

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the HOH Conference room in said district on Tuesday evening, August 25, 2026, and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel.

President Silver-Schack called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

DeShawn Arms
Christine Beeftink
Whitney Goldin
Diana Horwitz
Eve Pfanzelter
Mara Silver-Schack
Adam Weinstock

Absent: None.

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official, Dr. Eric Apgar, Director of Student Services; Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services; Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning; Maria Stavropoulos, Director of Technology; Samantha Scheinman, Director of Communications; Chrissy Yonaite, Recording Secretary and Cesar Barraza, GB Tech Specialist and Dan Johnson, Network Engineer.

Public Attendees: None.

VISITORS COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Back to School Updates

Superintendent Dr. Jason Pearson noted that school is off to a great start. Last week, there were two institute days before school started on Wednesday, August 19. The August enrollment report was shared with the Board. Current enrollment is 1777 which is similar to previous years.

Strategic Plan Report

Dr. Pearson gave a comprehensive presentation on the Strategic Plan. He discussed each of the pillars of the Strategic Plan: Learning Culture, Staff Support and Satisfaction, Family & Community Engagement and Systems & Resources. He outlined the actions steps of each category and their success indicators.

Construction Updates

Dr. Pearson next provided updates on the construction work at each school. Meadowbrook's storm trap and parking lot were completed before school started. Steel was delivered and installation started this week. Foundations are complete at both Greenbriar and Westmoor. Northbrook Junior High is in schematic design and will go to bid in late fall or early winter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Pfanzerter and seconded by Member Weinstock that the Board of Education approve the minutes for Committee of the Whole Meeting for July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting on July 28, 2026 and Closed Meeting on June 28, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: Arms and Beeftink. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Beeftink and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

Payroll

The payment of employee salaries for the last half of July 2026, in the amount of \$418,291.10 and covered by check numbers 69231 through 69236 and deduction check numbers 69237 through 69250 inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated August 25, 2026;

The payment of employee salaries for the first half of August 2026, in the amount of \$396,787.29 and covered by check numbers 69251 through 69254 and deduction check numbers 69255 through 69260 inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated August 25, 2026.

Bills

Vendor invoices for August 2026 totaling \$4,299,995.91 and Warrants listed as Numbers 66964 through 67076 and the following voids: none, confirmed by the

signature of the President of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated August 25, 2026.

Personnel Report: Contract Changes, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations and Dismissals

Staff Recommended for Employment				
Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date
Rebecca Brown	Classroom Asst	MB	CR-2 \$20,879	8/17/26
Anna Baharian	Classroom Asst	GB	CR-1 \$20,271	8/17/26
Ashley Beech*	Music Teacher (part-time, 0.25 FTE)	MB	MA+00-07 Prorated to \$18,316	8/17/26
Kusa Park	Classroom Asst	MB	CR-1 \$20,271	8/17/26
Lauren Tucker	Classroom Asst	GB	CR-1 \$20,271	8/17/26
Audrey Cooke	Classroom Asst	MB	CR-5 \$21,335	8/17/26
Claire Kitchens	Classroom Asst	WM	CR-2 \$20,879	8/26/26
Harold (Quinn) Kilburg	Special Educ Asst	NBJH	F-6 \$36,709.37	8/26/26
Alexandra Pena	Special Educ Asst	MB	SE-8 \$36,583.51	8/27/26

* Certified Candidate details below

KidCare Staff Recommended for Employment in 26/27
KidCare Assistants starting 8/17/26 at \$19/hr

Samantha Abrams	Elle Morgan
Lyla Dickson	Linda Podbielski

Charlie Frank	Justin Sadus
Olivia Maakestad	Valentina Shamuel
Elaine Mackey	Charlotte Yen
Ella Sadus	

Staff Resignations, Retirements and / or Terminations				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Paulina Walczak	Music Teacher (part-time) and Classroom Asst	MB	Resignation	7/29/26
Stacy Carver	Special Educ Asst	NBJH	Retirement	8/3/26
Danka Lekovic	Special Educ Asst	NBJH	Resignation	8/11/26
Daniel Dworkin	Special Educ Asst	MB	Resignation	8/14/26

Staff Leave of Absence				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Angela Wijas	Special Educ Teacher	WM	Parent Leave	10/20/26
Mackenzie Noto	Physical Educ Teacher	NBJH	Parent Leave	12/4/26
Becky Parkinson	Social Worker	WM	Parent Leave	1/22/27

