

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
APRIL 22, 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, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Matt Merboth and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mr. Gary Ferrari (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Shane Lange, ACC Director, Mrs. Jayme Salazar, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, 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 MARCH 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the minutes from March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Recognitions

The Board recognized the following students and coaches:

Special Olympics Winter game Snowshoe Competition and State Basketball Tournament: Carlos Arce - Snowshoe and State Basketball Qualifier, Jeremiah Godina - Snowshoe Qualifier, Justyn Griglione - Snowshoe Qualifier, Miles Pangrcic - Snowshoe Qualifier and 2nd Place in State for Individual Basketball Skills Miller Pangrcic - Snowshoe Qualifier, Cameron Shutt – Snowshoe Qualifier, Mrs. Melissa Shutt – Volunteer Sponsor, Mr. Shane Guenther – Volunteer Sponsor, Mrs. Mollie Taylor – Sponsor.

Division Spotlight

Mrs. Lisa Salander (OASIS) and Mrs. Rebecca Fredericksen (PRIDE) represented the Special Education Department by highlighting the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional support provided to students through structured programs that promote confidence, accountability, communication skills, and strategies for long-term success. Through strong collaboration with families, administration, and support services, they ensure students have access to the resources necessary to reach their goals. They also shared heartfelt student testimonials titled “10 Reasons Why OASIS and PRIDE Rock,” highlighting the meaningful impact the programs and staff have had on students’ success and overall school experience.

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, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

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, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from Mrs. Jennifer Radke for the Board's donation to the LPHS Foundation for Enrichment in Memory of Mrs. Joyce Ruth Shreve (Grandmother of Mrs. Rachel Balestri)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, presented his report from the meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The report included the following items: approval of the March 10, 2026, Ag building update, current projects updates: Health Occupations Renovation: Exterior Lighting, Sports Complex pavement, Dolan Interior Renovation, Sellett Gym Doors/Frames/Hardware, Easy Gym Pool Resurfacing and Main Drain Repair, Sip-N-Savor, fire alarm inspection identified deficiencies; transition to air conditioning, kitchen freezer evaporator coil is scheduled to be repaired in early summer. The project experienced a setback when it was discovered that the piping was located on the opposite side, requiring a new unit and the correct parts to be ordered. The storm water cooling system piping replacement, and Howard Fellows Stadium traffic coating. Kitchen elevator update, bid recommendations, new custodial position and maintenance position update.

Finance Committee: Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, presented the Finance Report from the meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 0, 2026. The report covered the following items: approval of the march 10, 2026, minutes; monthly financial statements Ag building donations, bid recommendations update, recommendation to create full-time positions for building and grounds custodial position, maintenance position, accept bids -bread, milk, pizza, forensic audit, 2026-2027 paid holiday schedule, 2026-2027 district insurance premiums, recommendation for the laptop and wireless refresh lease, and SRO special event package program proposal.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

INTERIM SUPERINTEDENT

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing reported on the following topics:

- **End of the School Year Activities:** We have approximately 4.5 weeks before the end of the school year. Numerous activities have been planned to honor and celebrate the work that has been done by both our teachers and our students. We have completed our state testing and have AP exams in May. We will have Senior Lunch next week and Senior Prom the following week. We have several meals and snacks planned for our staff to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Consolidated District Plan:** Our Consolidated District Plan has received its final approval. Since we're more accustomed to approvals coming later in the year (October or December), I wanted to offer a quick refresher on what this means for us: Our grants can be applied for as soon

as they become active. Mrs. Whalen and I will have clearer insight into projected funding amounts and planned expenditures, which helps us to stay even more accurate with budgeting; the sooner we can apply and get approved for the grants, the sooner we can put those resources to work for our students and staff. For example, after-school tutoring has typically started in January, but now we're able to begin at the beginning of the school year. This earlier approval sets us up for a smoother, stronger start to the 2026–2027 school year—and ultimately, an even better experience for our students.

