

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

May 18, 2026

**New Trier Township High School
7 Happ Road, Room C234
Northfield, IL 60093**

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A **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois was held at New Trier High School – Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, in Room C234 on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mr. Avik Das
Ms. Jean Hahn, President
Mr. Joo Serk Lee
Ms. Courtney McDonough
Ms. Sally Pofcher
Ms. Sally Tomlinson, Vice President

Administrators Present

Dr. Peter Tragos, Superintendent
Dr. Christopher Johnson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Joanne Panopoulos, Asst. Supt. for Special Ed and Student Services
Dr. Chimille Tillery, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Denise Dubravec, Principal – Winnetka Campus/Asst. Supt.
Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal – Northfield Campus

Also Present

Ms. Niki Dizon, Chief Communications Officer; Dr. Nashwa Mekky, Chief Human Resources Officer; Mr. Michael Marassa, Chief Technology Officer; Ms. Meg Garton, English Department Faculty and Education Association President; Ms. Steph Gamauf, Modern and Classical Languages Department Faculty; Dr. Dan Weidner, Associate Principal for Academics and Administrative Services; Mr. Dan Paustian, Associate Principal – Northfield Campus; Ms. Angie Woodul, Extension Department Assistant and Educational Support Professionals President; Ms. Rebecca Boston, Health Services Department Chair and School Nurse; Mr. Chris Mitchell, Associate Principal for Student Services and Mr. Eric Johnson, Technology Department; Mr. Jeff Bailey, Technology Department; Ms. Lindsey Ruston, Board of Education Secretary; and members of the press and community.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m. – C234

Ms. Hahn called the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026 of the Board of Education to order at 5:35 p.m. in room C234 at the Northfield campus. Roll call was taken, and all members were present, except for Ms. Pofcher, who joined the meeting one minute later. Ms. Hahn asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Mr. Das moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. Ms. Tomlinson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Das, Mr. Lee, Ms. McDonough, Ms. Pofcher, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Hahn

NAY: none

ABSENT:

The motion passed.

II. CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m. – A201A

III. BUSINESS MEETING – Open Session – 6:30 p.m. – C234

Ms. Hahn called the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026 of the Board of Education to order at 6:42 p.m. in room C234 at the Northfield campus. Roll call was taken, and all members were present.

IV. Minutes and Reports

***A. Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026 (open and closed session)**

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026 (open and closed session). There were no requests for changes to the minutes. Mr. Das moved, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026 (open and closed session). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. McDonough, Ms. Pofcher, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Das, Mr. Lee

NAY:

ABSTAIN: Ms. Hahn

The motion passed.

B. Report from Campus Principals, Assistant Superintendents, and FOIA Report

Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal for the Northfield Campus, shared the following student events and program updates from that campus:

- Take Your Kids to Work Day recently took place and Mr. Waechtler thanked Ms. Caitlin Ayala, Social Studies Department Faculty, for organizing the day as well as those teachers who opened their classrooms for their colleagues' children. It is an opportunity for great leadership from students too.
- After the Academics was an event for incoming freshmen to explore a variety of extracurricular options. Hundreds of incoming freshmen and their parents attended. He thanked sponsors, coaches and all the students who got the incoming freshmen excited about the school's extracurricular opportunities.
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) is a self-defense simulation where students practice defending themselves against an aggressor, which helps them to build confidence and enhance their skills under stress.
- All adviser rooms participated in a hands-on service opportunity such as at Bernie's Books, Northern Illinois Food Bank, and Glencoe Community Gardens. In addition, this morning there was a service assembly for North Chicago Community Partners, which will be a three-year partnership with the Class of 2029.
- Mr. Waechtler thanked advisers for getting a very high return rate from students on the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI) with over 97% of students completing the survey. He explained the scale, noting that all domains were above 3.5 by all groups (student, staff, and families), which is very encouraging. Mr. Waechtler also shared subcategories for improvement.
- He thanked advisers for working on conflicts with student schedules for next year.

