

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Joliet Township High School District 204

A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Township High School District 204 was held Tuesday, June 16, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – 5:30 PM

II. Closed Session

Closed Session is to discuss and consider items such as student discipline, collective negotiating matters, acquisition of land, pending legal matters, and/or personnel for the appointment, employment, pay, discipline, performance, or dismissal as designated by school board policy 2:200.

President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois. Members Present Mr. Matt Kennedy, Mrs. Christine Lynn, Mrs. Lorraine Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Angela Huntington, and Mr. Dan Coffey. Absent: Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Michelle Stiff.

Mr. Coffey moved that the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. Student discipline and student placement for special education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

III. Call to Order and Roll Call - Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

President Kennedy reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois and asked for roll call. Members Present: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Absent: Mrs. Stiff and Mr. Fitzpatrick

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

President Kennedy welcomed all guest in the audience and watching online.

IV. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item

Members of the public may make comments to the Board of Education on any item listed on the agenda. The time allotted to comment is limited to five minutes, unless the Board President decides to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals opportunity to speak as designated by school board policy 2:230.

No Public Comments.

V. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is used for those items that usually do not require discussion or explanation before Board of Education action. It may also include items for which the law requires board action but which the board rightfully delegates to the staff.

- A. Minutes of May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Payroll, Organizations & Activity, and Cafeteria Report - *Policy 4:60*
- C. Freedom of Information Request(s) - *Policy 2:250*
- D. Check Register - *Policy 4:60*

A motion was made by Dr. Hungtinton to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Hopewell Schools from the Check Register. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mr. Kennedy.

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the remaining Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumyer, and Mr. Coffey. Abstain: Dr. Huntington.

VI. Recognition and Awards

- A. Central Campus – *No Recognition This Month*
- B. West Campus – *No Recognition This Month*

VII. Superintendent Reports

- A. Correspondence
No Correspondence.
- B. Legislative Report
No Legislative Report.
- C. Instructional Materials Report
Dr. Guseman shared that the report in the board packet gives an overview of the instructional materials in the attached report.
- D. 2025-2026 Federal Grant Presentation - *Mrs. Dianne McDonald, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Mrs. Susi Montano, Curriculum Director, Mr. Edgar Palacios, Director of Multilingual Services, and Mr. Christopher McGuffey, Curriculum Director*
Mrs. McDonald and her team provided an overview of all grants; including purpose, funding allocations, goals, and future allocation priorities.
- E. 2025-2026 Educational Services Update - *Mrs. Dianne McDonald, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Dr. Sean*

Hackney, Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning, Dr. Jeff Riley, Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning
Mrs. McDonald, Dr. Riley, and Dr. Hackney gave an overview of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports.

- F. 2025-2026 Spring Credit Recovery Report
Dr. Guseman shared the 2026 Spring Credit Recovery data.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Agreement between New Lenox School District 122 and Joliet Township High School
A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the Agreement between New Lenox School District 122 and Joliet Township High School. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mr. Coffey. Nays: None.
- B. Agreement between Joliet Township High School and Shrub Oak International School
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Agreement between Joliet Township High School and Shrub Oak International School. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None. Abstain: Mr. Coffey.
- C. 2026-2027 Title 1 Plan
A motion was made by Dr. Huntington to approve the 2026-2027 Title 1 Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.
- D. 2026-2027 Winter/Spring Holiday
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the 2026-2027 Winter/Spring Holiday. The motion was seconded by Dr. Huntington and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.
- E. Worker's Compensation Insurance Recommendation
A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the Worker's Compensation Insurance Recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.
- F. Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Joliet and Joliet Township High School District 204 for Water Extension & Connection at Joliet West High School
A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Joliet and Joliet Township High School District 204 for Water Extension & Connection at Joliet West

High School. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

G. Disposal of Equipment Request(s)

A motion was made by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer to approve the Disposal of Equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coffey and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mr. Coffey. Nays: None.