- **FY2026 Amended Budget:** Given the knowledge we have of various expenditures during the current fiscal year and the projected information that we will receive in the upcoming weeks from our budget meetings with administrators and directors, we will need to present an amended budget. This budget will be prepared for the May meeting and then on public display for 30 days prior to the next Board meeting.
- **FY2027 Budget:** Budget work preparations have increased since the last meeting. Mrs. Lori Whalen and Ms. Kate Lance have met with our division chairs. Needs for the upcoming school year, the 5-year plan, and any adjustments to that we need to know about for the FY26 budget were discussed. Mrs. Whalen and I will begin a similar process with all administrators and directors during the next two weeks. We will be gathering information about next year's budget, 5-year plans, and any expenditures that were excessive and will result in the need for an amended budget.
- **FOIA Requests:** This past month, we received the following FOIA requests.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
Mathias Woerner Shaw Media	April 1, 2026	"The school's data over the last five years on enrollment in courses offering dual-credit with IVCC, and participation in early graduation over that time frame.."	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe of five business days.
Miachael Henry, Illinois Resident	April 14, 2026	"I request the following records: 1. The name of all law firm(s) currently providing legal services to the district, and the name of any law firm(s) that have provided legal services to the district at any time within the past eight (8) years. 2. Any current engagement agreement(s), contract(s), retention agreement(s), or fee schedule(s) with legal counsel in effect at any time during the past three (3) fiscal years. 3. The total amount paid to each law firm for legal services for each of the past three (3) fiscal years. This may be satisfied by invoices, payment registers, accounts	We requested additional time to complete this request. Following legal counsel advice, we approved the request. We responded

		payable records, or other existing financial records reflecting such payments. This request is limited to existing records and does not require the creation of new records. If any portion of this request is denied, please: • Identify each specific statutory exemption under 5 ILCS 140 relied upon • Provide the factual basis for the exemption • Produce all non-exempt portions of responsive records pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1) and 5 ILCS 140/7(1.5)	within the legal timeframe.
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INTERIM PRINCIPAL

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

- On Thursday, March 26, we celebrated our annual Honor Society Induction Ceremony, officially welcoming 63 new members from the Class of 2026. These students have consistently demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and exemplary character. We extend our sincere congratulations to the inductees and their families on this significant accomplishment.
- We are pleased to announce that Senior Awards Night will be held on Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 PM. This year's ceremony will adhere to our traditional format, honoring the long-standing customs of the program. Notification letters have been mailed to the honorees; however, in keeping with tradition, the specific awards will remain confidential until the presentation. We look forward to an evening dedicated to celebrating the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2026.
- On Monday, March 23, we convened our 3rd Quarter Data Meeting with the PLC Leadership Team and our Solution Tree Consultant. The session proved highly productive as we evaluated our progress relative to the three District SMART goals. While current projections suggest we may fall just shy of our ambitious targets, the data indicates substantial year-over-year growth. Additionally, the team reviewed ISBE compliance requirements to ensure our current initiatives remain fully aligned with state standards.
- The Student Handbook Committee meet on April 9 and 13 to review and refine handbook language for the upcoming academic year. To ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process, the committee intentionally engaged a diverse stakeholder group, including staff, students, and parents. This collaborative approach allows the committee to incorporate various perspectives and ensure that proposed updates reflect the needs of the entire school community.
- We are pleased to report on the successful administration of the ACT and PreACT School Day assessments on April 8 and April 14, respectively. The district achieved a great participation rate; however, makeup sessions are scheduled for the final week of April to accommodate a small number of student absences. Additionally, the Seal of Biliteracy assessment will be conducted on April 30 and May 1, and Advanced Placement (AP) testing is slated to begin the week of May 4, spanning a two-week window.
- We are in the final stages of developing the 2025–2026 Master Schedule. The current phase involves data entry into PowerSchool, which will be followed by a comprehensive conflict

analysis. Over the coming weeks, our guidance department will meet individually with students to resolve scheduling overlaps and finalize their course loads, ensuring each student is positioned for success in the upcoming academic year.

- Preparations for the Summer School program are proceeding according to schedule. We are currently finalizing our personnel requirements, and I intend to present a formal staffing recommendation for certified educators and paraprofessionals at the upcoming Board of Education meeting. The student registration window is slated to open next week, and we anticipate robust enrollment based on preliminary interest.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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

Item 1: Spring Sports

- a. The Lady Cavs Softball team traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC over Spring Break and went 4-0 on their trip.
- b. On 4/11 LP hosted an 8 team COED track meet at the LP Sports Complex. The girls won the event while the boys finished in 5th place.

