

Minutes from the Public Budget Hearing and Local Assessments Public Hearing of
September 14, 2026

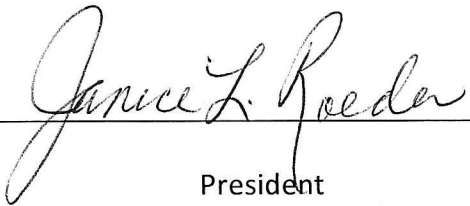
1. The Public Budget Hearing and Local Assessments Public Hearing of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:00 p.m. September 14, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, Andrew Arambula, Ken Hommowun, Tim Simpson, Andy Johnson, Brianna Bonello, Diana Alanis, Sarah Carr, and Daisy Castillo

2. There were no public comments for the Public Budget Hearing.
3. There were no public comments for the Local Assessments Public Hearing.
4. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



President



Secretary

Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 14, 2026

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:02 p.m. September 14, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, Andrew Arambula, Ken Hommowun, Tim Simpson, Andy Johnson, Brianna Bonello, Diana Alanis, Sarah Carr, and Daisy Castillo

2. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2026 had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2026 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
3. The fund balances for August 31, 2026 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 20,631,989.72
Operation Fund	\$ 736,857.84
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ 95,246.26
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,585,973.31
I.M.R.F.	\$ 202,419.43
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 603,765.00
Tort	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 62,364.51
TOTAL	\$ 24,012,819.55

Member Bermudez made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2026. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Member Boyte made a motion, seconded by Member Bermudez to approve Vouchers 2014 through 2019 in the total amount of \$1,040,132.50 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members DiPaola, Roeder, Boyte, Polen, White, Bermudez, and Danek.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
5. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the 2026/27 School Year Budget. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the recommended student clubs for first semester. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members White, DiPaola, Polen, Danek, Boyte, Roeder, and Bermudez.
Nays: None. Motion carried
7. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve the updated board policies as presented. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
8. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the extra duty and stipend list. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Bermudez, and Polen.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve an updated school resource officer MOU. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
10. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve the RMPA, PTA, and Rhodes Foundation 2026/27 fundraisers. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
11. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member DiPaola to adjourn to closed session at 6:36 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or contractor personnel and to discuss a REA contract MOU. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
12. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to adjourn closed session at 7:27 p.m. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
13. The closed session was returned to regular session at 7:30 p.m.
14. Action after closed:
 1. Approve the termination of employment as of August 20, 2026 for Jorge Plana (7 ayes)
 2. Approve the MOU named "Institute Day for the 2026-27 School Year" (7 ayes)
15. Member DiPaola made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to adjourn. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


President


Secretary

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:

Members Roeder, White, DiPaola, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Bermudez