Staff Lane Changes				
Name	Position	Location	Current Salary	New Salary
Brooklyn Cohen	Teacher	WM	M+00-08 \$75,528	M+12-08 \$78,639

Carmela Stout	Teacher	NBJH	M+12-19 \$109,190	M+30-19 \$113,998
Trina Newman	Teacher	WM	M+12-19 \$109,190	M+30-19 \$113,998
Megan Roberts	Teacher	GB	M+12-11 \$86,560	M+30-11 \$87,974
Morgan Adducci	Teacher	WM	M+12-08 \$78,639	M+30-08 \$80,054
Michelle Finch	Teacher	WM	M+00-05 \$68,739	M+12-05 \$71,850

Classified Hourly Rate Correction

The Board previously approved 26/27 hourly rates but a few corrections were needed.

FY2027 Extra Sections Stipends

The FY2027 extra sections stipends for various teachers were presented to and approved by the Board.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Resolution authorizing the issuance of Educational Purposes Tax Anticipation Warrants in evidence of a no interest loan from the County pursuant its Local Taxing District Loan Program

Chief School Business Official Dr. Donato outlined details regarding the no-interest loan program available through Cook County. Designed to bridge expected delays in tax bill distribution, the loan will assist the District in meeting operating expenses until tax revenues are received.

It was moved by Member Weinstock and seconded by Member Horwitz that the Board of Education approve the Resolution as outlined.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack, and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

BMO Harris P-Card Invoice Payment

Dr. Donato explained the request to pay the BMO corporate card statement prior to the next meeting to avoid late fees.

It was moved by Member Pfanzerter and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education approve release of the BMO P-card payment in the amount of \$22,984.87 prior to the next Board meeting.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources, informed the Board the district will be fully staffed by Monday of next week.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Apgar, Director of Student Services said Special Ed and KidCare had a smooth start. He noted they are finalizing accommodations needed for next week's assessments.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Summer Professional Learning

Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning, provided the Board with an overview of the Summer Professional Learning that took place over the summer. 32 sessions were offered to staff.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Pay App #2 for Westmoor School

Ms. Donato introduced Pay Application #2 for the Westmoor Construction Project outlining the \$693,058.75 payment schedule with Reed Construction based on work completed through July 31, 2026.

It was moved by Member Pfanzerter and seconded by Member Goldin that the Board of Education approve the payment to Reed Construction in the amount of \$693,058.75.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Pay App #4 for New Meadowbrook School

Ms. Donato introduced Pay Application #4 for the New Meadowbrook School project, outlining the \$1,210,314.60 payment schedule with Happ Builders based on work completed through July 31, 2026.

It was moved by Member Horwitz and seconded by Member Weinstock that the Board of Education approve the payment to Happ Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$1,210,314.60.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Pay App #2 for Greenbriar School

Ms. Donato introduced Pay Application #2 for the Greenbriar construction project, outlining the \$1,070,874.66 payment schedule with Reed Construction based on work completed through July 31, 2026.

It was moved by Member Goldin and seconded by Member Pfanzerter that the Board of Education approve the payment to Reed Construction in the amount of \$1,070,874.66.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

MEP Commissioning Services for Meadowbrook, Greenbriar and Westmoor

Ms. Donato explained the purpose of the commissioning services which is a review of installation procedure and a thorough final check of the building systems to confirm the equipment, controls, and sequences are installed and operating as designed.

It was moved by Member Beeftink and seconded by Member Pfanzerter that the Board of Education approve the commissioning services budget of \$99,800.00 for the elementary schools construction projects.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Goldin, Horwitz, Pfanzerter, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

No report.

POLICY

Mr. Brophy stated there will be a Policy Committee meeting in the next few weeks to review PRESS 122.

COMMUNICATION

Samantha Scheinman, Director of Communications, provided an update on the new ParentSquare platform and the first day of school photo contest.

There were six FOIAs this month.

TRUENORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

Dr. Pearson mentioned TrueNorth started school last Thursday. The day before they had an opening event. Dr. Pearson said they are off to a great start after a tough year.

They will be hiring a new director and their goal is to have this completed by January.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pearson briefly mentioned that with the potential developments at Meadow Plaza there are no capacity concerns. Dr. Pearson and Dr. Donato are working closely with the Village about the potential TIF. There will be more information provided at the September meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., President Silver-Schack requested that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted Aye. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Christine Beeftink, Secretary

Mara Silver-Schack, President