Item 2: Spring Postseason

- a. LPHS will be hosting the IHSA 1A Tennis Sectional at the LP Sports Complex on May 22nd and May 23rd.
- b. LPHS will be hosting the IHSA 3A Softball Sectional at the LP Sports Complex the week of May 26-May 30th.

Item 3: Activities Update

- a. The Musical delivered a stellar performance of *Mamma Mia!* This year's production achieved the highest ticket sales since 2016, with profits exceeding \$15,500.
- b. Honors Society: Sixty-three seniors were inducted into the LP Honor Society on March 26th at an all-school assembly.
- c. Student Council entertained the student body during lunch by handing out eggs from the Easter Bunny. The student body also participated in voting, electing Jake Hall as the 2026–2027 Student Council President.
- d. Key Club conducted a monetary food drive for the Illinois Valley Food pantry in preparation for the holidays.
- e. Our band students welcomed Rex Benson, a retired Mendota High School director, who shared fresh ideas and valuable insight to help prepare them for their upcoming spring performances.
- f. Renaissance recognized 206 students with a Gold Day trip to Fox Valley Mall for earning a Gold Card during the first and second semesters of the 2025–2026 school year.

ACC DIRECTOR

Dr. Shane Lange reported on the following topics:

1. Enrollment & Admissions

- Initial Registration: Current registration numbers for the Area Career Center (ACC) are showing strong demand, with 200 students from feeder schools and just over 200 students from LaSalle-Peru High School. This is up around 10% from last year.
- Seat Management: The first formal review of these figures is scheduled for next week. Following this review, the reallocation of seats will begin to ensure maximum capacity and student placement across our programs.

2. Curriculum Enhancements

We continue to modernize our offerings to ensure students enter the workforce with relevant, high-demand skills:

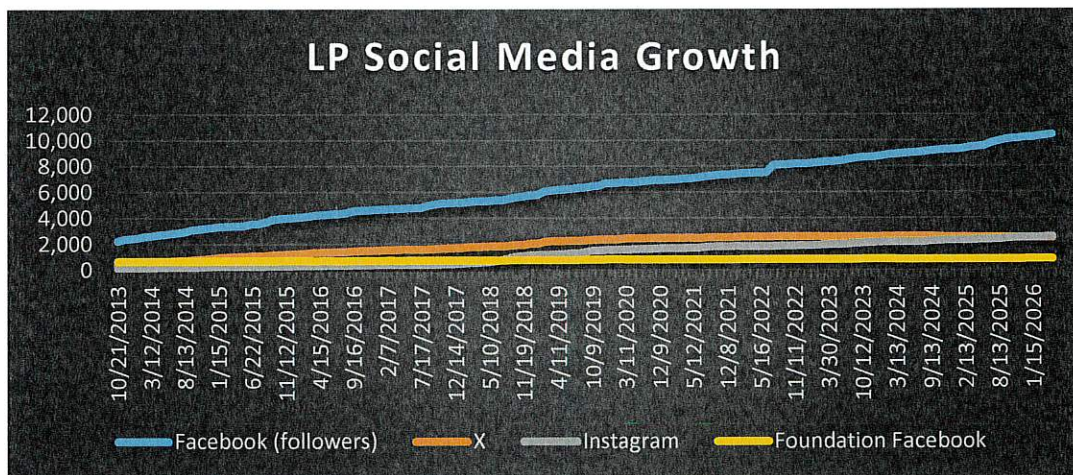
- Health Occupations II: A formal agreement has been solidified to integrate Nutrition into the curriculum, providing a more holistic approach to healthcare education. It will remain a one semester course. Med-term and Nutrition will take place concurrently.

- Residential Wiring: To keep pace with the "Internet of Things" (IoT), we are adding a Smart Home and Security component to the Residential Wiring class, covering modern automated systems and home integration.
3. Student Milestones & Achievements
- Signing Day 2026: We are proud to announce that 85 Seniors will participate in our Signing Day on May 4th, committing to their future careers or technical paths.
 - Notably, 29 of these participants are LaSalle-Peru (LP) students, showcasing the strong pipeline between LP and career-ready outcomes.
4. Faculty & Personnel
- Retirement Announcement: After a remarkable 49-year career in education, Jeanette Maurice announced her retirement. We owe Jeanette a debt of gratitude for her nearly half-century of dedication to student success and her lasting impact on our educational community.

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.
- Mrs. Whalen and I have been finalizing plans for the fundraising rejuvenation. We will be meeting with Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Hanson soon to work through the process in greater detail.
- Mr. Hintzsche, his FFA students and I have been contacting businesses and individuals to set up meetings to present fundraising opportunities to support the Ag Center project.
- The L-P Foundation had a successful trivia night and is preparing for education appreciation week cookout.



NEW BUSINESS

Approval of proclamation recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2026

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the proclamation recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following Ag Building change orders:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the following Ag Building change orders as presented:

Vissering Construction

- CO#12: Additional Gas Piping to Kitchen Oven. Totaling \$1,463.00
- CO#13: FFA Office Receptacles. Totaling \$3,692.00

- c. CO#14: Tackboard Addition. Totaling \$1,240.00
- d. CO#15: Greenhouse Electrical Changes. Totaling \$1,452.00

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following Health Occupations Renovation Change Order previously authorized by the former Superintendent:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the following Health Occupations Renovation Change Order previously authorized by the former Superintendent, as presented:

- a. CO#13: Patient Beds (final invoice). Totaling: \$51,541.00

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following Health Occupations Renovation Over Allowance on Approved Request previously authorized by the former Superintendent:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the following Health Occupations Renovation Change Order previously authorized by the former Superintendent, as presented:

- a. CO#14: Over Allowance of Approved Request. Totaling: \$5,525.00

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Howard Fellows Stadium Renovation Change Order for New Traffic Coating Installation not to exceed \$39,000.00

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the Howard Fellows Stadium Renovation Change Order for New Traffic Coating Installation not to exceed \$39,000.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to submit an amendment for a cost increase to Health/Life Safety Amendment 21:

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to approve of submitting an amendment for a cost increase to Health/Life Safety Amendment 21, as presented.

- a. Pool and Main Drain Project (\$236,028)

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to award food service contracts for the 2026–2027 school year as follows:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to award food service contracts for the 2026–2027 school year as follows: as presented.

- a. Milk- Prairie Farms
- b. Pizza- Pizza Hut
- c. Bread- Alpha Baking

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the creation of an additional Full-time Custodian position, effective immediately

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve creating an additional Full-time Custodian position, effective immediately as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the creation of an additional Full-time Maintenance position, effective immediately

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve creating an additional Full-time Maintenance position, effective immediately as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr.

Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the School Treasurer's Bond

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the School Treasurer's Bond, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Laptop and Wireless Refresh Lease Agreement with American Capital effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, with an annual payment of \$66,756.17

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to approve the Laptop and Wireless Refresh Lease Agreement with American Capital effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, with an annual payment of \$66,756.17, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Get on Track, Inc. contract for Speech-Language Pathology Services effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Get on Track, Inc. contract for Speech-Language Pathology Services effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2026-2027 Paid Holiday Schedule

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the 2026-2027 Paid Holiday Schedule as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2026-2027 District Insurance Premiums

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the 2026-2027 District Insurance Premiums, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to hire four summer helpers for Building and Grounds from May 26, 2026, through August 7, 2026

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto to approve hiring four summer helpers for Building and Grounds from May 26, 2026, through August 7, 2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the MOU with LaSalle-Peru Support Staff Union, Local 604 to reflect inclement weather/school closure

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve the MOU with LaSalle-Peru Support Staff Union, Local 604 to reflect inclement weather/school closure, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the final 2025-2026 District Calendar

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the final 2025-2026 District Calendar as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2026-2027 Student Handbook

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Press Policy Issue 121 – 1st Reading – Non-Action Item

Approval of the updates to Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and Complaint Managers in Board Policies 2:260, 2:265, and 5:10

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the updates to Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and Complaint Managers in Board Policies 2:260, 2:265, and 5:10 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following retirements:

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

- a. Mrs. Jackie Fitzgerald, Food Service Production Staff/Cashier, effective the conclusion on the 2025-2026 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following reassignments:

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

- a. Mrs. Heather Sherman, Food Service Production Staff/Cashier-Shift #2, effective April 7, 2026 (replaces Mrs. Beth Milby)

