roof drain at South Stair and associated piping. Totaling \$6,824.00 CO#14: Tackboard Addition. Totaling \$1,240.00
- c. CO#18: Mezzanine Double Sided Gate Credit. Totaling (\$3,809.00)
- d. CO#19: Utility Extension to the future Vet Science Building. Totaling \$19,527.00

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to submit building permit applications for the following summer 2026 projects

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve to submit building permit applications for the following summer 2026 projects, as presented:

- a. Main Building Amendment 89 - Sellett Gym Doors/Frames/Hardware Replacement
- b. Dolan Building Amendment 13 - Fire Alarm Replacement
- c. Auto Shop Amendment 9 - Fire Alarm Replacement

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to submit application for statement of completion for the following projects

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to submit application for statement of completion for the following projects, as presented.

- a. Main Building Amendment 87 - Howard Fellows Stadium Concrete Repairs

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to establish the following Activity Accounts:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, approval to establish the following Activity Accounts, as presented.

- a. Ag building
- b. Camp Money - Girls' Bowling

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to authorize the Business Office to make monthly mid-month payments on the Wal-Mart credit card not to exceed \$500.00

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve authorizing the Business Office to make monthly mid-month payments on the Wal-Mart credit card not to exceed \$500.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PRESS Policy Issue 121 – 2nd Reading

Non-action item

Approval of the Athletic Trainer Services Agreement effective August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the Athletic Trainer Services Agreement effective August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2026-2027 School Resource Officer Program MOU with the City of La Salle and LaSalle Police Department

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the 2026-2027 School Resource Officer Program MOU with the City of LaSalle and LaSalle Police Department as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the LaSalle-Peru Township High School Districtwide Behavioral Intervention Plan

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve of the LaSalle-Peru Township High School Districtwide Behavioral Intervention Plan, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of resolution assuring re-employment for the 2026-2027 school year for 10-month employees

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the resolution assuring re-employment for the 2026-2027 school year for 10-month employees, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following retirements:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following retirements as presented:

- a. Mr. Mike Carter, Assistant Director of Building and Grounds, effective September 30, 2026
- b. Mrs. Barb Franklin, Administrative Assistant to the Principal, effective July 31, 2026

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following resignations:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve of the following resignations as presented:

- a. Mrs. Hope Picco, Title I Math Paraprofessional, effective May 4, 2026
- b. Mr. Eric Bjerkaas, Substitute Math Club Sponsor (split with Mrs. Kaitlin Monahan), effective for the 2026-2027 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following reassignments:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following reassignments as presented:

- a. Mr. Jack Hughes, General Maintenance – Grounds Keeper (3), effective upon the filling of all open Custodial and Maintenance positions (new position)

- b. Mr. Drew Scoma, Agricultural Building/Auto Shop Custodian (1), effective upon the filling of all open Custodial and Maintenance positions (new position)
- c. Mr. Tom Rogel, General Maintenance – Grounds Keeper (1), effective upon the filling of all open Custodial and Maintenance positions (replaces Mr. Jack Hughes)

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following appointments, as presented:

- a. Mr. Greg Rinadli, Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. Giovanni DiRosa)
- b. Mr. Brent Thomas, Head Boys' Swim Coach and Head Girls' Swim Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. Rob McNally)
- c. Ms. Brianna Gibson, FFA Volunteer, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
- d. Mrs. Debbie Herz, FFA Volunteer, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
- e. Mrs. Kate Kolczaski, FFA Volunteer, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
- f. Mrs. Tricia Mudge, FFA Volunteer, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
- g. Mrs. Kaitlin Monahan, Math Club Sponsor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year
- h. Mr. Zackary Bickett, Volunteer Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to rehire the following staff for the 2026-2027 school year

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve of rehiring the following staff for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented:

- a. Mr. Russ Anderson, Director of Technology
- b. Mr. Billy Quesse, Network Administrator
- c. Mr. Jacob Frazier, Help Desk Technician
- d. Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications
- e. Mrs. Sue Brooker, AAP Coordinator
- f. Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager
- g. Mr. Tim Tomminello, Director of Building and Grounds
- h. Mr. Bobby Riahi, Director of Food & Nutrition Services

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following summer 2026 temporary positions

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following summer 2026 temporary positions, as presented:

a. Summer School Staff:

- i. Mrs. Tiara Bedenko-Hill, Business Teacher
- ii. Mr. Eric Bjerkaas, Math Teacher
- iii. Mr. Scott Blessman, Driver's Education Teacher/PE Teacher (Session II)
- iv. Mr. Dan Burkhart, Science Teacher
- v. Mr. Jim Cherveney, Driver's Education Teacher
- vi. Mrs. Carrie Christman, Driver's Education Teacher
- vii. Mr. Matt Glupczynski, Social Science Teacher
- viii. Mr. Patrick Goy, Driver's Education Teacher
- ix. Ms. Gwen Hanford, English Teacher
- x. Mr. Alisa Krzyaniak, Summer School Paraprofessional
- xi. Mrs. Kaitlin Monahan, Math Teacher
- xii. Mr. Kyle Pytel, Driver's Education Teacher

- xiii. Mr. Matt Rebholz, Physical Education Teacher (session I)
 - xiv. Mr. Nick Stevenson, Math Teacher
 - xv. Mr. Brent Thomas, Special Education Teacher
 - xvi. Mrs. Wendy Zuchowski, AAP Teacher
 - xvii. Mrs. Jodi Orlandi, Summer School Paraprofessional
 - xviii. Mrs. Kathy Baker, Special Ed Summer School Paraprofessional
 - xix. Mrs. Vanessa Nikischer, Special Ed Summer School Paraprofessional
 - xx. Mrs. Eliane Zens, Summer School Paraprofessional
- b. Summer Building & Grounds Extra Help:
- i. Mr. Randy Huebbe
 - ii. Mr. Jose Medina
 - iii. Mrs. Nicole Girton
- c. Summer Technology Help:
- i. Ms. Nicci Gibson
- Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following maternity/FMLA requests

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the following maternity/FMLA requests, as presented.

- a. Mrs. Vanessa Nikischer, beginning April 28, 2026, through May 22, 2026.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver.

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to move to executive/closed session for purpose of a) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes, and b) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0 Time 6:50 p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 7:05p.m.**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth and Mrs. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mr. Scott Pescetto

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Interim Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to destruct verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to November 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to November 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, as presented.

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2024

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver.

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following appointments, as presented:

a. Mr. Glenn Hall, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, effective May 21, 2026

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting

Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following resignations:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following resignations, as presented:

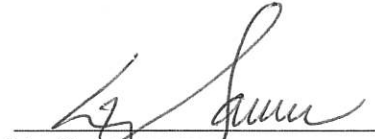
a. Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Principal, effective June 30, 2026

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting

Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:07p.m.



Mr. Greg Sarver
President



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary