DISTRICT 99
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met for its Workshop Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Administrative Service Center.

Attendance/Roll Call:

- Present: Don Renner, President; Kara Casten, Vice President; and Members, Ken Dawson, Katie Courtney, April Finan, and Michael Riske
- Absent: Member Christopher Espinoza
- Also present: Dr. Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Scott Wuggazer, Associate Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Amada Brode-Rico, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources; Jeff Bergholtz, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Ryan Doherty, Director of Student Experiences; Lisa Bollow, Director of Special Services; Olivia Tan and Meghan Walker, Student Board Representatives; and Ivy Scherman, Board Secretary
- Visitors: No visitors

Student Perspectives

- District 99 Summer Internship - City of Darien
  - Mayor Joe Marchese shared details regarding the six-week internship program at the City of Darien. The internship program allowed students to rotate through city departments providing them with an understanding of local government operations.
  - Leo Popovich, Anvi Krishnardula and Marcin Koczyjan shared their six-week summer internship experience working at the City of Darien.
  - Leo Popovich and Anvi Krishnardula presented their capstone project on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and shared their recommendations for legislative improvements.
  - Marcin Koczyjan presented his capstone project on the Building Up Illinois Development Act (BUILD Act) and shared possible alternatives to the Act.

- Student Board Member Questions and Comments
  - Olivia Tan (DG North) reported on scanning issues during athletics, possible physical education exception for marching band students and inquired about bathroom policy which limits usage for the first and last ten minutes of class.
  - Megan Walker (DG South) reported on the Mustang scholar awards, safety drills, and the Mustang Fury event which provided students with information on clubs and activities.

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- 2026 Summer School and Extended School Year (ESY) Report
  - Ryan Doherty reported on the enrollment numbers for the 2026 Summer School Program, highlighting a decline in participation. Online Credit Recovery served 94 students earning 66 credits and graduating 9 students.
  - Lisa Bollow reported on the enrollment numbers for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program, highlighting an increase in students and staff participation in the program. Ninety-two special education students participated in the program over the summer.

- Pool Update
  - Dr. Hank Thiele shared a summary of the timeline for the repairs of the Downers Grove North and Downers Grove South pools.
  - Dr. Amada Brode-Rico shared next steps in the process, which includes conducting a full long-term assessment of both pool facilities

- Review of District Surveys
  - Dr. Hank Thiele provided an overview of the District surveys and included the list of questions from the CSCI Survey, EAB Moral survey and Spring survey. District surveys will be discussed at the Monthly Business Meeting on September 21, 2026, to identify a plan for surveys moving forward.

Reception of Visitors - Public Comment

- No public comment.

Adjournment

Motion: There being no further business or discussion, Michael Riske moved and Ken Dawson seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote: Unanimous voice vote by the seven members in attendance.

Action: The President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Don Renner, President	9/21/26 Date	Ivy Scherman, Secretary	9/21/26 Date