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following resignations:

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

- a. Mrs. Jennifer Heagy, Assistant Girls Swim Coach, effective April 6, 2026
- b. Mr. John Senica, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 season
- c. Mr. Giovanni DiRosa, Assistant Football Coach, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

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

- a. Mr. Rylan Heersink, Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. Colton Lazzaratto)
- b. Mr. Eric Keefer, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year
- c. Mrs. Beth Hamilton, Food Service Production Staff/Cashier-Shift #3, effective April 10, 2026 (replaces Mrs. Heather Sherman)
- d. Mr. Kyle Pytel, Winter Weightroom Supervisor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. David Spudic)
- e. Mrs. Jennifer Scoma, FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) Advisor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mrs. Alyssa Cherveney)
- f. Ms. Gwendolyn Hanford, Student Publications Director, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Ms. Emma Walke)
- g. Mr. Samuel Ross Zimbelman, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year

h. Mr. Adam Sandor, Volunteer Bass Fishing Boat Captain, effective for the 2025-2026 school year
Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following reclassifications:

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

- a. Mr. Jake Dahl, Assistant Baseball Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mr. Nate Hachenberger)
- b. Mr. Nolan Keeney, Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mr. Jared Mundt)

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following FMLA requests:

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

- a. Mrs. Kaylee Haun, School Counselor/Work-based Learning Coordinator, beginning March 16, 2026, through May 6, 2026.
- b. Mrs. Meghan Barnes, Special Education Teacher, beginning May 14, 2026, through May 22, 2026.

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, 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, b) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee, and c) Imminent/Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0 Time 6:53 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, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 7:20p.m.**

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

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 March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Mrs. Carol Alcorn abstained from the vote. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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

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

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2024

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to open recommended sections of the following closed minutes:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve to open recommended sections of the following closed minutes, as presented:

- a. August 16, 2023
- b. August 23, 2023, Special Meeting
- c. September 20, 2023
- d. October 2, 2023, Special Meeting
- e. October 18, 2023
- f. October 28, 2023, Special Meeting
- g. November 15, 2023
- h. December 20, 2023
- i. January 24, 2024
- j. February 21, 2024
- k. March 6, 2024, Special Meeting
- l. March 20, 2024
- m. April 17, 2024
- n. May 15, 2024
- o. June 26, 2024
- p. August 14, 2024
- q. September 18, 2024
- r. October 23, 2024
- s. November 20, 2024
- t. December 18, 2024
- u. January 22, 2025
- v. February 19, 2025
- w. March 19, 2025
- x. April 23, 2025
- y. May 13, 2025, Special Meeting
- z. May 21, 2025
- aa. June 25, 2025
- bb. August 20, 2025
- cc. September 24, 2025
- dd. October 13, 2025, Special Meeting
- ee. October 22, 2025
- ff. October 28, 2025, Special Meeting – First Session
- gg. October 28, 2025, Special Meeting – Second Session
- hh. October 29, 2025, Special Meeting – First Session
- ii. October 29, 2025, Special Meeting – Second Session
- jj. October 30, 2025, Special Meeting – First Session
- kk. October 30, 2025, Special Meeting – Second Session
- ll. November 5, 2025, Special Meeting – First Session
- mm. November 5, 2025, Special Meeting – Second Session
- nn. November 5, 2025, Special Meeting – Third Session
- oo. November 19, 2025
- pp. November 25, 2025, Special Meeting
- qq. December 8, 2025, Special Meeting

rr. December 17, 2025

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

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

- a. Ms. Hailey Bickett, Math Teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

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

- a. Ms. Hailey Bickett, Math Teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (replaces Mrs. Lindsey Gaworski)

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to authorized the District to participate in an appraiser cost sharing arrangement with other taxing district, consistent with similar prior situations, as it relates to the 2025 tax objection filed by Covia with the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board

MOTION by Mr. Merboth seconded by Mr. Ferrari, approve the District to participate in an appraiser cost sharing arrangement with other taxing district, consistent with similar prior situations, as it relates to the 2025 tax objection filed by Covia with the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, as presented.

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

The motion carried 7-0, Time: 7:22p.m.



Mr. Greg Sarver
President



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary