BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2026, 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom & Spring Wood Middle School Innovation Center
5540 Arlington Drive E
Hanover Park, IL 60133

I.Call to Order and Roll call

At 7:00 pm, Farwa Ahmed moved that the Board of Education open the Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Final Budget; Brent Seehafer seconded.

Roll Call:	Farwa Ahmed	-present
	Sarah Dellaria	-present
	Brent Seehafer	-present
	Amanda Coppola	-present
	Lynne Steiner	-present
	Natalie Kucharski	-present
	Terre Taylor	-present

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent; Biran Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations/CSBO; Dr. Carrie Buckley, Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Colleen Flores, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Jennifer Engstrom, Director of Technology; Michael Bellino, Assistant Director of Marketing & Communications; Giovanni Noyola, Tech Assistant; Benny Cieslewicz, Tech Assistant; Manny Figueroa, Tech Assistant; Dr. Jon Pokora, Principal, Waterbury School, John Gustafson, Principal, Greenbrook School; Phil Aliano, Principal, Spring Wood Middle School; Terry Karner, 8th grade teacher & KEA President; Maria Noyola, Recording Secretary; Staff and Community Members also participated in person and via Zoom.

II.Pledge of Allegiance
President Ahmed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.Approval of Agenda
Terre Taylor moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented; Natalie Kucharski seconded.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

IV.Introduction of New Faculty and Staff Members
Mrs. Fricano, Mr. Gustafson, and Mr. Aliano introduced the new faculty and staff members at their respective schools.
Mr. Marroquin also introduced District's new Buildings and Grounds Director, John Fricano.

V.Approval of Consent Agenda Items
a.Regular Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2026
b.Financial Reports
1.District 20 Financial Reports and Accounts Payable - August & September 2026
c.August P&L
d.Approval of Routine Personnel Reports
1.Leaves of Absence
2.Employment of Licensed Professionals and Educational Support Personnel
3.Resignation of Licensed Professionals and Educational Support Personnel
e.Approval of EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report School Year 2025-2026
f.Approval Disposal of District Property
g.Approval of Law Enforcement Cooperation Agreement with Village of Hanover Park
h.Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Hanover Park and the Board of Education of Keeneyville School District 20 pending Legal Review
Lynne Steiner moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items as presented; Sarah Dellaria seconded.

There were no Items pulled for individual discussion.

Roll Call:

Sarah Dellaria	-aye
Lynne Steiner	-aye
Natalie Kucharski	-aye
Terre Taylor	-aye
Farwa Ahmed	-aye

Motion carried.

VI.Public Comment
The Board welcomes and encourages the community to attend board meetings and ask questions during Public Comment. You are asked to limit your comments to 3 minutes. Please understand the Board will not respond to your questions and concerns during the meeting. They will follow up with you regarding your questions and/or concerns.

There was no public comment.

VII.School Board's President Report

a.Board Self-Monitoring Report

No board self-monitoring reports were received.

b.Policy Committee

1.First Reading of Policies - Press Issue 122

The Policy Committee conducted a first reading of the policies included in Press Issue 122. Additionally, the committee reviewed Policy 2:220, *Board Meeting Procedure*.

c.SASED

Dr. Castillo presented the SASED report.

The SASED Board of Directors met on September 16. The Board approved the consent agenda, including monthly financial and human resources items and the first reading of updated policies released with PRESS Issue 122.Discussion and informational items included FOIA requests, staffing, enrollment, committee updates, and the Executive Director's Report. No action items were presented. The Board entered closed session to discuss negotiations.

d.District Finance & Facilities

The next Finance and Facilities meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6 at 6 pm.

e.Dashboards

1.Financial Dashboard

Mr. Marroquin presented the to the Board of Education with the Financial Dashboard for July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026 (unaudited figures) as follows: Education Fund – Received 40% of budgeted revenues or $9 million. The Ed Fund expended 9% of budgeted dollars or $2.2 million. Operations & Maintenance Fund – Received 51% of budgeted revenues or $1.3 million and

expended 15% or $348,000 of budgeted dollars. Transportation Fund – Received 21% of budgeted revenues or $179,000 and expended 2% of budgeted dollars. Combined and All Funds- Received 43% of budgeted revenues or $12 million and expended 10% or $3 million

2.Student and Staff Attendance Dashboard
Dr. Castillo presented his board report and noted that attendance has been good so far.

VIII.Superintendent's Report

a.Dr. Omar Castillo's Board Report

The Superintendent will transition from a single annual staff meeting to participating in regularly scheduled weekly PLC meetings across district schools. This approach supports ongoing staff collaboration, continuous feedback, teacher leadership, and data-driven instruction, aligning with Strategic Plan Pillars 1 and 2.

The Superintendent and Michael will present *"From Static to Strategic: Building a Brand of Belonging"* at the Illinois Association of School Administrators State Superintendents Conference. The presentation will highlight strategies for using digital communications to strengthen staff recognition, leadership transparency, family engagement, and community trust, supporting Strategic Plan Pillars 1 and 2.

As of the 10th day of school, district class sizes remain within established target averages of 20 students for grades K–3, 25 students for grades 4–5, and 30 students for grades 6–8. These averages guide enrollment and staffing decisions but are not rigid thresholds for opening or closing classroom sections. Monitoring enrollment supports responsible resource allocation, operational efficiency, and individualized student support, aligning with Strategic Plan Pillars 1 and 3. The complete 10th-day enrollment report is attached for Board review.

b.Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Dr. Buckley presened her Teaching and Learning board report. She gave an overview of Institute Day schedule and gave highlights from the Technology Department.

c.Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations
Mr. Marroquin submitted his Finance & Operations board report.

d.Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Ms. Flores presented her Student Services board report. Some of the highlighs included her attendance at the Directors meeting where mental health was the

main topic. She also gave highlihts from the Family Liaison and an talked about Hector's Car Wash fundraiser.

e.Principal Reports
Mr Aliano, Mr. Gustafson, and Dr. Pokora presented their board report.

f.FOIA's
1.Justin Wenig
2.Catarina Mascarenhas - DuPage Policy Journal
All FOIA requests received were responded to in a timely manner.

IX.Closed Session
[The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057

There was no closed session.

X.Dates to Remember:

- Friday, September 18 - Preschool Screening - No School
- Monday, September 21 - SW Soccer @ Glendside - 4 PM
  - SW Washington DC Trip Informational Meeting @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, September 22 - SW CC Meet @ SW - Wood Dale & Medinah @ 4 PM
- Thursday, September 24 - SW Soccer Game @ Indian Trail - 4 PM
- Friday, September 25 - ECC Parent Education Day - No School
- Tuesday, September 29 - SW Cross Country @ Medinah - Peacock & SW @ 4PM
- Thursday, October 1 - SW Soccer @ Home vs Indian Trail @ 4PM
- Monday, October 5 - Cross Country Conference Meet @ LP East @ 4 PM
- Tuesday, October 6 - SW Girls Basketball Season Begins
- Thursday, October 8 - GB Picture Day
- Friday, October 9 - Teacher Institute Day - Nonattendance Day
- Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day - Schools Closed
- Wednesday, October 14 - SW Bands Fall Concert @ 6 PM
- Thursday, October 15 - Board of Education Regular Meeting @ SW Innovatioin Center @ 7 PM

XI.Adjournment

At 7:42 pm, Lynne Steiner moved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting; Natalie Kucharski seconded.
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President, Farwa Ahmed Date

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Board Secretary, Brent Seehafer Date