Mrs. Denise Dubravec, Principal for the Winnetka Campus/Assistant Superintendent, shared the following student events and program updates from that campus:

- Pitch Night took place recently, which Ms. Pofcher participated in. A junior won the competition with her Gateway Stadium Bags.
- Sports teams are wrapping up their seasons with boys' tennis and girls' lacrosse becoming CSL champions and girls' and boys' water polo becoming sectional champions. Track is headed to state and rowing are Scholastic Midwest champions.
- Science teacher, Dr. Frank Salerno, was selected to attend Vanderbilt University's Teacher Fly-In program.
- Author Jeff Selingo visited New Trier with events for students, staff and parents. Mr. Bob Zigmund, Post-High School Counselor, hosted a discussion with him prior to the parent event. Mrs. Dubravec also thanked the New Trier Parents Association for sponsoring the event.
- Students in the South Asian Club put together a cricket game that staff and students could participate in.
- Mrs. Dubravec shared about what the security team did during professional development time on April 27th.
- Theatre 2 hosted Dionysus Day.
- The spring play was *Pride and Prejudice*.
- DECA students were selected to attend the International Development Conference.
- The Class of 2027 completed their service project for Grace Network, which is run by two New Trier parents who are also alums.
- She thanked the Student Council for their work during Staff Appreciation Week.
- Miles Lyons broke the 400m track record that dates back to 1968.

Dr. Dan Weidner, Associate Principal for Academics and Administrative Services, introduced the exchange students who shared about their experiences, what New Trier has meant to them, and what they will take with them as they head back home. The students came from five countries this year: Ms. Charlotte Enquist from Sweden, Mr. Batu Kornosor from Turkey, Ms. Daiana Maffei from Italy, Ms. Lori Manukyan from Armenia, and Ms. Isabell Schleiger from Germany. Ms. Schleiger presented Ms. Hahn with a certificate of appreciation from AFS. Dr. Weidner thanked the host families for opening up their homes and the AFS volunteers who make this program possible. He also thanked the Board. Ms. Hahn thanked the group on behalf of the Board and shared additional comments with the students.

Dr. Panopoulos, Assistant Superintendent for Special Ed and Student Services, shared that Transition Services students participated in mock interviews.

Dr. Johnson gave the FOIA report noting that there have been four requests since the last Board meeting: intergovernmental agreement, purchasing records, transportation contracts, and test score distributions. All are closed.

Dr. Johnson also thanked the technology staff for the installation of new microphones at the Board table.

V. Communications

Ms. Hahn invited anyone from the audience who wished to address the Board to come forward and fill out a yellow communications request form and give it to Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications. Ms. Hahn stated that due to the number of issues which must be considered at the Board Meeting, commenters should limit their statement to three minutes per Board Policy 2-230. Likewise, if a comment requires a response, either Ms. Hahn or an administrator will contact the commenter in the days following the meeting. Questions and comments should address the Board of Education as a whole only. No comments should be directed to an individual Board member, audience, principals, or other staff members. No complaints against individual employees are allowed during a Board of Education Meeting. She also asked that the audience refrain from clapping or a response of any kind regarding people's comments. There were three requests for public comment.

1. Abby Seeman and Bella Lyon, sophomores in Ms. Tobias' Civil and Social Justice class, whose final project was to share a school-related issue with the Board. The students spoke about graduation attire, specifically implementing caps and gowns at New Trier.
2. Vivienne Fistler and Nicole, also students in Ms. Tobias' class, spoke about changing from shower curtains to doors in the locker rooms.
3. Emily North, also from Ms. Tobias' class, spoke about the need for air conditioning in the dance studios.

Ms. Hahn thanked the students for their comments.

VI. Special Orders of Business

A. Annual Plan Goal 4: Wellness Update

Dr. Panopoulos, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Special Education, introduced the update on Annual Plan Goal 4: Wellness. She shared a brief history of this goal and defined it as "cultivating a culture that promotes the physical, social, emotional, and mental well-being of all students and staff by embedding practices and services that support personal, collective, and institutional wellness."

Dr. Naswa Mekky, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Ms. Steph Gamauf, Modern and Classical Languages Department Faculty, both of whom are part of the Culture and Climate Committee spoke next. Dr. Mekky shared how wellness is being elevated at New Trier by using the book *Educator Wellness* by Timothy Kanold and Tina Boogren. Ms. Gamauf, presented on behalf of Ms. Jenny Niemi, one of the leaders of the committee who could not attend. She went on to share about the work that the Culture and Climate Committee has completed this year. From their work a Staff Wellness Toolkit with ready-to-use wellness tools and strategies was created which Ms. Lia Fahs, Communications Coordinator, then turned into a website. Ms. Gamauf previewed the website and went on to share pictures of events that brought staff together over the year.

Ms. Angie Woodul, Extension Department Assistant and Educational Support Professionals President, shared about the Support Staff Professional Development Committee's work they did regarding wellness.

Dr. Mekky shared information about the upcoming Wellness Institute Day scheduled for February 2027. She then went on to share about the Wellness and Belonging Survey that Hanover Research will assist the school with which will establish baseline data on staff wellness and belonging. It will be administered during the September 22nd late

start department time.

Ms. Rebecca Boston, Health Services Department Chair and School Nurse, shared what she, along with other members from the Student Services Leaders team, focused on during the school year pertaining to wellness.

Dr. Mekky shared how the Human Resources Department supports New Trier employees through their daily work. Mr. Chris Mitchell, Associate Principal for Student Services, shared concluding thoughts and welcomed questions and comments from the Board.

Ms. McDonough shared her appreciation for the collaboration amongst various committees as well as the focus on supporting the faculty and staff who, in turn, support the students. She then spoke to the Tier 1 Wellness Toolkit which will ensure that these strategies are embedded in one's daily practice. Ms. McDonough then inquired if students are engaged in the roll out of these strategies. Mr. Mitchell shared that the Toolkit is still in development, but as this work continues, student groups may be asked to participate. Dr. Panopoulos and Ms. Boston shared additional comments.

Ms. Tomlinson shared that she loved the presentation, and it helped her to better understand what this initiative means. She also shared appreciation for these groups to be given time to execute these various plans and events. She noted that anecdotally these committees are doing a great job but also shared her appreciation for the data part as well.

Ms. Hahn shared her appreciation for the holistic approach to this work and that by taking care of the District's employees, it makes it better at its core function, which is taking care of students. She also shared that this wellness piece also leads to physical safety because faculty and staff know and care about one another. Ms. Hahn inquired whether it is fair to say this is a piece of why this work is done, which Mr. Mitchell confirmed and shared further comments about.

Mr. Das echoed the joy in the presentation and shared comments around everyone being invested in each other's success. He inquired if there was a distinction between wellness and well-being. Mr. Mitchell shared that the Student Services Leaders group did wrestle with this and spent time defining both, noting that sometimes these words are used interchangeably and perhaps in future work further definition is needed. Mr. Das shared that he would like to be well-versed in how New Trier sees them, where they connect, and the practices associated with them.

Dr. Tragos thanked the group for their presentation, noting it is essential for the work that the school does. He also noted that a variety of opportunities have been provided for faculty and staff to access wellness.

B. Class Size Update: Response to Data Request

Dr. Chimille Tillery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, introduced the class size update that was done in response to a data request. Ms. McDonough had requested additional data and ongoing conversations regarding scheduling and pinch points. Dr. Dan Weidner, Associate Principal for Academics and Administrative Services, Mr. Dan Paustian, Associate Principal – Northfield Campus, and Dr. Tillery provided an overview on how student and staff schedules are developed, adjusted, and monitored throughout the year including key conversations related to class size development.

Mr. Paustian shared introductory comments and then spoke to the arc of a scheduling year, with some of the work beginning 12-18 months prior to the start of the academic year amongst many stakeholders. Mr. Paustian then went through multiple priorities that must be kept in mind while doing this work such as maximizing student access and choice, balancing class size and composition, supporting faculty and program viability, and stewarding District resources. Dr. Tillery added comments around addressing concerns about class size while increasing flexibility for students as they move between levels. Mr. Paustian noted that the student experience is at the center of the school's core values and he stepped through how students and families are engaged and offer input throughout the scheduling process.