H. Agreement between Joliet Township High School Office Professionals Council AFT Local 604, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO and Joliet Township High School District #204

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey to approve the Agreement between Joliet Township High School Office Professionals Council AFT Local 604, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO and Joliet Township High School District #204. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer and carried. Comments. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, and Mr. Coffey. Abstain. Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

I. Personnel Reports - *Policy 5:30; 5:180; 5:185; 5:210*

1. Professional Resignation Request(s)

- a. Luna Hilal, Fearless Females, Central Campus, effective May 28, 2026
- b. Gianna Kreiger, Assistant Boys Volleyball, effective May 28, 2026
- c. Jennifer Sitar, Coordinator Special Services, Central Campus, effective June 30, 2026
- d. Maurice McCullum, Special Education, Central Campus, effective June 30, 2026
- e. Maurice McCullum, Assistant Boys Basketball, Central Campus, effective June 30, 2026
- f. Anthony Nardi, Assistant Speech, West Campus, effective May 29, 2026
- g. Renae Batsch-Haaker, Assistant Girls Track, West Campus effective May 29, 2026
- h. Elizabeth Murray, Special Education, Central Campus, effective June 30, 2026
- i. Kristin Blake, Speech Team Coach, West Campus, effective June 9, 2026
- j. Kristin Blake, Group Interpretation Director, West Campus, effective June 9, 2026
- k. Joseph Cruz, Teacher, West Campus, effective June 30, 2026

2. Professional Leave of Absence Request(s)

- a. Laura Flaherty, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective August 17, 2026 through September 28, 2026 Medical-Maternity
- b. Laura Allison, Teacher, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective May 15, 2026 through May 29, 2026 Medical-Personal

3. Professional Salary Advancement Request(s)

- a. Jeffrey Lundeen, Teacher, West Campus, from E24 to F25
- b. Christopher DiPrima, Teacher, Central Campus, from A1 to B1
- c. Cristina Hackett, Teacher, West Campus, from E12 to F13
- d. Silvestre Paramo, Teacher, Central Campus, from A6 to B7
- e. Gloria Vivanco, Teacher, Central Campus, from E9 to F10
- f. Susana Vera, Teacher, West Campus, from D4 to F5
- g. Taylar Venegas, Teacher, West Campus, from C4 to D5
- h. George Shimko, Teacher, Pathways Campus, from C11 to D12
- i. Erika Martinez, Teacher, Central Campus, from E17 to F18
- j. Grace Burrus, Teacher, West Campus, from A2 to B3

4. Professional Additional Assignment Request(s)

Learning Lab – Reading – Central Campus – Effective 08/14/2026

- Kelly Newton
- Melissa Attanaphone
- Allison Poolitsan
- Christine Edwards
- Sean Howard
- Kelly Hausek
- Julie Nettles

Learning Lab – Math – Central Campus - Effective 08/14/2026

- Luis Diaz
- Jennifer Darrin
- Jennifer Heisler
- Derrick Morin
- Israel Velazquez
- Elise Arriaga

- Melissa Magnuson
- Patrick Higgins

Accelerated Advisory – Central Campus – Effective
08/14/2026

- Giavanna Gomez
- Eric Senffner
- Eric Wendt
- Jessica Roubisoff

5. Professional Change of Status Request(s)

- Tiffany Rucker, Academy Coordinator, West Campus to Behavior Support Coordinator, Central Campus, effective July 1, 2026, Salary \$120,000; due to Change of Status of John Randich Jr

6. Professional Extra Pay Recommendation(s)

Central Campus – Athletics

- Madalynn Butler, Volunteer Cross Country
- Jairo Fonseca, Assistant Cheer
- Amara Hickman, Assistant Cheer
- Marcellina Coper, Assistant Poms/Dance
- Raul Andrade, Volunteer Boys Soccer

West Campus – Athletics

- Benjamin Castillo, Assistant Girls Volleyball
- Elizabeth Covelli-Reyes, Head Girls Tennis
- Amanda Ashumus, Assistant Girls Tennis
- Kevin Paul, Assistant Boys Basketball
- Daniel Wikert, Assistant Boys Basketball
- Heather Suca, Head Girls softball
- Alan Stewart, Head Girls Soccer
- Samantha Baloy, Assistant Girls Soccer
- Nicole Guzman, Assistant Girls Soccer
- Michale O'Malley, Supervisor/Coordinator Athletics
- Alexis Stevenson, Volunteer Dance
- Micheal Mines, Volunteer Boys Basketball
- Daniel Wikert, Volunteer Flag Football
- Eric Wellman, Head Band Coach
- Alyson Bauman, Assistant Band Director
- Adrienne Walton, Student Council
- Sharralyn Martin, Freshman Class Sponsor
- Chris Wild, Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Naurice Moffett, Junior Class Sponsor
- Jamie Spradau, Senior Class Sponsor
- Jenn Galloy, Yearbook Sponsor
- Jenn Galloy, Newspaper
- Tim DeBoer, Musical Director

- x. Tim DeBoer, Madrigals
- y. Greg Thompson, Brother to Brother
- z. Shannon Vega, Anime Club
- aa. Amber Mitchell, Snowball Sponsor
- bb. Christine Lipke, Fearless Females
- cc. Melanie Boseo, Fearless Females
- dd. Jenn Galloy, Televised Student News
- ee. Brian Rice, Technical (Spring)
- ff. Eric Wellman, Technical Director (Fall)
- gg. AJ Galli, Play Director (Fall)
- hh. Deandre Robinson, Black Student Union
- ii. Sharralyn Martin, Black Student Union
- jj. Bethany Maupin, Key Club
- kk. Misty Mullin, Key Club
- ll. Steve Visser, Dungeons and Dragons
- mm. Lenora Maurice, SAGA
- nn. Steve Visser, E Sports
- oo. Ryann Hager, CTSO_FACS
- pp. Noah Fabris, CTSO-Industrial Tech
- qq. Lisa Fike, Mock Trail
- rr. Annie Monninger, Rho Kappa
- ss. Lisa Fike, Rho Kappa
- tt. Misty Mullin, Mu Alpha Theta
- uu. Julie Baker, Mock Trail
- vv. Jackie Gruneich, Spanish Honor Society
- ww. Andrea Olszta, French Honor Society
- xx. Alissa Claassen, American Sign Language Honor Society
- yy. Noah Fabris, First Robotics Head
- zz. Mike Brower, Assistant Chess
- aaa. Jacob Babich, Head Coach,
- bbb. Danielle Perez, Head Mathletes
- ccc. Kenneth Poort, Head Scholastic Bowl
- ddd. Jamie Spradau, Assistant Mathletes
- eee. Mike O' Malley, Assistant Scholastic Bowl
- fff. Jen Baxter, Head Science Team
- ggg. Michelle Bloom, Head Science Team

7. Professional Employment Recommendation(s)

- a. Kyle Novak, Assistant Director for Activities & Athletics, West Campus, effective July 1, 2026, Salary \$95,000; due to resignation of Craig Pinson
- b. Joe Hammond, Summer School Drivers Education, Central Campus, effective June 16, 2026, \$44.00 per hour, part-time

- c. Lauren Hardaway, School Psychologist, West Campus, effective August 14, 2026, Step G-12 \$95,038
 - d. Katie Volk, Task Force Substitute, AVAC/Transition, effective August 14, 2026, Daily Rate \$200.00
 - e. Kierra Richardson-Whittley, School Psychologist, Pathways/Transition, effective August 14, 2026; Step G-10 \$90,458; due to resignation of Jeneen Kateeb
- 8. Classified Resignation Request(s)
 - a. Jennifer Collins, Task Force Clerical, PPS Central Campus effective May 29, 2026
- 9. Classified Leave of Absence Request(s)
 - a. Sonia Coffee, Office Staff, District, is requesting an extension on her intermittent leave of absence through October 17, 2026 Medical-Family
 - b. Ronda Orasco, Registrar, West Campus, is requesting a leave of absence effective June 18, 2026, through July 16, 2025 Medical-Personal
- 10. Classified Salary Advancement Request(s)
 - a. Gina Pesavento-Martinez, Office Staff I, District, from Step 8 to Step 13 effective July 1, 2026
 - b. Jodi Krippel, JROTC Instructor, Central Campus, retro from February 19, 2026
- 11. Classified Additional Assignment Request(s)

Summer Enrichment– Instructional Paraprofessionals – Central Campus – Effective 06/08/2026

 - Phanelophe Mathis
 - Viktor Stankevych

ESY-AVAC & Transition– Instructional Paraprofessionals – Central Campus – Effective 06/08/2026

 - Fatima Stefanech
 - Laura Borio
- 12. Classified Employment Recommendation(s)
 - a. Jeromy Kountz, Detention Paraprofessional, PPS, West Campus, Lane C Step 3 \$ 20.97 per hour effective August 14, 2026
 - b. Taylor Fuller, Task Force Substitute Clerical, PPS, West Campus, Office Staff I, Step 1, \$19.57 per hour effective August 14, 2026; replacing Megan Reed
- 13. Classified Change of Status Recommendation(s)

- a. Jessica Shehan, Office Staff I, Special Services, District to Office Staff I, Educational Services, District, no change in pay, effective June 17, 2026; replacing Maribel Maguire.
 - b. Kristi Aeschliman, Support Specialist, District to Computer Maintenance Technician, District \$64,000.00 annually, effective July 1, 2026; due to new position
 - c. Kevin Martial, Support Specialist, District to Computer Maintenance Technician, District \$54,200.00 annually, effective July 1, 2026; due to new position
14. Classified Student Summer Workers Recommendation(s)
- a. Elise Wilson, Student Technology Assistant, Technology, Central Campus, \$15.00 per hour effective June 01, 2026
 - b. Ismar Ramirez Molina, Student Technology Assistant, Technology, Central Campus, \$15.00 per hour effective June 01, 2026
 - c. Esbayde Gonzalez, Student Technology Assistant, Technology, West Campus, \$15.00 per hour effective June 01, 2026
 - d. Julian Flores, Student Technology Assistant, Technology, West Campus, \$15.00 per hour effective June 01, 2026
 - e. Emily Diaz, Intern, Alumni Relations, District, \$15.00 per hour effective June 01, 2026
 - f. Juan Rosales, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 8, 2026
 - g. Victor Rodriguez, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 8, 2026
 - h. Markus Knox-Hatchett, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 8, 2026
 - i. Aiden Rodriguez, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 8, 2026
 - j. Julian McBride, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 8, 2026
 - k. Jeremiah Chandler-Hall, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 9, 2026
 - l. Daniel Juarez, Redeemed Ministries, \$270 weekly, Central Campus effective June 11, 2026

A motion was made by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer to approve the Personnel Reports 1-14. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

J. Student Discipline Recommendation(s) – *Policy 7:190*

Mr. Coffey began by saying, “after receiving and deliberating the information contained in the hearing officer’s report, the Board of Education is charged with deciding:

1. Whether removing the child from his or her learning environment is in the best interest of the school;
2. What the rationale is for the specific duration of the recommended expulsion;
3. Whether all appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions were exhausted; and
4. Whether the continued presence in school would either; (a) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or (b) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

The Board of Education must then convene into public session to formally vote on the motion to expel, if the expulsion is the consensus arrived at during executive session.”

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey that Student W252622 be expelled from all District 204 programs until January 2027. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student W252622 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student W252622 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in January 2027. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Coffey that Student C252623 be expelled from all District 204 programs until January 2027. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student C252623 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student C252623 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in January 2027. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lynn. Nays: None.

IX. Unfinished Business

Dr. Huntington discussed the use of November 3rd due to legislation not passing for Election Day.

Dr. Guseman will share information requested regarding attendance on Monday before the last election day.

Dr. Guseman shared she will meet and discuss with the Union and with District Leadership Team.

X. New Business

No New Business.

XI. Board Reports

Dr. Huntington shared that she participated in the Joliet West graduation and complimented on how well the ceremony ran.

Mr. Kennedy shared that he participated in the Joliet Central and Joliet West graduation and complimented on how well the ceremonies ran. Mr. Kennedy also thanked the staff that participated during the ceremony.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer shared that she participated in the Joliet Central and Joliet West graduation and complimented on how well the ceremony ran.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer suggested viewing Steel Bridges, it features former students and staff.

Mrs. Lynn thanked all of the coaches and teachers working with our students this summer.

XII. Announcements/Public Comment

Upon a motion by Mr. Coffey and seconded by Dr. Huntington, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Mr. Matthew Kennedy
President

Mrs. Michelle Stiff,
Secretary