Dr. Weidner shared about schedule development and first focused on how singletons and doubletons are managed as well as provided student examples. The next phase of scheduling focuses on the majority of courses with multiple sections. This past spring, there was a 98.6% fulfillment rate across all enrollments, meaning that out of 48,000 course requests, 98.6% of those were placed in this first round. From there, this work moves into its final phase which is individual student conflict resolution. The percentage of students with conflicts increases in the upper

grades as schedules become more individualized. The vast majority of students already have 100% of their requests fulfilled, with nearly 9 out of 10 students at Northfield and 4 out of 5 students at Winnetka requiring no adjustment at all with their schedules. Once the master schedule is built, Dr. Weidner shared that adjustments are largely limited to available seats in existing classes and periods. When a change is needed, the schedule change process is thought about in three separate phases, the first is the spring/summer prior to the school year, the second is the start of each semester, and the third is during the school year. He shared details regarding each phase. Dr. Weidner then spoke to the needs of transfer students and how that piece is handled.

Dr. Tillery noted that the process is collaborative with department leaders as they work to problem-solve with data driven decisions while also grounded in the realities of each department. Dr. Tillery also highlighted direct communication with teachers by attending department meetings. She then invited questions and comments from the Board.

Ms. McDonough thanked the presenters for their work. She noted that this topic has come up with students and families and shared her appreciation for shining a light on how remarkably complex the process is. Students and families can be directed to this presentation to help build understanding that while it is a difficult process, it is also one done with great care.

Mr. Lee thanked the group for their presentation. He went on to share that one of the themes that has emerged in the Facilities Steering Committee meetings is that the size of the classrooms is not adapting quickly enough to modern needs. After additional comments, Mr. Lee inquired how the school keeps these challenging changes in mind while going through these processes. Speaking to one piece of Mr. Lee's comment, Dr. Tillery shared that the team is cognizant of the various size classrooms and the classes that are in them. The class size is adjusted based on the needs of the room. Dr. Weidner agreed that room and facility usage is a whole other layer in terms of the complexity that the master schedule is built around. He went on to share additional comments.

Ms. Pofcher noted her appreciation for the data. At some point, she recommended determining the level of tension that is optimal to accommodate the changes without going into imbalances in terms of staffing levels and capacity.

Ms. Tomlinson inquired if there have been any trends that have bubbled to the surface about a certain student profile who seems to have schedule conflicts as well as any trends regarding the types of classes. Dr. Weidner replied that Ms. Tomlinson summarized this nicely, confirming that those students who have an extreme passion or commitment often see scheduling challenges due to limited options. After he provided a profile of a challenging student schedule based on interests, he noted that there is great partnership between department leaders who are looking at real student data to try and reduce conflicts. Ms. McDonough inquired if advisers are aware of typically where these conflicts exist. Dr. Weidner shared that advisers are aware and do a great job trying to navigate this piece and this is where the adviser's relationship with a student and their family can be very beneficial. Ms. Tomlinson added that it was important to hear that the team tries to reserve seats in those classes that typically see movement.

Ms. Hahn shared her appreciation for the peek behind the curtain as well as the slide that focused on priorities as that is what the Board should be thinking about, among other comments.

C. Discussion of Proposed Northfield Tax Increment Financing District (TIF)

Dr. Johnson presented on the Proposed Northfield Tax Increment Financing District (TIF), sharing that the Village of Northfield is exploring the creation of TIF district encompassing portions of downtown Northfield and surrounding areas near Happ Road and Willow Road. The Village and New Trier benefit from a positive and collaborative working relationship, almost always seeing eye-to-eye on issues. However, the TIF is a rare example where the two see the issue differently. At the April Village Council meeting, the Village heard a presentation from a TIF consultant regarding the proposed redevelopment project area and potential TIF district, which includes 141 parcels on approximately 108 acres.

Dr. Johnson then detailed the three concerns that the District has regarding the TIF, they include the loss of new property revenue, potential enrollment growth and educational costs, and increased tax burden on taxpayers across the District. The Board previously considered these issues in 2019 when it adopted the "Resolution in Support of Economic Development in Partnership with Schools." That resolution affirmed the District's support for economic development while also opposing reductions in the District's access to local property tax revenue and discouraging the unilateral use of TIFs without school district collaboration and approval. New Trier previously opposed the

creation of a proposed TIF district in the Village of Winnetka in 2017, which was ultimately not established. The District continues to support efforts to strengthen and enhance all of its surrounding communities, but to do so without the use of a TIF.

Dr. Johnson shared the process recommended by the Administration moving forward, which is consistent with the Board's prior resolution and the District's practice. He then invited questions and comments from the Board.

Ms. Pofcher inquired what the District's constituents who live in Northfield have had presented to them to compel them for the TIF and how they will feel about the message being delivered to them, potentially directly or indirectly, from New Trier that has a different point of view. Ms. Pofcher wants to ensure she understands what the cost/benefit is for a Northfield resident in terms of how they are getting this pitched to them and to what degree of tension is being put out there. Dr. Johnson replied that the root of the argument is that people value and want a vibrant downtown area. The Village is educating people on some of the benefits of a TIF, and the District hopes that people understand that access to additional funds provided by the TIF comes at a cost to all taxpayers who would pay a larger share of New Trier taxes. The lack of new property revenue may in turn increase the risk that the Board has to consider an operating rate referendum. After additional comments, Ms. Pofcher wants to make sure to have the right nuance of clarity, that the District is excited about a vibrant downtown, and there are other ways to get there. Dr. Tragos emphasized that everyone values vibrant downtowns across the township, he then went on to share what he heard from the residents of Northfield both at the Village meeting as well as how the voters responded to the latest referendum to renovate Middlefork School. After additional comments and noting that he was not speaking for District 29, Dr. Tragos noted that Northfield residents have expressed that they value their schools and do not want them to lose revenue or opportunities for supporting new students that enroll. There is a potential impact on schools, and the District wants to make sure that people have the facts about what effect a TIF may have on schools. Dr. Johnson added that part of the Board's motivation after the failed Winnetka TIF and the Resolution that the Board passed in 2019, the idea was to have support of economic development, but to have a universal position going forward.

Ms. Hahn inquired if Northfield voters will get to vote on the TIF or if it is only their board. Dr. Johnson replied that it is only their elected officials and if approved, a joint review board would be formed with several local taxing bodies. The Village Counsel will make the initial decision to move forward. Ms. Hahn shared additional comments.

Ms. McDonough asked for confirmation that the TIF would last for 23 years, so it has the potential to have a decades-long impact on the District. Dr. Johnson confirmed this, noting that the Village could decide to end it early, but the default is 23 years and there is an option to extend it beyond that time. He added that in Illinois, TIFs typically last the duration of the 23 years.

Ms. Tomlinson shared that as a member of a Board that was elected to represent taxpayers across six villages, she felt obligated to question the fairness of such TIFs for taxpayers outside of the issuing village. She went on to share detailed comments about this, concluding that she personally encourages Northfield, like Winnetka did, to explore other means of generating the financing for such development in way that does not impair one of the township's greatest assets – New Trier High School.

Ms. Hahn asked for clarification, noting that one aspect of the proposed development is residential housing which would presumably impact enrollment. Her understanding is that there could be an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) where the District would receive some funds for new students, but not at the usual level. Dr. Johnson replied that the TIF Act provides a mechanism for TIF funds to be used to educate students who emanate from the TIF zone. If this moves forward, the District will look to enter an IGA with the Village that would provide the full cost of operating expenditure per pupil or the per capita tuition charge. Dr. Johnson did note that this would not make the District whole as there are other considerations as well. Ms. Hahn shared her appreciation for the deep dive on this so the Board can take a position on what is best for the District.

D. Election of New Officers for the period May 18, 2026 through April 2027 Regular Meeting*

Ms. Hahn introduced the Elections of New Officers for next year. Ms. Lindsey Ruston, Board Secretary, opened nominations for the office of Board President for the period of May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting. Mr. Das nominated Ms. Tomlinson for the office of President of the Board of Education from the May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting. There being no further nominations for President, it was by acclamation that Ms. Tomlinson was declared the President of the Board from May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Tomlinson asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education for the coming year. Ms. Pofcher nominated Ms. McDonough for the office of Vice President for the period of May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting. There being no other nominations for Vice President, it was by acclamation that Ms. McDonough was declared the Vice President of the Board from May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Tomlinson asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education for the period May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting. Ms. Hahn nominated Ms. Ruston as Board Secretary. There being no further nominations, it was by acclamation that Ms. Ruston was declared the Secretary of the Board from May 18th, 2026 through the April 2027 Regular Meeting.

Dr. Tragos shared comments thanking Ms. Hahn for her work as president and presented her with a small gift. Each board member then took a moment to share their thoughts with Ms. Hahn. Then, Ms. Hahn shared comments of her own reflecting on her time as Board president.

VII. Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report for April 2026

Dr. Johnson provided the Treasurer's Report for April 2026, noting continued disbursement of property taxes in April. The District has received approximately 95% of expected taxes. Unfortunately, there were no disbursements to date in May. Short-term investments are currently earning 3.57% interest, which is money the District has received for property taxes in recent months that have been invested according to cash flow through November. Significant cash balances remain as well and are earning 3.56%.

B. Financial Report for April 2026

Dr. Johnson then provided the Financial Report for April 2026. Operating revenue for the first ten months of Fiscal Year 2026 was \$131 million or 2.78% lower compared to \$140 million last year. Revenue is lower in Other Local Sources as expected due to the change in allocation of CPPRT receipts but has stabilized overall with the resumption of tax distributions. The adopted budget for operating revenue is only slightly higher than the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Operating expenditures through April were \$105,552,000 or 0.03% lower than last year's \$105,582,000. The adopted budget for operating expenses is 1.52% higher than last fiscal year.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- Bill List for Period, April 1 - 30, 2026
- Personnel Report (Scale V Movement, Scale V Review, Appointments, Changes of Status, Resignations, Retirements, Stipend – Appointments, and Stipend – Separation)
- Winnetka Campus North and Tower Building Construction Report #10
- Consolidated District Grant Plan
- Special Education Transportation Renewal – 2026-2028
- Intergovernmental Agreement for Reciprocal Reporting, Digital Image Access, and School Resource Officer Between The Village Of Northfield and The Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District No. 203
- IASB Annual Dues (2026-2027)
- Resolution to Appoint District Treasurer

Ms. Tomlinson inquired if any members wanted to pull an item off the Consent Agenda, no one chose to do so. Mr. Lee moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda, which includes: Bill List for Period; April 1 - 30, 2026 Personnel Report (Scale V Movement, Scale Review, Appointments, Changes of Status, Resignations, Retirements, Stipend - Appointments, and Stipend - Separation); Winnetka Campus North and Tower Building Construction Report #10; The Consolidated District Plan for FY 2027 for the following grants: Title II- Part A, Title IV-Part A, and IDEA, Part B Flow-Through; Extend the Safeway Transportation and Alltown Bus Service agreements for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years and authorize the Deputy Superintendent to execute the agreements; The amended intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Northfield, as presented; IASB Annual Dues (2026-2027); and Resolution to Appoint District Treasurer. Ms. McDonough seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Pofcher, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Das, Mr. Lee, Ms. McDonough, Ms. Tomlinson

NAY:

IX. Board Member Reports

Ms. Hahn attended the **New Trier Educational Foundation** board meeting on May 13th. It was a year-end wrap up meeting where details about spring grants were shared.

Ms. McDonough attended the **New Trier Parents Association (NTPA)** meeting. They developed a stream-lined room parent handbook and finalized guidelines for room parent adviser room funds. She also thanked the exec team for their work on the Teacher Appreciation event on May 5th.

Mr. Lee reported on the **Booster Club**, noting they are wrapping up another successful year. They have also appointed their board for next year.

Mr. Lee then reported on the **Facilities Steering Committee**, noting that the first draft of the long-term facilities plan is ready. It has been a thorough process with many stakeholders.

IX. Calendar of Events & Board Members' Requests for Staff Research and Future Agenda Items

Dr. Tragos highlighted the following events:

- Seniors' last day is Friday, May 22nd.
- There is no school on Monday for Memorial Day.
- Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 31st.
- The next Board meeting will be on Monday, June 1st.
- Semester exams are scheduled for Monday, June 1st through Wednesday, June 3rd.

Ms. Tomlinson then inquired whether there were any requests for staff research or future agenda items, of which there was one. Mr. Lee asked for an analysis of the economic impact of the presence of the Northfield and Winnetka campuses on the Villages of Northfield and Winnetka in which they reside.

Mr. Lee also took a moment to acknowledge and thank former Board member, Ms. Kimberly Alcantara for her service to New Trier and the community.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Das moved, and Ms. McDonough seconded the motion, to adjourn. Upon a voice vote being taken, all members indicated they were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Ruston, Secretary

Sally Tomlinson, President